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25th September 1996

National Federation of SubPostmasters

> Evelyn House 22 Windlesham Gardens Shoreham by Sea West Sussex BN43 SAZ

Tel: GRO

General Secretary

CIRCULATION: NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Dear Executive Officer,

## **COUNTER AUTOMATION - INITIAL GO-LIVE**

Assistant General Secretaries Kevin Davis Paul Heasman

I am sure you will be interested in the attached correspondence which is information regarding the progress of automation from the original ten offices previously advised to you to the next phase of a live trial.

The correspondence consists of a list of the offices destined to be part of the live trial starting in March 1997, which consists of offices in the North East and in the South West. The South West list includes the initial "go-live" offices. Also contained in the correspondence is a draft letter to Sub-Postmasters which will be sent to those offices involved.

You will have noted that the launch of the system at Leonard Stanley Post Office has passed off without any publicity at all. I can advise that the first card payment of Child Benefit was paid on time without a hitch and the system is now up and running at that office.

It is planned to launch the system publicly when the remainder of the ten go live later in
October. This will clearly help us with our publicity as the first office was not a
member. Whilst we had asked BA/POCL to hold off their publicity until GRO
GRO was involved in the trial, the lack of a public announcement was probably due
to the forthcoming Conservative Party Conference and not because GRO
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next edition of the journal to provide members with additional information.

In addition to this information you may wish to know that Andrew Stott of the BA/POCL team has been recalled to the DSS to work on a new fraud initiative. We have, therefore, lost a good contact within the team and will use our opportunities to build up a relationship with his successor, Mr. Peter Crahn, who has been brought in from the DSS.

Also enclosed is a copy of the sign-off form which will be used during the initial go-live trial. Further information will be provided regarding any changes which the trial indicates are necessary.

We will keep you advised of developments.



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Mr C Baker General Secretary National Federation of Subpostmasters Evelyn House 22 Windlesham Gardens Shoreham by Sea West Sussex BN43 5AZ

File Ref: 'Auto'

19 September 1996

Dear Mr Baker

# AUTOMATION - INITIAL GO LIVE AND LIVE TRIAL PILOT OFFICES

Please find enclosed for your information lists of offices involved in the Initial Go Live and Live Trial. Also, a draft letter which RGMs will be using to inform live trial offices of (sic) the trial.

Yours sincerely



Tom Coleman Head of Relationship Management



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#### **Draft Letter**

TO:

Subpostmaster

FROM:

**RGM** 

Bringing Technology to Post Offices and Benefit Payments

Automation Plans for your Post Office

As I hope you are aware, it is one of Post Office Counters top objectives to install automation into Post Offices. You may also be aware that the installation will start this Autumn with ten Post Offices in the Stroud area and then take approximately two years to roll out into every Post Office.

I am delighted to tell you that your Post Office is to be automated in the next phase of the installation which will start in March 1997. You will be provided with a computer system, printer and an additional telephone line to enable you to carry out automated benefit transactions for Child Benefit customers when they receive the new Payment Card.

However, you do not need to worry about these details just yet as you will shortly be provided with more information about plans for your office including training and ongoing support you and your staff will receive.

The automation of Post Offices is a very large and complex project and as one of the first subpostmaster involved we will be asking for your feedback on the installation process and the training and support you receive so we can improve how things are done in the future. You are at the forefront of the most significant and exciting development in Post Office Counters for many years - perhaps the most important ever. I hope you will enjoy taking part and I look forward to your contribution.

At this stage please do not hesitate to raise any questions or concerns you have about automation with your retail network manager who should be in contact soon to confirm some details about your Post Office and begin to gather your ideas on how the installation can be most effectively handled.

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September 1996

Dear Mr Baker

AUTOMATION - INITIAL GO-LIVE

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the 'sign-off' we will be using during the Initial Go-Live.

Yours sincerely



Tom Cyreman Tanagement
Head of Relationship Management



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From: Paul Underwood To: Graham Katon

Date: 17/9/96 Time: 16:17:50

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