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Docket No. R2000-1

NOTICE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
OF FILING OF LIBRARY REFERENCE USPS-LR-I-258

The United States Postal Service hereby gives notice that it is filing today the following library reference:

USPS-LR-I-258 IOCS Remarks Provided in Response to UPS/USPS-T16-4  
(Ramage)

Copies are also on file with the Postal Service library.

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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## IOCS Remarks Provided in Response to UPS/USPS-T16-4

This library reference contains a diskette which provides the remarks data for IOCS questions related to mixed mail items (Q21B) and containers (Q21C and Q21D). These remark types are as follows:

Type	Description
21B	Stored when employee is handling item "g. Other Item" in Q21B.
21C	Stored when employee is handling "j. Other Container" in Q21C.
21D	Stored when employee selects "l. Other Item(s)" in Q21D.
21E	Stored when employee is unable to apply the top piece rule in Q21B.
21F	Stored when contents could not be counted in Q21B.

The file R21RED.DAT is a flat file which contains all remarks of types 21B, 21C, 21D, 21E, and 21F. A small number of records (40 out of 3369) had either a location or a name redacted. The name or place is replaced by [NAME] or [PLACE].

The file R21RED.DAT contains one record for each remark 21\_ for each unique observation on the IOCS data file. For example, if one IOCS observation contains both a remark 21B and a remark 21F, then one record for each of those two remarks would occur in R21RED.DAT, and both those records would have the same values of F22 and F9601 as the corresponding IOCS observation in the IOCS data file included with USPS-LR-I-12.

It is also possible that one observation consists of several records on the IOCS data file -- this is the case for a divided item record. The records that comprise the observation will all have the same values of F22 and F9601. In that case a single R21RED.DAT record could correspond to more than one record on the IOCS data file, but those records would correspond to a single IOCS observation.

Each R21RED.DAT record contains the following information:

<u>description</u>	<u>start</u>	<u>length</u>	<u>value</u>
Remark type	1	3	21B, ..., 21F
SSN (F22)	5	9	encoded SSN
Pay Period(F9601)	15	2	01 - 26
Remark text	20	52	free-format text

The SSN variable (F22) has been encoded in the same way as the SSN variable on the USPS-LR-I-12 IOCS data file, so it can be used in combination with the F9601 field to identify IOCS observations associated with each remark record.