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Janice M. Boss, Director
VA Connecticut, HCS
950 Campbell Avenue
West Haven, CT 06516

Subject: VISN 1 Implementation of Askom Phones on 4W and 5 W (AFGE Local 1674 and AFGE Local 2138)

Dear Ms. Boss:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain on the implementation of Askom phones on 4 W and 5 W in VISN 1 within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee will be naming the Union's Chief Negotiator and negotiating team. Please provide the named bargaining committee with any information and/or data concerning the cited subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the management chief negotiator in this matter receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The named bargaining committee may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any questions please contact me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53

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