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Dear Mr. Fritsch:

I have become alarmed by recurring reports that postal managers have been assigning Mailhandlers to perform distribution work in Operations 110-129 and 180-189. From the reports I have received, it seems clear that this has occurred as a result of the managers' misinterpretation of the 1987 Letter of Intent between the Mailhandlers Division and the Postal Service.

You will recall, I know, the specific assurances given the APWU during 1987 negotiations, concerning the fact that no transference of work to the Mailhandlers Craft was intended by the Postal Service. These assurances were repeated to APWU representatives by Messrs. Downes and Barranca in a meeting at APWU Headquarters on October 22, 1987. In light of those assurances, it is extremely distressing to us that a significant number of managers have proceeded to transfer work from the Clerk Craft to the Mailhandler Craft in Operations 110-129 and 180-189.

Because of the importance of this problem, I request that you give this matter your personal attention and either meet with me and other APWU representatives, or assign someone to act on your behalf in a meeting at which we can try to resolve this problem. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Moe Biller
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