

Mr. George W. Brown, Regional Director  
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Dear Mr. Brown:

Your letter dated October 11, 1984, to RPH6 Strange alleging a member of my staff is not properly administering RI 399 and, therefore, is responsible for violations of this Regional Instruction at the Greensboro, NC BMC and Chattanooga, TN Post Office has been referred to me for response.

In checking into your allegations, it appears your interpretation of Mr. Gildea's letter dated February 28, 1984, and management's differ. It is our understanding that the language in question does not provide for mailhandlers to distribute mail by ZIP Code or make splits other than basic local or out-of-town. This does not include either breaking local mail by ZIP or area or out-of-town mail by ZIP or area.

Based on our information, the operation at the Greensboro BMC requires the breakdown of mail by ZIP and direct.

At the Chattanooga, TN Post Office, the first-class operation appears to be a cull; however, it is not a continuous operation. If it is a cull, we will review the operation to ascertain if the duties can be combined with other mailhandler duties. The BMC operation required breaking mail eight ways. Therefore, we consider this operation to be clerk duties.

If you have any questions, please contact the Acting General Manager, Labor Relations Division.

Sincerely,

David H. Charters  
Regional Director  
Employee & Labor Relations Department

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