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Dear Brian:

This is in further reference to the Postal Service's correspondence dated September 4 (enclosed) on the proof of concept regarding the use of sensor technologies in a plant environment. As stated in that notification, the Postal Service intends to expand the sensory technology initiative to the Portland, Oregon Processing & Distribution Center (P&DC).

To further evaluate the effectiveness of this technology, bargaining and non-bargaining employees, at the Portland P&DC, will be issued a badge assigned to a badge group. The badge groups are Clerk, Postal Support Employee (PSE), Mail Handler, Mail Handler Assistant (MHA), Maintenance, Supervisor, and Transportation. Data collected from the badge groups will better determine the capability to track work hours in specific operations.

Installation of the sensor equipment at that location is expected to be completed by mid-November and usage of the badges and sensors will begin following installation.

Please contact April Cutchember at 240-321-4768 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rickey R. Dean".

Rickey R. Dean
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Enclosure



September 4, 2020

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Dear Brian:

This is in further reference to the Postal Service's correspondence dated July 26, 2017, August 16, 2018, and September 28, 2018, (enclosed) on the proof of concept regarding the use of sensor technologies in a plant environment. This proof of concept is being tested in Merrifield, Virginia Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC), Dulles, Virginia P&DC and the Mail Recovery Center (MRC) in Atlanta, Georgia.

As previously explained, this initiative consists of utilizing badges and wireless sensor readers to evaluate the effectiveness of the collection of data in an autonomous and passive manner. The technology is being assessed to determine the capability to track workhours in specific operations within the facility without requiring manual operational moves through the Electronic Badge Reader (EBR), identify and/or locate a mail piece or transport equipment within a facility, and generate maintenance or safety alerts.

The Postal Service intends to expand the sensor technology initiative to the Portland, Oregon P&DC. Installation of the sensor equipment is anticipated to begin by the end of September and usage of the badge sensors will begin following installation.

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