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City of Fort Collins
Attn: Debra Kaestner
Building Inspection Department
P.O. Box 580
Fort Collins, CO 80522-0580

RE: Fort Collins Temporary Carrier Annex
Lookout Gallery

Dear Ms. Kaestner:

Please pardon the delay in responding to the question of ladders in our lookout galleries.

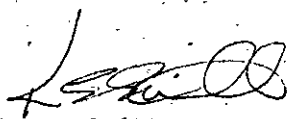
The following is a quote from the U.S. Postal Service Handbook RE-5, Building and Site Security Requirements:

" .322 Elevation. The height of the LOG system must be at one elevation, if possible, When changes in elevation are required, use ladders protected by safety rails. Steps and ramps are forbidden. If the distance between gallery floor levels exceeds 12 feet, install staggered ladders for break and safety. (See Standard Drawings 13-55-4 or RFS-A-10 (1 of 4))."

This is a deviation from the uniform building code but is the only method accepted by the U. S. Postal Inspection Service. The lookout gallery is a highly restricted area in a post office and is only accessible by a postal inspector with his keys. Even the door locks are specialty items and are provided only by the Inspection Service.

Should you have any further concerns about the lookout galley please feel free to call me at 297-6700.

Sincerely,


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Access Ladder
APPROVED 3/30/84

Debra Kaestner