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Mr. Halline Overby
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
National Association of Letter
Carriers, AFL-CIO
100 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
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Re: C. Rover
Canton, OH 44711
HIN-4E-C 35515

Dear Mr. Overby:

On March 18, 1985, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether the grievant met the 20-pay period requirement for attainment of protected status per Article 6.A.3(a)(1) of the National Agreement.

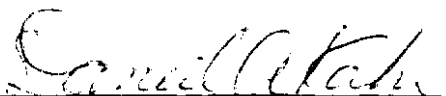
After reviewing this matter, we agreed that there was no national interpretive issue fairly presented as to the meaning and intent of Article 6.A.3 of the National Agreement. Whether the grievant met the pay period requirement for attainment of protected status can only be determined by evaluating the fact circumstances.

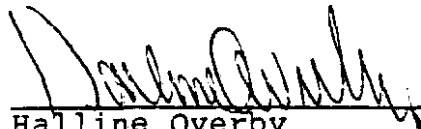
Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to Step 3 with the understanding that if the grievant's OWCP claim is approved, then no break in service occurred. If the claim is not accepted, then a break did occur.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this decision as acknowledgment of our agreement to remand this grievance.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,


Daniel A. Kahn
Labor Relations Department


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