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Re: A. Mitchell
Peoria, IL 61601
HIC-4A-C 17054

Dear Mr. Freeman:

On June 7, 1983, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

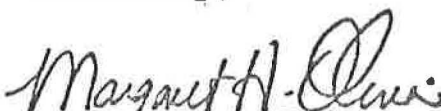
The matters presented by you as well as the applicable contractual provisions have been reviewed and given careful consideration.

The question in this grievance is whether management violated Article 19 of the National Agreement by deducting 10 hours of annual leave from the grievant's leave balance because of accumulated LWOP during the last pay period in the calendar year.

It is the position of the Postal Service that it is proper to deduct 10 hours of annual leave in the last pay period of the calendar year for those leave-category 6 employees who are in an LWOP status for 80 hours during this particular pay period.

Accordingly, we find no contractual violation and the grievance is denied.

Sincerely,


Margaret H. Oliver

Labor Relations Department