



ARTICLE _____
SECTION _____
SUBJECT LOCK-IN'S

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Mr. Richard I. Wevodau
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Re: W. Harvey
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H4T-5F-C 16120

Dear Mr. Wevodau:

On November 21, 1988, 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 "locked-in" to a duty assignment pursuant to Article 38.6.A.6 of the National Agreement.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. The parties at this level agree that an employee will be notified prior to completion of a training course that they will be required to remain in such duty assignment pursuant to Article 38.6.A.6. This may be accomplished by indicating such "lock-in" on the notice of training billet(s) or by notifying the employee in writing. We further agreed that this was a local issue suitable for regional determination based upon application of the aforementioned and Article 38 to the specific fact circumstances.

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to the parties for application.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter as your acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case.

Mr. Richard I. Wevodau

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Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,



Samuel M. Pulcrano
Grievance & Arbitration
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Richard I. Wevodau
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(Date) 1/6/89