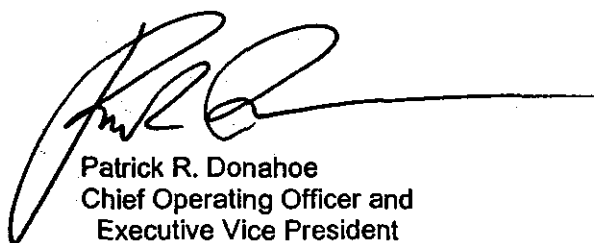


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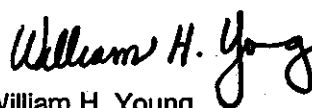
United States Postal Service Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President Patrick R. Donahoe and the National Association of Letter Carriers President William H. Young, have announced that the parties have reached agreement to place a nationwide moratorium on all route inspections from April 3, 2004, through August 31, 2004. This moratorium will not include those route inspections that began prior to April 3, 2004.

In addition, the parties have agreed on a process to verify cased mail volume for a period of time beginning on April 5, 2004, where possible, but in all delivery units no later than April 12, and concluding on May 28, 2004. During this time frame, letter carriers will have an opportunity on a daily basis to agree upon the cased mail volume that is being recorded into the DOIS system. Any disputes regarding the amount of cased mail volume to be recorded will be resolved by a supervisor and a union representative designated by the local branch president. The union's representative will be provided a copy of the DOIS worksheet with the cased mail volume totals for each route at the end of each work day.

The National parties are continuing their discussions regarding a comprehensive approach to the issues related to delivery services and letter carriers as agreed to in our transformation memorandum.



Patrick R. Donahoe
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