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ARTICLE 19
SECTION ELM
SUBJECT _____
CONTRAVERSION
OF CLAIMS

Re: Class Action
Chicago BMC, IL 60700
H1C-4A-C 34769

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On February 5, 1985, we met to discuss the above-captioned case at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether the August 27, 1984 policy regarding job related injuries/illnesses violates the National Agreement.

After further review of this matter, we mutually agreed that there was no national interpretive issue fairly presented in this case. This is a local dispute suitable for regional determination by application of Section 542 of the ELM. The parties further agreed that there shall not be a blanket instruction to controvert an injury claim or to issue discipline. Controversion of such claims should be consistent with provisions of Part 545 of the ELM. Each disciplinary action must stand the test of "just cause."

Accordingly, as we further agreed, this case is hereby remanded to Step 3 for further consideration by the parties.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this decision as acknowledgment of our agreement to remand this grievance.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

Muriel Aikens
Muriel Aikens
Labor Relations Department

Gerald Anderson
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