November 2, 2004

WILLIAM T. JOHNSTONE SECRETARY, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

SUBJECT: Beach Haven, New Jersey, Post Office (Product Number CA-OT-05-002)

In response to a request from Governor S. David Fineman on September 2, 2004, you referred noise and other resident concerns regarding the Beach Haven, New Jersey, Post Office to the Office of Inspector General for review.

We examined the documentation you provided detailing noise and other concerns that neighboring residents voiced regarding post office operations. We discussed those concerns with the Postal Service Law Department and South Jersey District personnel and learned that Postal Service officials participated in non-binding mediation with neighboring residents on Thursday, October 7, 2004. According to Postal Service personnel in attendance, the Postal Service will continue discussions to resolve concerns and has agreed to meet with the residents again in February 2005.

We believe this matter is best addressed by first allowing the agreed-upon mediation to proceed; therefore, we do not plan to perform any further review at this time.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (703) 248-2300.

s/John M. Seeba

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