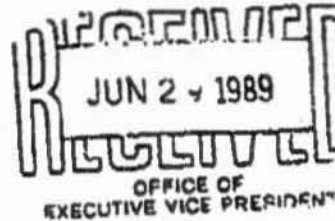




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Dear Bill:

This is in reference to my letter of April 24 which addressed maximization of part-time flexibles when full-time excessed employees have not exercised their retreat rights.

From reading your letter of March 28 and your subsequent telephone discussions with Harvey White of my staff, it is our understanding that your position is that employees who have been excessed from an installation under the provisions of Article 12 of the National Agreement, should be given an opportunity to retreat prior to converting a part-time flexible employee to full-time.

It is our position that an involuntarily reassigned full-time clerk retains the right to retreat, to the first vacancy in the same or lower salary level, in the craft or occupational group in the installation from which reassigned, provided that a written request was filed at the time of such reassignment. Excessed employees shall therefore have the right to retreat before part-time flexible employees are converted to full-time under the maximization procedures of the National Agreement.

Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Harvey White of my staff on 268-3831.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Postmaster General