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Mr. Lawrence G. Hutchins
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APR 15 1987

Re: J. Edwards/Class Action
 Mobile, AL 36601
 H4N-3N-C 32710

Dear Mr. Hutchins:

On March 10, 1987, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether a contractual violation occurred when smoking was prohibited on the workroom floor at the Springhill Station.

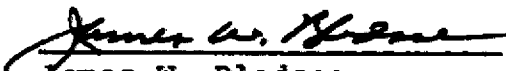
After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. Whether the established past practice was properly changed or was changed in an arbitrary and capricious manner in this case is an issue suitable for regional determination.


Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to the parties at Step 3 for further processing, including arbitration if necessary.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter as your acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,


 James W. Bledsoe
 Grievance & Arbitration
 Division


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 Vice President
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