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Mr. Ivan D. Butts  
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Dear Ivan:

As a matter of general interest, the Postal Service is currently testing a new package sorting machine, the Parallel Induction Linear Sorter (PILS) at the Dulles, Virginia Processing and Distribution Center (PDC).

The PILS is an enhancement to the Single Induction Package Sorter (SIPS) platform. It is designed to pick up a container of parcels and unload the parcels onto a conveyor belt that will then feed the parcels onto an existing conveyor system without the need for facing the mail packages. The PILS is affixed with an Optical Character Recognition (OCR) unit, allowing it to read the text of addresses. The PILS is expected to sort approximately 7,000 pieces of mail an hour.

Please contact Dion Mealy at 202-507-0193 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shannon R. Richardson".

Shannon R. Richardson  
Director  
Contract Administration (APWU)