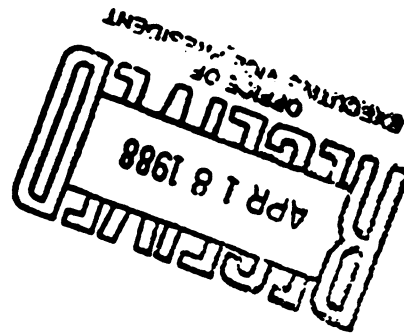




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Mr. Moe Biller
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Dear Mr. Biller:

This is in response to your request for the U.S. Postal Service's position on the assignment of work in the 110-129 and 180-189 operations.

As discussed in our meeting of March 13, the determining factor for craft jurisdiction, is the purpose of the operation. The number of separations is not necessarily the determining factor on whether or not an operation is a distribution or separation. If the work being performed primarily distributes the mail, at the opening unit for stations, branches, carrier units, AOs, etc., then the craft assigned should be clerks. If the work being performed culls/separates the mail for further processing within the facility and as part of this activity a number of separations are made because it is efficient and effective in order to expedite certain mail for subsequent processing, then the craft assigned should be mail handlers. As we indicated we would do, we have provided this position to our field managers.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact Anthony J. Vegliante at 268-3811.

Sincerely

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Assistant Postmaster General