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Mr. Moo Biller
President
American Postal Workers
Union, AFL-CIO
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Dear Mr. Biller:

This is in response to your question regarding the assignment of functions to certain operation numbers and the effect on craft.

The U.S. Postal Service assigns operation numbers to various functions for purposes of planning and controlling activities within a postal facility. Because of their ability to identify specific activities, operation numbers have also been used in Regional Instruction 399 to identify the assignment of work to the appropriate craft. Local managers are responsible for ensuring that work functions are assigned the appropriate operation number. If an error is made in the assignment of an operation number, it is local management's responsibility to correct the error. It is not appropriate for management to change the operations number simply to effect the craft assignment.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact Anthony Vegliante (268-3811) at your convenience.

Sincerely,

(signed) Joseph J. Mahon, Jr.

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Assistant Postmaster General