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Docket No. R97-1

REVISED RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS MODEN TO INTERROGATORY OF
THE AMERICAN BUSINESS PRESS
(ABP/USPS-T4-19)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the revised response of witness Moden to the following interrogatory of the American Business Press: ABP/USPS-T4-19, filed on September 5, 1997. The original response (Tr. 11/5632) stated that notice would be provided concerning a formal recommendation to the Board of Governors on the purchase and deployment of barcode readers for the FSM 1000. This revised response updates the response to part c to reflect recent activity related to the Board of Governors, and leaves the responses to parts a and b unchanged.

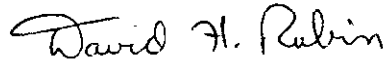
The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO INTERROGATORIES OF AMERICAN BUSINESS PRESS**

ABP/USPS-T4-19

[a] In reference to your original response to ABP/USPS-T4-12[b], has the field testing of barcode readers on the FSM 1000 begun?

[b] If your response to [a] is affirmative, when did the testing begin, and where are the tests being conducted?

[c] Please provide notice when the "formal recommendation" to the Governors to purchase and deploy bar code readers for the FSM 1000, to which you refer to in ABP/USPS-T4-12[b], occurs.

Response:

- a. Yes.
- b. Prototype testing started in Syracuse, New York in June of this year. Additional testing, using production software, will be conducted later this year and the site(s) have yet to be determined.
- c. We have completed field testing of the barcode reader on the FSM 1000. The formal recommendation to add a barcode reader to all of the FSM 1000s was submitted and approved at the December Board of Governors meeting. Deployment is scheduled to begin in July 1998 and continue through February 1999.

DECLARATION

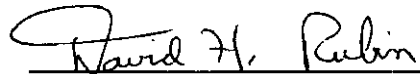
I, Ralph J. Moden, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Ralph J Moden

Dated: 12/24/97

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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