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David Elizade, Director
VA Puget Sound Health Care System
1660 South Columbian Way
Seattle, WA 98108-1507

Subject: VISN 20 VA Puget Sound, HCS reassignment of two intensive PTSD employees from
Seattle Division to American Lake Division (AFGE Local 498 and AFGE Local 3197)

Dear Mr. Elizade:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally is demanding to bargain on the cited subject above in VISN 20 within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee will be naming the Union's Chief Negotiator and negotiating team members. 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
Mike Kepner, 11th District Representative NVAC

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