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April 10, 1979

Mr. John D. Mitchell
Acting Assistant Postmaster
General
U.S. Postal Service
Washington, D. C. 20206

RE: Jurisdiction Committee
Arbitration -- Clerk Craft
Mail Handler Craft
AD-NAT-1311

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding dated September 15, 1978, concerning jurisdictional issues, the American Postal Workers Union hereby requests arbitration of all unresolved issues of jurisdiction between the Clerk Craft and the Mail Handler Craft, arising from Regional Instructions No. 399 dated February 16, 1979 and as modified by your proposed changes dated April 10, 1979. Our request for arbitration includes (but is not limited to) our contention that the promulgation of the documents was in violation of the National Agreement.

At our meeting of April 10, 1979, it became abundantly clear that these matters could in no way be resolved by the Jurisdictional Committee. Indeed your representatives at the meeting agreed that the parties were not going to agree on these key issues. Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding, therefore, we are herewith submitting this request for arbitration.

Our representative will be in touch with your designees shortly to discuss the arbitration procedures and specific framing of issues to be arbitrated.

Sincerely yours,

Emmet Andrews
General President

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