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Mr. Kenneth D. Wilson
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Washington, DC 20005

ARTICLE	21
SECTION	
SUBJECT	COP
INJURY OR ILLNESS	

Re: A. Rodriguez
Miami, FL 33152
H1C-3W-C-6641

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On August 30, 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.

We mutually agreed that there was no interpretive dispute between the parties at the National level as to the meaning and intent of Article 19 of the National Agreement as it relates to the injury compensation program. Specifically the grievant is contending that she was charged with an occupational illness instead of a traumatic injury and that because of her injury she should have been authorized continuation of her pay.

We believe that the provisions of Part 541.2 of the Employee and Labor Relations Manual are quite clear in defining the difference between a traumatic injury and an occupational illness. Also, the conditions of COP are clearly defined. The issue in this case is a matter of application, not interpretation.

Accordingly, as further agreed, this case is hereby remanded to Step 3 for further processing, based upon the fact circumstances, by the parties at that level.

Please sign the attached copy of this decision as your acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Eugene
Labor Relations Department

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