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Gentlemen:

The National Rural Letter Carriers' Association wishes to associate itself with the views of the National Association of Letter Carriers expressed in the letter of Mr. Joseph J. Vacca of April 12 to each of you.

Historically, rural letter carriers have withdrawn their own mail from the distribution cases, except for an initial withdrawal which clerks or mail handlers at certain offices may make before the carrier's reporting for duty. Evidence of this may be found in Section 212.1 and 212.2 of M-37 -- Rural Carrier's Instruction Handbook -- which reads as follows:

212.1 Letter Size Mail

- .11 Withdraw letter mail from distribution cases when mail has not been placed on carrier case ledge by a clerk or mail handler.

212.2 Magazines, Papers, and Other Flat Mail

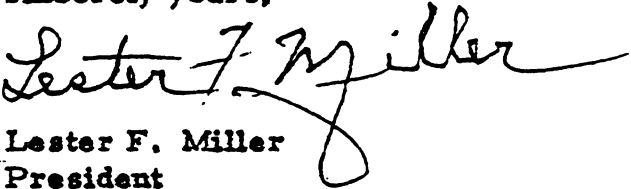
- .21 Withdraw from distribution cases and place neatly in hamper or on the floor at carrier case when they are not at the carrier case upon reporting.

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and Johnson
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We consider any deviation from this historic policy an infringement upon the jurisdictional rights of the rural carrier craft. For this reason we believe a meeting of the parties should be convened to determine if a dispute exists between the parties.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,


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