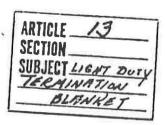


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Re: Class Action
O'Hare AMF, IL 606(6
H1C-4A-C 35760

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On March 27, 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 it was proper for management to terminate all permanent light-duty assignments on December 31, 1984.

After further review of this matter, we agreed that there was no national interpretive issue fairly presented as to the meaning and intent of Article 13 of the National Agreement. Whether management violated Article 13 of the National Agreement is a matter for regional determination.

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to Step 3 for further consideration by the parties, with the understanding that Article 13.5 does not give management authority to unilaterally terminate all light-duty assignments. The termination of light duty assignments is to be made on a case-by-case basis.