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Mr. Darrell F. Brown
Senior Assistant Postmaster General
Enployee Labor Relations
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Dear Mír. Brown:
The Wail Handlers Union hereby exercises its right to demand arbitration under Article XIX of the 1973-75 National Agremment.
 XLIII of the National Agreenent througn its provosed issuance of the P-1 Handbock, issued over the signature of Brian Gillespie on May 22, 1974. The Handbook erroneously delegates workers in the clerk craft duties exclusively belonging to the Mail Hander craft. Attacrec to this letter is a compilation of those jobs which have been so erroneously delegated. The grievance includes, but is not limited to, this compilation.

As a remedy, the Mail Handlers Union requests that the Handbook be modified to conform to Article XLII of the National igreement, and that tinis revisjon be released as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


Norman Orenstein
Financial Director
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D-1 Operates mimeograph, addressograph, collator, inserter and sealer machines.

Occupational Code 4401-05
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Craft-Mail Handler
Title: Label Nachinc Operator K.P. Ref. No. $7 \mathrm{~S}_{\mathrm{E}}$

B: Prepares stencils on stencil-cutting machines, and linirg type for proper placement, and usir. to draw lines and special symbols to the ropec on labels and facing slips by printing machinc

Occupational Coac $\begin{aligned} 23 \\ 2340-46 \\ 23 *\end{aligned}$
Title: Seasonal Ass.*-Postal Ass.**


- F-v Performs otier miscellaneous duties, such as stamping tickets, weighing incoming sacks, cleaiing and sweeping in workrooms, offices, and trucks where such work is not performed by regilar cleaners.

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Oirerates Elevator

Cleans cab of elevator and polishes metal fittings.
: Puehes handcarts of mail on and off elevator or
acsists in lcading or unloading material carried o: elevator.

Occupational Code 0085-06
Standard Positio: Craft-Mail Handler
Title: Natchnan (Mail Handling Areas)
Key Position Reference No. 5 Salary Level: P
E-4 Cccasionally Operates elevators

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Craft-Mailhandler
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14SIC FUinirION: Sorts incomine and dispatches outgoing m:il for a small number of points of separation ar: Eestination; provides a limited number of sum:1ces at public windows. This office has fewer ti:an 190 revenue units annually.

1 -. Pcstmarks and prepares mail for dispatch by train oV other mail route; closes, locks, and affixes latels to pjuches and mail sacks.

A-Unloads mail received by trucks. Separates all lail and conveyors for subscquent dispatch to other conve: units, and separates and delivers working mails for ; to distribution areas.

BASIC FUNCTION: Loads, unloads, and moves bulk mail performs other duties incidental to the movemen processing of mail.

B-Pleces empty sacks or pouches on racks, labels the labels are prearranged or racks are plainly marked, mail from sacks, cuts ties, faces letter mail, car mail to distributors for processing, places proces mail into sacks, renoves filled sacks and pouches, outside pieces, separate: outgoing bulk mails for . patch and loadta mail onto trucks.
) As the needs of the service require, may perform other related duties incidental to the operation of the Post Office.

C-Handles and sacks emfity equipment, inspects empty equi ment for mail content, restrings sacks.

E-Assists in supply and slip rooms and operates address mimeograph, and similan machine.

D-Cancels stamps on parcel post, operates canceling mac carrics mail from canceling machine to distribution 6

E-Assists in supply and slin rooms and operates addross memeocraph, and sinilar machines.

F-In addition, may perform any of the following dutias: $i$ Acts as armed guard for valuable registmy shimont watchman and cuard around post office building.
ii Makes occasional simple distribution of parcel pos requiring no scheme knculedge.
ii1 Operates electric fork-lift trucks.
iv Re:raps soilcd or troken parcels.
$V$ Pexforms other miscellineous duties, such as stamp tickets, weicrilirg inconing sacks, cleaning and swe in workrooms, offices, and trucks where such work performed by regular cleaners.

| scupational Code 0085-01 raft-Maintenance-Coustodial dard-Level 4 | Key Position 5 Chapter B | Occupaticnal Code 0085-06 Standard Position <br> Craft-Mail. Handler  <br> Title: Vatchman (Mas.l Handling Areas) Chapter C  <br> Key Position Reforence No. 5 Salary Level: |
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4 SIC FUNCTION: Hakes rounds of the Post Office building, and punches clocks at designated stations.

Patrols buildings, punching watchman's clock where furnished, checkir:g door and windon locks, noting and reporting fire hazards and other irregularities, such as running water and unclosed doors and windows.

Sounds fire alam.

Preserves order in corridors and, when necessary, detains person for interrogation by post office inspectors orlocal police.

In addition may perform any of the following duties: Gives directions to the public in building lobby.
11 Rotrieves lost and found articles and delivers them to the appropriate place.
$v$ Cictains names of victims, coctors, police, and witn ssses in the event of accident. Guards property entrances and prevents damace to propert, by public
Onerates eievators on a relief basis.

BASLC FUNCTION: As a nember of the mail haniler occi croup, is responsible for performing protectiva in mail handling areas, or in connection with $t$ l

A At entrances and exits to work areas, prove:t:; rized entioy or departure; checks each persc: iei building to incure that any property clearly is zed for removal; prescrves order and prevents ic on the premises; directs strancers to locations cuilding or to proper entrances; maintains a lo: fires and dongercias conditions.

B Ai vehicle entrances, such as driveways, road::e! ramps, guides vehicles in or out of post office and takes necessary safety control action to pre pedestrians and moving vehicles.

C At mailers' platforms prevents disorder, loiter: thievery of parcels intended for placement in ti or parcels already the responsibility of the U. Office. May also check contents of vehicles to all materials are accounted for on drivers' man records.

D Provides armied protection for valuable shipment: items of exceptional value in the custody of the offjece

| Occurational Code 0305-03 Key Position 6 <br> Craft Clerk  <br> File Clerk Level 4 Chapter B | Occupational Code 0322-04 Standadd Dosit <br> Craft-Mailhandler* Chapter C <br> Title: Typist-Label Printing Salary Level: <br> Key Position Reference llo. ?  |
| :---: | :---: |
| D-1 Types from rough draft or plain copy. | C-Types labels on carrier case case label typeuriter bed writing machine iron approved copy, observins ing all special markings requested. |
| Iv Operates a mimeograph machine. | D-1 Operates mineograph, aủurossograph, collator, fo serter and sealor machines. |
| Occupational Code 0322-01 Key Position 7 <br> Craft-clerk Typist Cherter B |  |
| 5ASIC FUNCTION: Types material such as forms, corresporidence, and stencils from rough draft or plain copy. | BASIC FUNCTION: Prepares label, facing slip and s stencils and types carrier case labels from a or instructions. |
| C Cuts stencils for instructions, circulars, and o her general uses. | A Prepares stencils on manual or electric stenc machine in accordance with instructions and 1 ished. |
| B Trpes correspondence and memoranda froin rough drifts or general infomation. | D-3 Types correspondence and memorandum Irom re:1E general infomation. |
| D-11 Files, checks requisitions, prepares vouchers, al:d answers the telephone. | D-1 Operates mimeograph, addressograph, collator inserter and sealer machines. |



Deposits mail collected in the post office upon return from route; faces such mail for stamp cancellation.
:Cupational Code $2315-11 \quad$ Key Position 16
:aft-clerk
.stwibution Clerk, R.P.O. or H.P.O. Level 6
iapter B

Hangs pouches and sacks in racks and places labels in holders provided; labels letter cases in accordance with official diarram.

B Places empty sacks or pouches on racks, labels where labels are prearranged or racks are plain: dumps mail from sacks, cuts ties, faces letter: carries mail in distributors for processing, pl: processed mail into sacks, removes filled sackis pouches from racks, closes and locks same. Pic: sacks, pouches, and outside picces, separates o: bulk mails for dispatch and leads mail onto tru:
Prepares mail for dispatch, involving labeling and tying of letter mail in packages for distribution in pouches, closiric and locking sacks and pouches, and maintenance of proper separations fox connections ca route.

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i1. Unloads mail and equipment at terminal of run.

| cupational Code $3505-01$ | Key Position 51 |
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A Unloods mail received by trucks. Sepacates all m received by trucks and conveyors for subsequer.t d to other conveying units, and separates and deliv working mails for delivery to distribution ares.

F-v Performs other misccllancous duties, such as sta ticketis, weighing inconing sacks, cleanind and sw: in workroons, offices, and trucks where such work not performed by regular cleaners.

Sweps, mops, dusts, wauhes, and otherwise performs lipht cleaning and housekceping tasks to maintain officen, washrooms, lobbice, corridors, stairuays, and other areas of the building in neat and orderly condition.

Pexforins such dutics as dustine, waxing and polishinc office furniture, swepinc and mopping floocs, vacuunjing rugs, emptying wastebaskets and trash, washing interior window and partition glass and fixtures winch can be reached without lise of ladders or scaffolding.

| icruration:al Code 0322-02 | Standard Position l-2 |
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| oft-clirk |  |
| tle: Clerk-Typist |  |
| y Position Reference No. ? | Salary Leve. : PFS-4 |

Cuts mimeograph stencils and master:s for duplication by other process of similar and related materials.

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. 8 Opcrates office machines such as the mimeograph,
comptometer, and adding machine.

D-1 Operates mimecroraph, addressograph, collator inserter and sealer machines.

| supational Code 0301-01 | Standard Position 1-12 |
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| aft-Clerk |  |
| tle: Office Clerk |  |
| y Position Reference No. 6 | Salary Level: PFS-4 |

:cupational Code 0818-01 Standard Position 1-17
aft-Clerk (Ifin post office branch)
aft-Maintenance (If in maintenance branch)
.tle: Draftinc Clerk
a Pcsition Reference No. 13
$.2 \quad$ Letters labele for cases, racks, files, etc.
$.3 \quad$ Naintains file and records of prepared drawines.
4 Hakes layouts and cuts stencils.

| Cupatjonal Code 2340-02 | Standard Position 2-; |
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| aft-Clerk |  |
| tle: Distribution, Window and Markup Clerk |  |
| y Position Reference No. 12 | Salary Level: PS-5 |

ii Veriries and filcs new labels and index cards and reo ders labels daily, prior to forwarding mail.
iii Processes mail for forwarding or return to sender by rithdraving related address file box, matches names of cu itomer on mail with name on index card, affixes new address sabel, makes appropriate endorsement on index card, if needel, and separates processed mail in prescribed manner.

Iv Prepares required forms for address correction servicus.
i Durirc period of operation, operates printing machine and related equipment.
ii Provides imirediate supervisor with information for co itinuous efficient operation.
-iii Ferforms routine printing machine maintenance, such a; cleaning, oiling and minor adjustments.
-i Trpes index cards and stencils from infornation extra ited from chande of address order or reorder form.
ii Types correspondence and memoranda in draft form.
. 1 Naintains records of mail.
-.i1 Faces and cancels mail.
.iii Labels and ties out mail for dispatch.
-iv Opens and dumps pouches and sacks.
-vi Assists in alien registration and census matters.




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Salary Level
B.ASIC FUNCTION. Makes separatlons of sacks of mall on ancicetrom leal sack bortling machitne by operation of a keyboard, applying machine codes to 2 plich, whthout scheme examination, disitrliution by other than ZIP Code, dircets, betleal or feographital erouplags. Must be able to demonstrate and matritaln $m$ dictribucton at an average of atleast 10 sacks per minute wheth an accuracy rate of f cent

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( 1 ) Reads cack iabcls as sacks are fed on a conveyor to the operator; depr comblination of keys to set the triggering mechanlem on the sackim: pallets to dump the sack at the destred destlnation runour belt or chute. B) Pushes sack on to loader tray which trips automatically, dumplrig the s: to the machifie pallet the keying cevice has set to erigger at the desd: runoui.

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Tille: Sack Suritrig Manchine Operator
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(1) Reads sack labels as sact:s arcefed on a conveyor to the operatorg eeparaten diem anid conte; cepresnes combination of keys to cnab to direct each sact: to approntiate ecparation area.
(2) When not eneaped sh mact.dric operatlon, performs futles guch as 1 miloadlay: lult: mall, geparaling mall for sutsequent dispasech to wh ling unite, placling empty eancl:s or pouches on ackis, labeling eaci.. 0 dumpln. hiall from sacks, xemoving fllled sacks and pouchec in closing and locklicg saik:, enspecting empey equipment for ma resirhicher; sacks, reivrapilfi; solled or broken parcels arid occast usbultai baceel post reguirlie no scheme knowledge.
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|  | Title: Summer Helper <br> Key Position Reference 1 <br> Salary Level: |
| B-2Trends the larm, shrubbery, and premises of the <br> building.B-4 Moves and arranges office furmiture. | A-1 Trends to lainn, simubbery and premises of the office in such duties as cutting sprayine, \%at: triming, sekinc, pruning, soeding and cultiva- <br> A-3 Moves furniture and equipment. |
| - | Occupational Code 23! $10-55$ Standara Posit <br> Non-Graft $\ddots$ <br> Title: Postal Trainee Salary Level p: <br> Refer a No. 3  |

A-1 Loads and unloads freight cars and trucks.
B-1 Loads and unloads vehicles and perform duties.

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Cccupational Code 2340-02 Standard Position 2-1
Craft-Clerk
Title: Distribution, Vindow and Markup Clerk

Occupational Code 4401-06 Standard Posi Craft-Mail Handiler
Title: Label Printing Tech:aician
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H Maintains riachines in proper working order, o as as to prevent brealcdowns but maintainir:c : production; oils, cleans parts and makes rino to machines.

G-ii Faces and cancels mail,

F-1 Types index cards and stencils from informatior: extracted from changes of address order or roorder form.

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Occupational Code 0322-04
Standard Posit
Title: Typist-Label Printing
Key Position Reference No. 7
Salary Level:

D-3 Types correspondence \& memorandum from "rough dx of general information.

Occupational Code 2315-72 Standard Position Craft Désignation: Kail Handler*
Title: Sack Sorting Machine Operator
Key Posstion Re'corence 8 Salary Level PFS-

1 Reads sact: labels as sacks are fed on conveyor oporator; determines separation item and code; conbination of keys to enable machine to dixec sack to appropriate separation area.
Cocupstional Code 2315-72
Standard Position 2-! 02
Title: Sack Sortinc Machine Operator
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Dear ifr. Johnson:
This responis to your tetter of June I8, 1974, to Darrell $E$. Erovn and Ex. Orenstein's Ietter of June 25. 1974, wich was also adcressed to Mr. Brom, concerning the Postal Servicers' notification to the nail mandlers fnton of the proposed issuance of the p-I Fondbook - Position Descriptions.

At the June 25, 197s, meeting bowreen ropresentaitres of the Eostal Service and the nail Fandlers Unjon, at wijoh the hancbook was Gisciased, it hecams apporant that the fati
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Please advise the dates that are convenient to you sor holding a step f meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Memoxandum of understanding.


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Mr. Francis S. FiIbey General Presicent American Postal Workers

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Dear Mr. Filbey:
By letters dated June 18 and 25, 1974; the Mail Handlers Union filed a grievance protesting Postal Service work assignments described in the proposed p-1 Handiook. The Postal Service construes the grievance filed by the Miaill Handlers Union as one subject to the December 14, 1973, Memorandum of Understanding between the Postal Service, the Mail Fandlers Union, and the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO, for the resolution of work jurisdiction disputes.
rlease advise the dates that are convenient to you for holding a step 4 meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanaing.

Sincerely,


