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Docket No. R97-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORIES OF
THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
(OCA/USPS-22-24)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides responses to the following interrogatories of the Office of the Consumer Advocate: OCA/USPS-22-24, filed on September 3, 1997.

Each 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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OCA/USPS-22. Please refer to Appendix A of volume 1 of the FY 1997 Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress. Please provide copies of the following audit reports:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Case Number</u>
Classification Reform Implementation Review	070-1190582-SI(1)
External First-Class Measurement System Review	070-1196249-SI(1)
External First-Class Measurement System, Allegheny Area	050-1197982-PA(3)
External First-Class Measurement System, Mississippi District	052-1196645-PA(3)
Delivery Point Sequence Program, Seattle, WA	313-1192650-PA(3)
Mail Measurement & Recording in Delivery Units, Gateway District	314-1201534-PA(3)
Highway Contract Route Contract Administration	462-1198064-EI(1)

RESPONSE:

Copies of the following case numbers are being filed today in Library Reference

H-267:

070-1190528-SI(1)
050-1197982-PA(3)
052-1196645-PA(3)
313-1192650-PA(3)
314-1201534-PA(3)
070-1196249-SI(1).

The Inspection Service is still in the process of obtaining Case Number 070-1196249-SI(1) from its field function; a copy will be reviewed and filed (or an objection will be filed to its release) upon its receipt. Case Number 462-1198064-EI(1) is not an audit, but an investigation of individual conduct. A report for this case was not filed.

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OCA/USPS-23. Please refer to the response to OCA/USPS-11c.

a. Please confirm that all postmasters are compensated according to the compensation package which became effective on February 3, 1996. If you do not confirm, please explain.

b. Please confirm that there are three types of postmasters covered by the compensation package referred to in part a. above:

- i. Executive and Administrative Schedule (herein EAS) postmasters;
- ii. Fair Labor Standards Act (herein FLSA) exempt postmasters, and
- iii. FLSA non-exempt postmasters.

If you do not confirm, please explain.

c. Please provide the total number of postmasters covered by the compensation package referred to in part a. above.

d. Please provide the FY 1996 year-end number of postmasters by CAG by FLSA status. If it is more convenient to supply the requested data for some other time in FY1996, that is satisfactory.

e. Please provide the FY 1996 year-end number of postmasters by CAG by EAS pay grade. Please provide this data for the same point in time as the data supplied in response to part d., above.

Response:

a. Not confirmed. This compensation package addresses all EAS Postmasters.

There are 100 PCES Postmasters covered by the PCES compensation structure.

b. Not confirmed. This package covers all EAS postmasters. EAS postmasters are further categorized as either FLSA exempt or non-exempt.

c. As of the end of PFY 1996 (pay period 19) there were 26,366 EAS postmasters covered by this compensation package.

d. See attached table.

e. See attached table.

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OCA/USPS-24. Please refer to the response to OCA/USPS-11c. Please explain the Postal Service's rationale for designating postmasters that supervise less than two full time employees as "FLSA non-exempt."

Response:

The Postal Service's rationale for designating postmasters that supervise less than two full time employees as "FLSA non-exempt" is the interpretation of the standards set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations and the Department of Labor's definition of exempt.

HUMAN RESOURCES INFORMATION SYSTEMS
 CAREER POSTMASTERS BY LEVEL
 (COLUMNS REFLECT CAG AND EXEMPTION VS NON-EXEMPTION)
 AS OF PP19 1996
 PROGRAM NO. SNB6085

LVL 101

11	4,800
13	5,707
14	101
15	5,764
16	265
17	101
18	3,882
19	81
20	2,092
21	1,017
22	678
23	51
24	227
25	12
26	41
27	1
28	1
51	73
52	18
53	582
54	38
55	834
01	100

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AS OF PP19 1996
PROGRAM NO. SN86085

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