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ARTICLE _____
SECTION _____
SUBJECT Downgrading
ET-10 to ET-9
Not Interpretive

Re: G. O'Connor
GPO New York, NY 10001
H4T-1A-C 39

Dear Mr. Wevodau:

On August 16, 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 management violated the National Agreement by downgrading the grievant from an ET-10 to an ET-9 with saved grade.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. Whether the said downgrade was warranted is a local dispute suitable for regional determination by application of Part C, Management Instruction AS-620-83-14 (issued October 1, 1983) to the specific 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.

Sincerely,

Muriel Aikens

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