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EMPLOYEE AND LABOR RELATIONS GROUP Washington. DC 20260

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Mr. Wilbur S. Wood Director of Labor Relations National Rural Letter Carriers' Association 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20006

> Re: Rural Carrier Craft Lake Zurich, IL RC-C-0374/5CHI-2299

Dear Mr. Wood:

On July 27, 1978, we met with you to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The matters presented by you as well as the applicable contractual provisions have been reviewed and given careful consideration.

The record shows that at the time this grievance was filed no route adjustments had been made. However, we wish to reaffirm our position that a rural carrier will be notified in advance of any route adjustment and afforded the opportunity to submit comments in writing. Under the circumstances, we consider this case closed.

Sincerely,

James J. Facciola Labor Relations Department