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**STATEMENT BY AZEEZALY JAFFER
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TEMPORARY POST OFFICE CLOSURES**

WASHINGTON – The Postal Service learned late Thursday afternoon that a preliminary test of a routine air sample taken Wednesday at the Naval Consolidated Mail Facility in Anacostia was positive for anthrax. More samples are being taken at the facility this evening for additional testing.

The safety of our employees and customers is the Postal Service's highest priority. Therefore, out of an abundance of caution, the Postal Service has decided to close and test facilities for biohazard contamination.

Most of this mail moving through the Navy's facility was processed through the Postal Service's V Street facility that processes Government mail. The contractor that transported this mail also collected mail from other Washington, DC area facilities.

Customers who are serviced by these facilities could expect minimal delays in mail delivery. The Postal Service will resume normal operations at these affected locations as soon as possible.

Employees working at these locations are asked to report to duty at their normal times. They will be directed to alternate work locations.

V Street Facility
3070 V Street NE
Washington DC 20098-9998

U.S. Post Office Silver Spring
8616 2nd Avenue
Silver Spring MD 20910-9998

Southwest Post Office
45 L Street SW
Washington DC 20024-9998

Calvert Distribution Center
6511 Baltimore Avenue
Hyattsville MD 20783-9998

Ward Place Post Office
2121 Ward Place NW
Washington DC 20037-9998

Westlake Post Office
10421 Motor City Drive
Bethesda MD 20817-9998

Friendship Station Post Office
4005 Wisconsin Avenue NW
Washington DC 20016-9998

South Station Post Office
1210 South Glebe Road
Arlington VA 22204-9998

U.S. Post Office Andrews AFB
1668 D Street
Andrews AFB MD 20762-9998

Eads Street Station
1720 S Eads Street
Arlington VA 22202-9998

Buckingham Station
235 N Glebe Road
Arlington VA 22203-9998

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