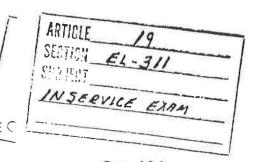


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Dear Mr. Connors:

On April 1. 1985, 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 properly notified and entitled to paid time for an inservice examination required for a bid assignment.

After further review of this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. Whether the grievant was timely notified regarding the scheduled date of the examination is an issue suitable for regional determination by application of Part 431.11 of the Personnel Operations Handbook P-11 to the fact circumstances.

The parties at this level agree that such inservice examinations are conducted on a "no loss-no gain" basis.

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to Step 3 for further consideration of the notification issue by the parties.

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

Sincerely,

Muriel Aikens

Labor Relations Department Assistant Director

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