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CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION UNIT,
N.A.L.C. WASHINGTON, D.C.

Re: A94N-4A-C 97019738
Class Action
Hackensack, NJ 07606-9998

Dear Mr. Sombrotto:

Recently, you met with Richard Murmer of my staff in a pre-arbitration discussion of the above-captioned grievance.

The issue in this case is whether management violated the National Agreement when it contacted limited duty employees' physicians to receive information and/or clarification on a carrier's medical progress.

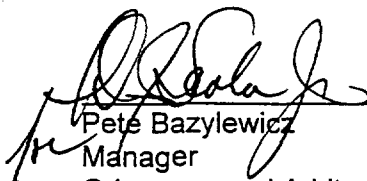
During that discussion, it was mutually agreed to close this case at this level with the following understanding:


The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), U.S. Department of Labor, issued new regulations governing the administration of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA) effective January 4, 1999. The specific regulation that is germane to the instant case is 20 CFR 10.506, which specifically prohibits phone or personal contact initiated by the employer with the physician.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this decision as your acknowledgement to close Case Number A94N-4A-C 97019738 and remove it from the pending arbitration listing.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,


Pete Bazylewicz
Manager
Grievance and Arbitration
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Date: 2-18-99