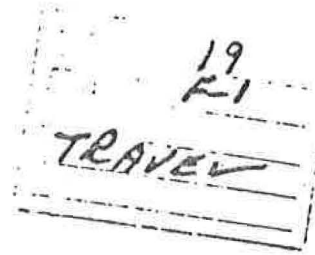




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*art. 36(m-9)*

Re: G. Villegas  
Honolulu, HI 96820  
HLC-5E-C-6431

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On November 1, 1982, 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 or not management violates Article 36 of the National Agreement when the grievant, a full-time regular clerk with a bid assignment at the main office, was detailed to a sub-station. The grievant then traveled directly from his home to the sub-station. He contends that since the detail assignment was management initiated, he should be paid the mileage differential between the distance from his home to the main office and the distance from his home to the sub-station.

The Travel Handbook, M-9, definition of official duty station is the installation or post office in which the employee works, not a specific unit. Local travel is travel within or adjacent to the employee's official duty station. The type of travel involved here would be considered as travel within the employee's official duty station; however, travel from the employee's home to work is specifically excluded for

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payment purposes. Had this employee traveled to the mail office and then to the sub-station, he may be entitled to appropriate mileage payments.

Accordingly, as we find no violation of the national agreement, this grievance is denied.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Eugene  
Labor Relations Department