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Special Services Fees and Classifications

Docket No. MC96-3

PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 6

(December 16, 1996)

The Postal Service is requested to provide the information described below to assist in developing the record for consideration of its request for classification and rate changes. In order to facilitate possible inclusion of the requested material in the evidentiary record, the Postal Service is to have a witness attest to the authenticity of each item provided and be prepared to explain, to the extent necessary, the content of each item provided. Please provide responses by December 23, 1996.

1. Please refer to the after-rates volume forecasting model in LR-SSR-135, Spreadsheet CERTFORE.WK4.

a. Provide the source of the Certified Mail base volume figure of 287.975 million pieces in Cell A:E92. Verify that this base volume figure represents the before-rates volume forecast of Certified Mail for Postal Fiscal Year 1996.

b. Provide the source of the following annual net trend projection factors in Cells A:D95 through A:F95:

	Net Trend Projection <u>Factors</u>
Postal Cards	0.963434
Certified Mail	1.033303
Registry	0.902441

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2. The July 22, 1996, revision to USPS-T-1, WP A, page 4, adjusted the data on "Question 11 Responses" so that a missing \$800 to \$900 value range was added. However, the \$1,000 to \$1,500 Value Level Range was changed to \$900 to \$1,500, which is different than the actual survey results given in Library Reference 109. Would it be more consistent with the survey results given in LR-109 to adjust the original WP A by starting the value ranges at \$700, advance in \$100 increments until \$1,000 is reached, and then continue with the value ranges as in Question 11, Library Reference 109. The change would also be consistent with the sum given in WP A for "Total Revenue from New Pieces 700 to 2,000."

If the value ranges do start at \$700, please confirm that the Average Fee per piece for New Insured pieces will be \$13.71 versus the current \$13.13.



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Presiding Officer