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Mr. Richard I. Wevodau
Director
Maintenance Craft Division
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Re: Class Action
Pittsfield, MA 01201
H4C-1J-C 16858

Dear Mr. Wevodau:

On January 12, 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 employees requested and were allowed to work over 6 hours without a lunch break.

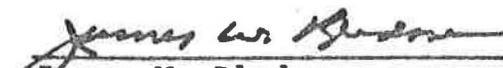
After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. This case is suitable for regional determination through application of Section 432.34 of the Employee and Labor Relations Manual, which states in pertinent part, ". . . no employee may be required to work more than six continuous hours without a meal or rest period of at least one-half hour." Whether or not the employees were required to work is a noninterpretive issue.

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
Labor Relations Department


Richard I. Wevodau
Director
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