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Implementation of Regional
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This is in response to your letter of January 31, concerning the application of Regional Instruction 399 at the New Haven, Connecticut, Post Office.

Your approach to the attrition situation in the Incoming Cityside Section appears to go beyond that contemplated by Part II.D. of RI 399. An increase in volume could be handled by assigning clerks to the operation for the percent of volume increase. However, mail handlers should be removed only via attrition within the section.

With regard to the Linear Sorter, the equipment being used is of less significance than the operation being performed. It appears that the union may be relying on item 6 of Operation 050/055 which designates the clerk craft as primary. This operation anticipates a letter/flat/SRR distribution effort; however, the alternative of mechanized sorting of sacks, pouches, and outside parcels (item 8, Operation 210/239) precludes distribution of other than outside parcels. When shifting the priority mail to the linear sorter, the provisions of Article 7 and Part II.A. and B. of RI 399 would control. It will be necessary to estimate volume and throughput time at the time the decision is made to divert the priority mail. If such diversion is frequent, Mail Processing should be reviewing the operation for the purpose of redefining their staffing requirements.

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