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## PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING ALLOWING FOR ORAL RESPONSES AND DENYING MOTION TO RESCHEDULE

(September 29, 1997)

On September 26, 1997, a Newspaper Association of America Motion to Strike Portions of Testimony of United States Postal Service Witness Joseph D. Moeller (Motion) and a Newspaper Association of America Motion to Reschedule Hearing Appearance of United States Postal Service Witness Joseph D. Moeller were filed. Responses to the Motion are due October 3, 1997, see Special Rule 1.C. On that same date responses are due on Notice of Inquiry No. 1, which addresses the same issue on which the Motion focuses, the evidentiary status of library references.

All participants are urged to review the filings on these topics carefully. A first order of business at the October 7, 1997 hearing in this case will be an opportunity for participants to comment on arguments presented on the issues raised in responses to Notice of Inquiry No. 1. A ruling on the Motion will recognize arguments presented in written and oral responses to Notice of Inquiry No. 1.

The Motion to Reschedule the appearance of witness Moeller is denied. It is quite possible that the controversy will be resolved prior to the scheduled appearance of this witness. If necessary, he can be recalled at a later date to provide additional testimony.

RULING

1. Participants will be given the opportunity to respond orally to written comments provided in response to Notice of Inquiry No. 1 at the beginning of the October 7, 1997, hearing.

2. The Newspaper Association of America Motion to Reschedule Hearing Appearance of United States Postal Service Witness Joseph D. Moeller, filed September 26, 1997, is denied.

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Edward J. Gleiman  
Presiding Officer