



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

20 AUG 1982

Honorable William F. Bolger
The Postmaster General
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Bill:

I am enclosing a signed copy of the amendments to the 1980 Postal Agreement concerning mail security overseas. I would like to express my deep appreciation for your assistance in acting on this difficult matter. The participation of the Postal Service has been in the best tradition of intra-governmental cooperation.

I would particularly like to commend your General Counsel, Louis A. Cox, along with W. Allen Sanders and Charles R. Braun of his staff, for their excellent work in helping to complete this action. Their professional advice and thoughtful assistance has been most appreciated by the Department of Defense.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the Secretary of Defense, is written below the "Sincerely," text.

Attachment

AMENDMENT OF THE POSTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

The Department of Defense and the United States Postal Service hereby amend the Postal Agreement of February 22, 1980, its Appendix A, and the Supplemental Postal Agreement: Administrative Details, as follows, effective when signed by both parties.

1. Section IV.A.3. of the Postal Agreement is amended to read as follows:

"3. Administer the military postal service in accordance with law, and policies and regulations of the Postal Service, and with consistent implementing directives of the Department of Defense, except that the Department of Defense shall determine its own policies and regulations for the privacy of mail, security of mail, and information about mail in the military postal service overseas."

2. Appendix A is amended by adding the following definition:

"OVERSEAS means any place outside the 50 states or the District of Columbia in which the United States Postal Service does not operate a civilian post office."

3. Section V.A. of the Supplemental Agreement is amended by adding the following at the end thereof:

"3. Assume financial responsibility, under military claims procedures, for any claims against the United States (including the United States Postal Service) arising out of any inspection, search, or seizure of mail in the military postal service overseas ordered by personnel of the U.S. armed forces.

"4. Notify the Postal Service of any official seizure of mail articles or items from mail articles in the military postal service overseas within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 30 days after such seizure."

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE:

FOR THE UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE:

Joseph W. Kumborg

W. Bolger

20 AUG 1982

DATE

August 12, 1982

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