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APR 3 1987

ARTICLE	19
SECTION	
SUBJECT	ELM DISABILITY

Re: G. Blackmon
Cincinnati BMC, OH 45235-9998
H4C-4F-C 11860

G. Blackmon
Cincinnati BMC, OH 45235-9998
H4C-4F-C 11861

Dear Mr. Freeman:

On several occasions, the most recent being March 24, 1987, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievances at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in these grievances is whether or not management violated the National Agreement by disapproving the grievant's requests for sick leave to obtain medical treatment for a service-connected disability.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in these cases. Whether or not the grievant's requests were unreasonably denied is a local matter suitable for regional determination by application of Part 513.32e of the ELM to the particular circumstances.

Accordingly, we agreed to remand these cases 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 these cases.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

Muriel A. Aikens
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