Document 1666 Pitney Bowes Inc. directors authorized the company to seek buyers for its Wheeler Group Inc. subsidiary , a direct mail marketer of office supplies . named:x-c named: Pitney Bowes said the decision was based on a long-term analysis of the compatibility of Wheeler Group 's marketing business with other Pitney Bowes operations named:x-c named:x-c v_to:e-i-h-i q:i-h-h n:x v:e-i-p-h p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i n_of:x would n't comment on whether the company had talked with any potential buyers for the New Hartford, Conn., unit, which had 1988 sales of about \$ neg:e-h neg:e-h v_on:e-i-i _ _ _ q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ v_about:e-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-p n_of:x-i _ p:e-u-i q:i-h-h named:x-c _ She said Wheeler Group was profitable but would n't give figures . pron:x v_to:e-i-h-i named:x-c Pitney Bowes said third-quarter net income gained 15 % to \$ 62 million , or 78 cents a share , from \$ 54 million , or 68 cents a share , a year ago . named:x-c named:x-c v_to:e-i-h-i n_temp:x n:x n:x v:e-i-p card:i-i-c n:x p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c n:x p:e-u-i n.f:x card:i-i-c n: grew 13 % to \$ 734.8 million from \$ 650.9 million v:e-i card:i-i-c n_of:x p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c card:i-i-c

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