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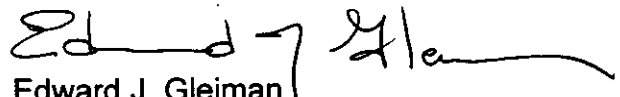
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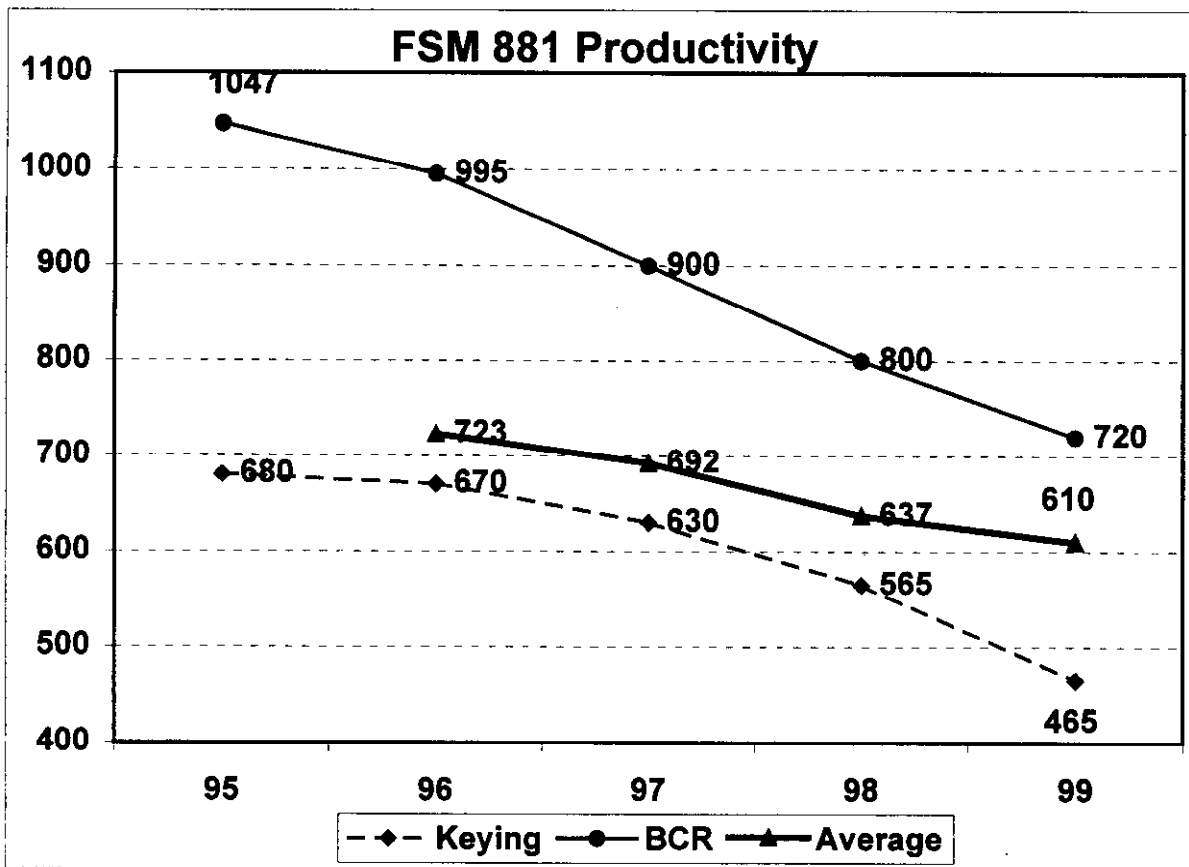
(Issued April 7, 2000)

Order No. 1289, issued March 28, 2000 directed Postal Service to provide evidence explaining the increasing cost of processing Periodicals and flats. Recently provided information on the productivity of mail processing using the FSM 881 is presented in Attachment A. This information is consistent with the increasing costs of flats processing. It will be useful if the Postal Service includes in its evidence on the costs of processing flats, an analysis of the causes for the declining throughput of the FSM 881.

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The Postal Service is to incorporate an analysis of the productivity of flats processing on the FSM 881 in the evidence it submits on April 14, 2000 pursuant to Order No. 1289.


Edward J. Gleiman
Presiding Officer



FSM 881 Productivity			
Year	Keying	BCR	Average
95	680	1047	
96	670	995	723
97	630	900	692
98	565	800	637
99	465	720	610

Source: Kingsley response to ANM/USPS-T10-42, March 30, 2000.