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ARTICLE	19
SECTION	ELM
SUBJECT	3971 PREP.

Re: M. Peacock
San Francisco, CA 94119
H8C-5C-C 13093

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On January 23, 1981, we met with you to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The matters presented by you as well as the applicable contractual provisions have been reviewed and given careful consideration.

This question raised in this grievance involves whether the medical unit should remain open on a 24 hour basis and was management proper in requesting the grievant to complete a 3971 prior to going to the hospital.

After further review of this matter, we mutually agreed that no National interpretive issue is fairly presented in the particulars evidenced in this case as to the meaning and intent of Article X of XIV of the National Agreement.

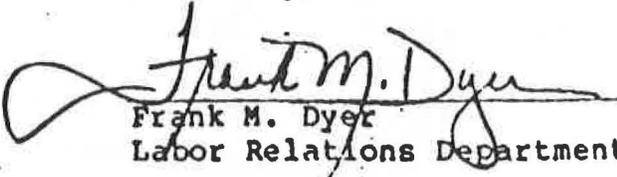
The appropriate time to complete a 3971 would have to be determined on a case by case basis depending on the fact circumstances involved.

The matter of the medical unit remaining open for 24 hours is a proper item for the Regional Safety and Health Committee.

Accordingly, as we further agreed, this case is hereby remanded to the parties at Step 3 for further processing if necessary.

Please sign a copy of this letter as your acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case.

Sincerely,


Frank M. Dyer
Labor Relations Department


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