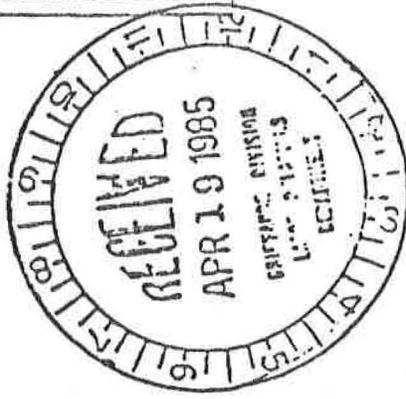




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Mr. James W. Lingberg
 National Representative-at-Large
 Maintenance Craft Division
 817 14th Street, N. W.
 Washington, D. C. 20005-3399

Dear Mr. Lingberg:

Recently you met with Frank Dyer in prearbitration discussion of H1C-NA-C 65. The question in this grievance is the delay in returning an employee to duty after an absence of 21-days or more of extended illness or injury.

It was mutually agreed to full settlement of this issue as follows:

1. To avoid undue delay in returning an employee to duty, the on-duty medical officer, contract physician, or nurse should review and make a decision based upon the presented medical information the same day it is submitted.

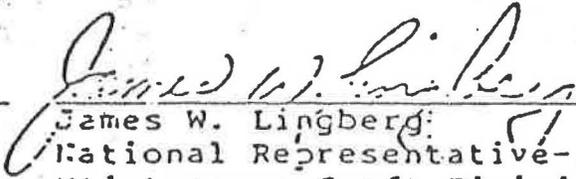
Normally the employee will be returned to work on his/her next work day provided adequate medical documentation is submitted within sufficient time for review.

2. The reasonableness of the Service in delaying an employee's return beyond his/her next work day shall be a proper subject for the grievance procedure on a case-by-case basis.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter acknowledging your agreement with this settlement, withdrawing H1C-NA-C 65 from the pending national arbitration listing.

Sincerely,


 William E. Hendry Jr.
 Director
 Office of Grievance
 and Arbitration
 Labor Relations Department


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