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RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS CURRIE TO INTERROGATORY OF
DAVID B. POPKIN
REDIRECTED FROM THE POSTAL SERVICE
(DBP/USPS-57)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Currie to the following interrogatory of David B. Popkin: DBP/USPS-T57, received by the Postal Service on September 10, 1997, and redirected from the Postal Service.

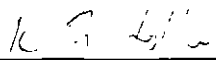
The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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**RESPONSE OF U.S. POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS CURRIE TO
INTERROGATORIES OF DAVID B. POPKIN**

DBP/USPS-57. [a] Confirm, or explain if you are unable to do so, that there will be a 50 cent surcharge per piece for mailing hazardous medical materials and a \$1.00 surcharge per piece for mailing other mailable hazardous materials. [b] How will articles that require this surcharge be marked to indicate their contents and the requirement for the surcharge? [c] How will the acceptance, handling, transportation, and delivery of these articles differ from an article that has the same shape, weight, and class of mail except for the requirement for the surcharge based on the contents of the mail? [d] Confirm, or explain if you are unable to do so, that the only costs that will be incurred with respect to the handling of these parcels will be in the event that there is a "problem" with the parcel. [e] What percentage of the parcels are expected to have "problems" with them?

RESPONSE:

[a] Confirmed.

[b] The required markings are described in the Domestic Mail Manual §§ C021, C023, and C024; these DMM sections are included in LR-PCR-26. In addition, I am informed that the endorsements identifying articles as having paid the Hazardous Medical Material or Other Mailable Hazardous Material surcharge may be applied either by window clerks or by the mailer subject to verification by acceptance personnel.

[c] Please see my testimony at p. 8, line 12 through p. 9 line 15, and p. 10, line 18 through page 11, line 3.

[d] Not confirmed; please see my testimony at p. 8, line 12 through p. 12, line 5.

[e] The information required to develop the requested percentage is not available.

DECLARATION

I, John V. Currie, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.


John V. Currie

Dated: 12-1-77

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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