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RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
WITNESS MODEN TO INTERROGATORIES OF  
DOUGLAS F. CARLSON  
(DFC/USPS-T4-6-11)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides responses of witness Moden to the following interrogatories of Douglas F. Carlson: DFC/USPS-T4-6-11, filed on August 29, 1997.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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**DFC/USPS-T4-6.** Please refer to your response to DFC/USPS-T4-1 and -2. Does the Postal Service use the term "Single-Line OCR" ("SLOCR") to refer to Burroughs OCR's that can read more than one line of an address and apply a Delivery Point Bar Code? If yes, please explain why.

**Response:**

Yes. While we acknowledge that the Burroughs OCRs can read more than one line, these machines are severely limited in contrast to our MLOCRs. For instance, the directory lookup of the SLOCRs is limited and generally contains the addresses for just a few 3-digit service areas. In contrast, the MLOCR has access to the entire national database of addresses. So while, it is true that the SLOCRs can read more than one line of the address, the aforementioned limitations prevent them from being able to process all of the lines of addresses that may not be contained in the limited directory.

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**DFC/USPS-T4-7.** Please confirm that a Pitney Bowes OCR cannot read more than one line of an address and apply a Delivery Point Bar Code.

**Response:**

Confirmed.

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**DFC/USPS-T4-8.** Please provide a list, by machine type and facility name, of all facilities that still use at least one Burroughs or Pitney Bowes OCR.

**Response:**

A list of sites that recently still had at least one SLOCR is attached. However, it is probable that many of the SLOCRs have been removed as the Low-Cost OCR has been deployed.

## SLOCR Sites

MOJAVE CA  
EUREKA CA  
REDDING CA  
BATON ROUGE LA  
OKLAHOMA CITY OK  
TULSA OK  
AMARILLO TX  
ALBANY GA  
COLUMBUS GA  
JOHNSON CITY TN  
JACKSON TN  
MID MISSOURI MO  
BALTIMORE MD  
CUMBERLAND MD  
NJ1 BMC  
KENNEDY AMC  
CENTRAL MA  
BOSTON  
BROCKTON MA  
CAPE COD MA  
EASTERN MAINE  
BURLINGTON VT  
PLATTSBURGH NY  
WATERTOWN NY  
GREENSBURG PA  
DUBOIS PA  
ERIE PA  
ALTOONA PA  
WILLIAMSPORT PA  
SCRANTON PA  
WHEELING WV  
ZANESVILLE OH  
STEUBENVILLE OH  
MANSFIELD OH  
BRISTOL VA  
BECKLEY WV  
GREENSBORO NC  
COLUMBIA SC  
GREAT FALLS MT  
BUTTE MT  
MISSOULA MT  
DENVER CO  
GRAND JUNCTION CO  
CASPER WY  
ROCK SPRINGS WY  
POCATELLO ID  
SALT LAKE CITY UT  
PROVO UT  
PHOENIX AZ  
PORTLAND OR  
MEDFORD OR  
BEND OR  
EVERETT WA  
WENATCHEE WA  
YAKIMA WA

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**DFC/USPS-T4-9.** Please provide the deployment schedule for retrofitting AFCS machines and MLOCR's with wide-area bar-code readers.

**Response:**

I am not aware of any plans to retrofit the AFCS machines with wide area barcode readers. Also, all MLOCRs received wide area barcode read capability as part of the gray scale camera modification.

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**DFC/USPS-T4-10.** Please provide the deployment schedule, by facility location, of the Low-Cost MLOCR program.

**Response:**

The deployment schedule is attached.

Attachment to DFC/USPS-T4-10  
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DELIVERY DATE	SITE NAME	ST
3/3/97	SE PENNSYLVANIA P&DF	PA
3/7/97	WATERTOWN	NY
4/23/97	PHOENIX P&DC	AZ
4/25/97	REDDING	CA
5/2/97	WILLIAMSPORT P&DF	PA
5/2/97	HICKORY (LCOCR)	NC
5/9/97	CHICAGO CENTRAL	IL
5/9/97	MILWAUKEE P&DC	WI
5/9/97	BIRMINGHAM P&DC	AL
5/9/97	PENSACOLA P&DC	FL
5/16/97	ALTOONA P&DF	PA
5/16/97	WINCHESTER	VA
5/16/97	SAN JUAN P&DC	PR
5/16/97	TYLER P&DC	TX
5/16/97	PHOENIX P&DC	AZ
5/16/97	SEATTLE P&DC	WA
5/23/97	TERRA HAUTE	IN
5/23/97	CHARLOTTESVILLE	VA
5/23/97	MINNEAPOLIS	MN
5/23/97	BROCKTON P&DC	MA
5/23/97	WORLDWAY AMF	CA
5/23/97	DENVER P&DC	CO
5/30/97	STEUBENVILLE CSF	PA
5/30/97	BRISTOL	TN
5/30/97	PLATTSBURGH	NY
5/30/97	SAN JUAN P&DC	PR
5/30/97	WORLDWAY AMF	CA
5/30/97	GREENVILLE P&DC	TX
6/6/97	GREENSBURG MPC	PA
6/6/97	WHEELING	WV
6/6/97	BLOOMINGTON P.O.	IN
6/6/97	BLUEFIELD P.O.	WV
6/6/97	RAPID CITY P&DF	SD
6/6/97	ANCHORAGE P&DC	AK
6/13/97	ZANESVILLE	OH
6/13/97	BECKLEY	WV
6/13/97	MINOT	ND
6/13/97	SAVANAH P&DF	GA
6/13/97	GREENVILLE P&DC	TX
6/13/97	WACO P&DF	TX
6/20/97	JOHNSTOWNS P&DF	PA
6/20/97	IRON MOUNTAIN P&DF	MI
6/20/97	ABILENE MPO	TX
6/20/97	BOISE	ID
6/20/97	EVERETT	WA
6/20/97	PORTLAND P&DC	OR
6/27/97	WILMINGTON	DE
6/27/97	QUINCY	IL
6/27/97	FORT SMITH MPO	AR
6/27/97	CASPER	WY
6/27/97	MEDFORD	OR
6/27/97	YAKIMA	WA
7/4/97	SCRANTON P&DF	PA
7/4/97	GRAND FORKS	ND
7/4/97	ALEXADRIA MAIN OFFICE	LA
7/4/97	WICHITA FALLS MPO	TX
7/4/97	GREAT FALLS	MT



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DELIVERY DATE	SITE NAME	ST
7/4/97	POCATELLO	ID
7/11/97	HURON P&DF	SD
7/11/97	MANKATO P&DF	MN
7/11/97	BRYAN	TX
7/11/97	MISSOULA	MT
7/11/97	PROVO	UT
7/11/97	WENATCHEE	WA
7/18/97	QUINCY	IL
7/18/97	MOJAVE	CA
7/18/97	ALBANY	GA
7/18/97	FORT MYERS	FL
7/18/97	BUTTE	MT
7/18/97	GRAND JUNCTION	CO
7/25/97	NEW CASTLE P&DF	PA
7/25/97	BISMARCK P&DF	ND
7/25/97	MOJAVE	CA
7/25/97	JOHNSON CITY	TN
7/25/97	TEXARKANA	TX
7/25/97	ROCK SPRINGS	WY
8/1/97	BLOOMINGTON P&DF	IL
8/1/97	LA CROSSE	WI
8/1/97	EUREKA	CA
8/1/97	FORT MYERS	FL
8/1/97	BRYAN	TX
8/1/97	BEND P&DC	OR
8/8/97	CHILLICOTHE	OH
8/8/97	TERRA HAUTE	IN
8/8/97	MADISON P&DC	WI
8/8/97	FORT MYERS	FL
8/8/97	JACKSON CSF	TN
8/8/97	LUFKIN	TX
8/15/97	WILKES BARRE P&DF	PA
8/15/97	CUMBERLAND	MD
8/15/97	GRAND RAPIDS P&DC	MI
8/15/97	CARBONDALE	IL
8/15/97	BROCKTON P&DC	MA
8/15/97	CHATTANOOGA P&DC	TN
8/22/97	MANSFIELD GMF	OH
8/22/97	GREENSBORO	NC
8/22/97	BRIDGEPORT P&DF	CT
8/22/97	EASTERN MAINE P&DF	ME
8/22/97	COLUMBUS	GA
8/22/97	ABILENE MPO	TX
8/29/97	JONESBORO	AR
TBD	MSTC - Norman	OK
TBD	TRAINING	ECA
TBD	TRAINING	ECA
TBD	McALLEN	TX

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**DFC/USPS-T4-11.** Please refer to your response to DFC/USPS-T4-5 and explain why providing DPS or sector-segment sortation to five-digit zones that are unique to a post-office-box section does not yield as great a cost savings as providing DPS or sector-segment sortation to five-digit zones that contain at least 10 carrier routes.

**Response:**

The primary reason that providing DPS (or sector-segment) to zones that are unique to post office box sections does not yield as great as savings as providing DPS to zones with at least ten carrier routes is because carriers do not have to case DPS mail, but clerks must still put the mail in the post office box. So, while distribution efficiency to post office box sections might be enhanced, that activity is not eliminated as it is in carrier casing operations.

**DECLARATION**

I, Ralph J. Moden, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Ralph J Moden

Dated: 9/8/97

## 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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