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Mr. Jim Lingberg  
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SEP 25 1984

Re: S. Rogers  
Providence, RI 02940  
HLC-1E-C 28103

Dear Mr. Lingberg:

On September 7, 1984, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

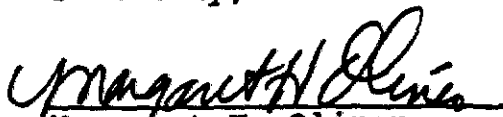
The question raised in this case is whether the grievant was improperly required to begin a new 6 year period in a work status in order to achieve protected status on returning to duty after an absence of more than one year.

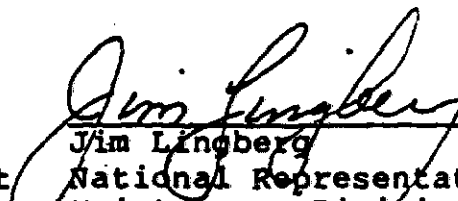
The union contends that Article 6.A.3. did not intend to include time on maternity leave as time not worked for purposes of retaining protected status.

During our discussion, we agreed to resolve this case based on our having no dispute relative to the meaning and intent of Article 6.A.3.(a)(3).

Please sign and return the attached copy of this decision as your acknowledgment of agreement to resolve this case.

Sincerely,

  
Margaret H. Oliver  
Labor Relations Department

  
Jim Lingberg  
National Representative-at-Large  
Maintenance Division  
American Postal Workers Union,  
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AS OF 8-15-86 NALC HAS A CASE PENDING NATIONAL  
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