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Mr. James Connors
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Washington, D.C. 20005-3399

Re: G. Ambrasait
Hicksville, NY 11802
H4V-1M-C 12938

Dear Mr. Connors:

On April 23, 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 the grievant was improperly denied compensation for an alleged injury.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. We agreed that the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is responsible for determining whether an individual receives compensation for an alleged injury. Further, if a claim for compensation is denied, OWCP's decision can be appealed. We agreed that this issue is suitable for regional determination of the provisions of Subchapter 540 of the ELM to the fact circumstances.

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

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,

Elizabeth A. Johnson
Grievance and Arbitration Division

James Connors
Assistant Director
American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO