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Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

**NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA  
INTERROGATORIES TO  
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS  
WALTER F. O'TORMEY (NAA/USPS-ST42-1)  
April 26, 2000**

The Newspaper Association of America hereby submits the attached interrogatories to United States Postal Service witness Walter F. O'Tormey (NAA/USPS-ST42-1) and respectfully requests a timely and full response under oath.

Respectfully submitted,

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NAA/USPS-T42-1: For years the newspaper industry has used machines that employ rubber tipped "grabbers" to pick freshly printed newspapers from printing presses—at throughputs of up to 50,000 per hour--and move them to appropriate places in the newspaper facility, including to mailrooms. This technology is fundamentally different from that of the Postal Service. In particular, it involves "grabbing" a product instead of moving the product with belts.

Has the Postal Service ever investigated the possibility of adopting such a technology to the sortation process? Is so, please describe the conclusions the Postal Service reached. If not, please explain why not.