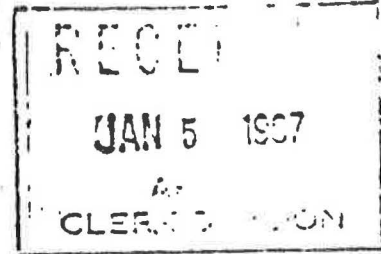




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Mr. Robert L. Tunstall
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1300 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-4113

Re: Ballhagen
No. Virginia, VA 22081
H4C-2D-C 4434

Dear Mr. Tunstall:

On November 24, 1986, 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 should be held liable for money due to the APWU Health Plan.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. This is a local dispute suitable for regional determination based upon the particular circumstances.

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case 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 this case.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

Muriel A. Aikens
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