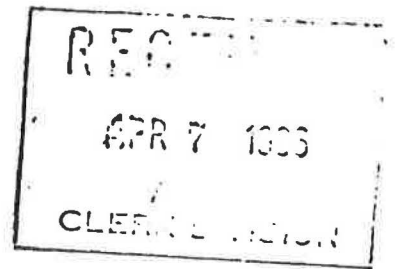
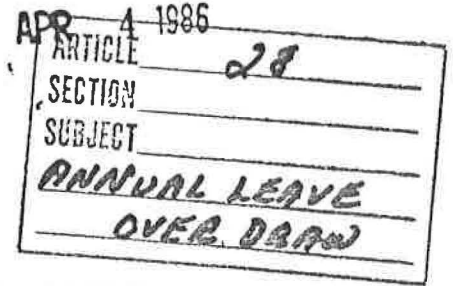




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Re: M. Battista
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H4C-1M-C 3411

Dear Mr. Tunstall:

On several occasions, the most recent being December 3, 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 required to repay monies as a result of annual leave used in excess of the authorized allotment.

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 by application of Article 28 of the National Agreement to the fact 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.

Mr. Robert Tunstall

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Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

Muriel A. Aikens

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