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Dear Mr. Newman:

In your letter of June 25, 1979, you question whether rural carriers are entitled to light duty assignment in the clerk craft under Article XIII of the 1978 National Agreement with the APWU and other national Postal Unions.

The Rural Carriers did not participate in the referenced 1978 National Agreement and therefore are not entitled to light duty assignments under Article XIII of that agreement. On the other hand such assignments made pursuant to previous National Agreements in which the Rural Carriers did participate, would continue until terminated.

With respect to the two light duty assignments in Spring, Texas, referred to in your letter, we have been advised there are no light duty assignments in Spring, Texas. There is one limited duty assignment; Kathleen Tramm, a rural carrier, was injured on duty and placed on limited duty as a clerk effective January 20, 1979. She is still on limited duty as a clerk but was converted to city carrier on June 16, 1979.

Such limited duty assignments are not made pursuant to Article XIII but pursuant to our mutual obligations under the Federal Employee's Compensation Act to return employees with job related injuries to duty subject to their medical restrictions.

Sincerely,

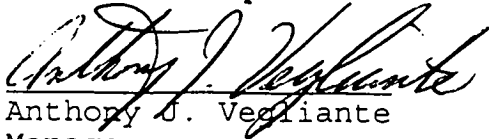
(signed) James C. Gildea

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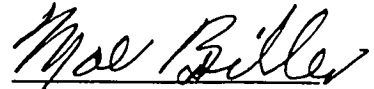
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The parties further agree that the limitations relative to arbitrator contact listed above are in addition to those expressed in the parties' Conditions of Appointment for Arbitrators.



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