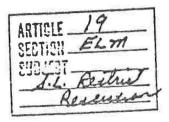


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Mr. Thomas Freeman, Jr. Assistant Director Maintenance Division American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO 817 14th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005-3399



Re: M. Joy

Bangor, Maine 04401

H1C-1K-C 18488

Dear Mr. Freeman:

On August 23, 1983, and again on January 31, 1984, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this case is whether a locally drafted letter regarding the "Rescission of sick leave restriction" is improper.

During our discussion, we agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in the particulars evidenced in this case.

This grievance is purely a local dispute over the application of Section 513.37 of the Employee and Labor Relations Manual to the fact circumstances and is suitable for regional determination.

Accordingly, as we further agreed, this case is remanded to the parties at Step 3 for further processing, if necessary.

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

Mr. Thomas Freeman, Jr.

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Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

Leslie Bayliss

Labor Relations Department

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