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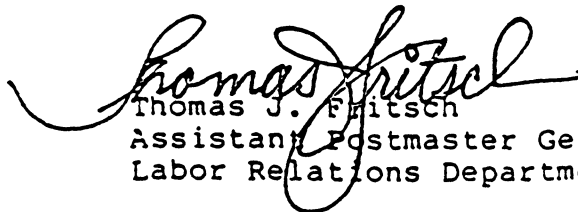
During the course of the 1987 contract negotiations, the parties agreed that management would issue clarification instructions regarding Operations 110-129 and 180-189 of Regional Instruction 399.

Pursuant to that agreement, we are providing you with copies of the clarifying instructions that have been agreed to between the U.S. Postal Service and the American Postal Workers Union and the National Association of Letter Carriers (provides clarification of the term "distribution"), and the U.S. Postal Service and the Laborers' International Union of North America, Mail Handlers Division (provides clarification of the phrase "basic local/out-of-town splits").

Both documents are designed to alleviate the confusion that exists concerning the distinction between "distribution," which is assigned to clerks, and "basic local/out-of-town splits," which is assigned to mail handlers. This clarification is not intended to change the manner in which Regional Instruction 399 is applied in the field.

Please ensure that this information is disseminated to all field divisions.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact Kelvin Mack at PEN 268-3824.

  
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