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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORIES OF
THE ALLIANCE OF NONPROFIT MAILERS
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS RAMAGE
ANM/USPS-18

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following interrogatory of the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers: ANM/USPS-T2-18, filed on February 29, 2000 and redirected from witness Ramage.

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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ANM/USPS-T2-18. During the years FY 1998-2001, how much has the Postal Service programmed to spend on research and development for new systems to track and develop mail processing costs in the approaching automation environment?

RESPONSE:

There is no research and development budget for the Postal Service's regulatory data systems. We plan to maintain and improve our data systems with the current level of funding.