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Mr. James C. Gildea
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Washington, D. C.
Dear Mr. Gildea:
For our initial presentation explaining work assignments in dispute between the Clerk Craft and the Mail Handler Craft, we identified a number of assignments by the letter $J$, indicating joint.

The indication "J" is not to be construed as a jurisdictional surrender of any duties which the American Postal Workers Union lays claim to for the Clerk Craft but rather recognition of the fact that, dependent upon the size of the office, it is presently necessary to place both clerks and mail handlers in certain duty assignments, particularly during high volume periods.

The American Postal Workers Union believes that its presentation of jurisdictional claims represents a realistic appraisal of the handling of work assignments in today's Postal Service and recognizes that the joint assignment of clerk and mail handler employees will probably continue for the forseeable future.


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