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Dear Mr. Fritsch:

I am writing in an effort to avoid unnecessary jurisdictional grievances. The APWU receives reports from time to time that Postal functions have been assigned incorrect operation numbers, which do not comply with Regional Instruction 399 and the M-32 Handbook, with the result that the wrong craft employees are assigned to perform the work. It is our understanding that Postal Service policy does not permit such misallocation of work to incorrect operation numbers.

Please confirm for APWU that the Postal Service does not assert any right to assign work to incorrect operation numbers with the result of affecting craft assignments; and that Postal Service policy is that work must be assigned to the proper operation number.

Thank you for your attention to this inquiry.

Sincerely,

Moe Biller

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Mr. Moe Biller
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Dear Mr. Biller:

This is in response to your question regarding the assignment of functions to certain operation numbers and the effect on craft.

The U.S. Postal Service assigns operation numbers to various functions for purposes of planning and controlling activities within a postal facility. Because of their ability to identify specific activities, operation numbers have also been used in Regional Instruction 399 to identify the assignment of work to the appropriate craft. Local managers are responsible for ensuring that work functions are assigned the appropriate operation number. If an error is made in the assignment of an operation number, it is local management's responsibility to correct the error. It is not appropriate for management to change the operations number simply to effect the craft assignment.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact Anthony Vegliante (268-3811) at your convenience.

Sincerely,

(signed) Joseph J. Mahon, Jr.

Joseph J. Mahon, Jr.
Assistant Postmaster General