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Mr. Lawrence G. Hutchins
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Re: Class Action
Chester, PA 19013
E7N-2A-C 2275

Dear Mr. Hutchins:

On November 4, 1989, a meeting was held with the NALC Director of City Delivery, Brian Farris, to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether approved annual leave constitutes an interruption in assignment, so as to permit management to refrain from converting the senior PTF to regular status under the terms of Article 7 and relevant memoranda.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. We further agreed that for the purposes of meeting the six (6) month requirements of Article 7.3.c., approved annual leave does not constitute an interruption in assignment, except where the annual leave is used solely for purposes of rounding out the workweek when the employee would otherwise not have worked.

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.

Mr. Lawrence G. Hutchins

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Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,



Arthur S. Wilkinson
Grievance & Arbitration
Division



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