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Mr. William Burrus Executive Vice President American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO 1300 L Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005-4128



HOC-NA-C 45 RE: W BURRUS

WASHINGTON DC 20005

Dear Bill:

This is in response to the concerns you raised in grievance #HOC-NA-C 45 regarding the publication of regulations permitting the search of vehicles on nonpublic postal premises.

You raised several issues regarding the implementation of these regulations. Currently, field offices have been directed not to conduct the searches authorized under the regulations until we have prepared the implementation instructions. Those instructions should cover the issues you raised. Nevertheless, prior to the release of those instructions, we will send you copy and give you the opportunity for review and comment.

Finally, I believe the action taken in this matter should resolve the above-reference grievance.

If you have any further questions, please contact Reginald Yurchik at (202) 268-3834.

Sincerely,

Grievance and Arbitration



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September 2, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR AREA MANAGERS, CUSTOMER SERVICES

AREA MANAGERS, PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION

DISTRICT MANAGERS, CUSTOMER SERVICES

PLANT MANAGERS, PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: New Regulation Authorizing Search of Vehicles

Parked on Nonpublic Postal Premises

As you may know, the Postal Service published a regulation in August 1992, permitting the Postal Service to search vehicles on nonpublic postal premises. Pursuant to the regulation, a prerequisite to conducting such searches is 'the posting of a sign advising employees or others entering nonpublic areas that their vehicles are subject to search. At this time, you may post signs at all entrances to employee parking lots. The signs should be large enough to be readable to an individual driving into the lot; should have white lettering and a red background; and should contain the following message:

Vehicles and their contents in nonpublic areas on postal property are subject to inspection. (39 C.F.R. Part 232.1(b)(2))

At this time, however, do not conduct any searches pursuant to the regulation set forth above. Headquarters will issue further guidance in the near future on how this regulation should be implemented. Of course, the Inspection Service still retains the right to search vehicles under its normal procedures.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Samuel Green, 3 Vice President

Customer Services

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Vice President

Processing and Distribution