

4. Verifying the Mail Count

The carrier counts and records the mail every day except on the day of inspection. On this day, the manager counts and records the mail. When management performs the mail count, the carrier serving the route may verify the mail count (M-39 Section 221.131).

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221.13 General Rules for Making Count

221.131 The carrier should count and record the mail every day except on the day of inspection when the mail must be counted and recorded by a manager. On one or more days during the count week, each route will be inspected by a manager. When management performs the mail count the carrier serving the route, upon request, may verify the mail count. Where hand-held computers are used on the day(s) of inspection, the route examiner will complete entries on Form 1838-C in the usual manner, except for line item elapsed time totals and mailpiece count totals by category. The calculations remain the same as previously performed manually. The carrier will continue to make timeclock entries on Form 1838-C for beginning, leaving, returning, and ending times. Total mail counts and times will be provided to the carrier on a computer generated facsimile of Form 1838, *Carrier's Count of Mail — Letter Carrier Routes (Mngt. Summary)*.

This provision of the M-39 Handbook was defined by a national level settlement long ago (M-00536). This settlement provides that carriers who request to verify management's count of mail have the right to verify the entire mail count. This settlement means exactly what it says. Counting mail includes the mail counts made by machines.

M-00536 is reproduced in its entirety on the next page.



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Re: Class Action
Shawnee, OK 74801
HLN-3T-C 36385

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On November 28, 1984, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The question in this grievance is whether a letter carrier is entitled to verify mail count.

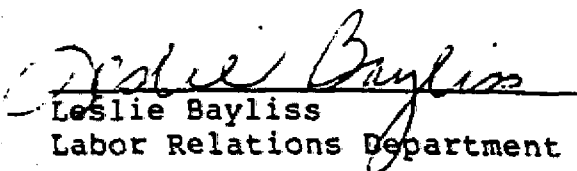
During our discussion, it was mutually agreed that the following would represent a full settlement of this case:

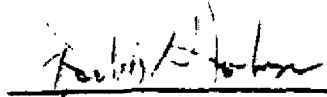
Normally, a spot verification of the mail volume is adequate to determine that the mail count is accurate. However, the parties agree that based on the intent of Section 221.131 of the M-39 Handbook, the carrier may, upon request, **verify the entire mail count.**

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter as your acknowledgment of agreement to settle this case.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,


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Labor Relations Department


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