

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Name of Commissioner: Joseph Wright
2. Date of Meeting: May 22, 2003
3. Location of Meeting (City and State): Washington, DC
4. Individual(s) with whom Commissioner Met: Robert W. Laybourn, President, APMU; William J. Olson, Legal Counsel, APMU; Terry Blanton, VP, District Photo, Inc.; Dr. John Haldi, Economic Counsel, APMU, Lyle Ryter, Director of Government Relations, APMU.
5. Any Organizational Affiliation: Association of Priority Mail Users, Inc. ("APMU")
6. Brief Summary of Meeting (including subject(s) discussed):

Those in attendance expressed several recommendations for the Commission's consideration. APMU believes that the Board of Governors' power to modify rates should be rescinded. APMU also believes that there are cross-subsidies of the mail processing and transportation activities. They believe that these subsidies come from the "delivery" portion of the Postal Service. They also stated that the marketing and sales department of the USPS does not have flexibility to provide the variable pricing, discounts, etc. that is necessary to compete with other forms of delivery. As a result, the attendees argue that the APMU is losing membership and the USPS is losing business.