

POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

July 14, 1999

Mary Elcano, General Counsel
United States Postal Service
Room 6004
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, D.C. 20260-1100

Dear Ms. Elcano,

On June 30, 1999 the Postal Rate Commission sent to Congress a report on the cost, revenues, and volumes of international mail handled by the United States Postal Service during fiscal year 1998 as required by 39 U.S.C. § 3663(a). The Postal Service assisted the Commission by providing data and information on international mail as required by 5 U.S.C. § 3663(b). The Service has indicated that it considers much of the information provided to the Commission to be of a commercial nature, including trade secrets, which under good business practices it would not publicly disclose.

On July 14, 1999 the editor of Business Mailers Review requested that the Commission furnish a copy of this report for purposes of newsgathering. Under Commission rules, a response to this request must be provided by July 28, 1999. Please review the copy of the Commission's report that was given to the Postal Service and submit to this office, by close of business July 21, 1999, a written statement identifying with specificity (page and line) any information that the Postal Service believes must be redacted from the copy of the Commission's report supplied in response to this request. Please include with this statement a full justification for your position, including appropriate analysis of applicable federal law.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


Cyril J. Pittack
Acting Secretary