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Mr. Jim Lingberg
National Representative-at-Large
Maintenance Craft Division
American Postal Workers Union,
AFL-CIO
817 14th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-3399

Re: L. Rawlings
Ft. Worth, TX 76101
HIC-3A-C 33696

Dear Mr. Lingberg:

On October 10, 1984, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

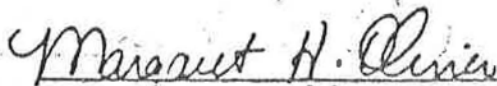
The question raised in this case is whether the grievant was improperly required to begin a new 6 year period in a work status in order to achieve protected status on returning to duty after an absence of more than one year.


The union contends that Article 6.A.3. did not intend to include time on maternity leave as time not worked for purposes of retaining protected status.

During our discussion, we agreed to resolve this case based on our having no dispute relative to the meaning and intent of Article 6.A.3(a)(3).

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

Sincerely,


Margaret H. Oliver
Labor Relations Department


Jim Lingberg
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