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TO: All Local Union Officers

FROM: John F. Hegarty, National President *JFH*
Mark A. Gardner, National Secretary-Treasurer *MG*

RE: The Postal Service's Network Optimization Program

As expected, and as discussed at the most recent Semi-Annual Meeting of the Local Unions, last evening the Postal Service announced its list of mail processing facilities to be studied for possible closing or consolidation in 2012. Most of these facilities will be the subject of an Area Mail Processing study by postal management, as well as input from the mailing public, before final decisions about closing or consolidation are made. A smaller number of facilities will be studied as "non-AMP sites" according to the Postal Service. We will be asking for additional information from Postal Headquarters regarding that process.

Attached to this memorandum is the list provided to the NPMHU yesterday, as well as copies of the various Stand-Up talks that will be presented by postal managers to employees in your facilities, depending on whether and how the particular facility may be affected.

As noted, at this point these are studies only. This is an ongoing process that not only will involve local input, but also hearings and other possible reactions from Congress, proceedings before the Postal Regulatory Commission, and discussions at the bargaining table during National negotiations. The National Office is fully prepared to assist Locals, Branches, or others that may determine that a particular closing or consolidation should be opposed, and will work with all of the Local Unions, as necessary.

Please distribute these materials as you deem appropriate, and please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

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