



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
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Mr. Lawrence G. Hutchins
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Re: Class Action
 Cincinnati, OH 45234
 H4N-4F-C 11641

Dear Mr. Hutchins:

On August 30, 1988, we met to discuss the above captioned grievance.

The issue in this grievance is whether a disabled veteran can be disciplined for using sick leave while receiving treatment at a VA hospital.

After reviewing this matter, it was mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is present in this case. The parties at this level agree that Executive Order 5396, dated July 3, 1930, does apply to the Postal Service and that absences meeting the requirements of that decree cannot be used as a basis for discipline.

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,

William J. Downes
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 Director, Office of
 Contract Administration

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