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Dear ...:

We made an immediate investigation through the Office of the Postmaster General of the proposal to discontinue the Post Office at Holder.

We are advised that for a recent twelve months period only eight pieces of registered mail were sent and twenty three pieces of registered mail received at the office. No c.o.d. mail was dispatched and only thirty pieces received for the same period. It also appears that a total of 101 pieces of insured mail were either dispatched or received and that 542 money orders were issued and were paid in the same twelve months period.

Against this very modest amount of business the cost of operating the office, which would include the postmaster's salary and the allowance for heat, light, fuel and equipment, would be $2115.07, and so it would appear that if proper mail service can be maintained to the patrons of this office that it would be in the interest of substantial economy if the office were discontinued.

The office is now supplied by star route from Bloomington, Illinois, and I am confident that the Department will make certain that there is no impairment of mail service to the residents of this community. Under the circumstances it would be quite difficult to quarrel with the discontinuance action proposed by the Department which is expected to become effective on July 31 of this year.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen