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October 1, 2009

Melody Mikutowski, Chief
Human Resources Management Service
Department of Veterans Affairs
3710 Southwest US Veterans Hospital Road
Portland, OR 97239-2964

Subject: Demand to Bargain – VISN 20 VA Portland, HCS Medical Center Service Recovery
Memorandum No. 00-34 (AFGE Locals 2157 and 2583)

Dear Ms. Mikutowski:

In accordance with Article 44, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain over VA Portland Medical Center Memorandum No. 00-34 "Service Recovery" at Portland, OR and Vancouver, WA facilities in VISN #20. Alma L. Lee, President will be naming a chief negotiator and 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 ten (10) 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
2nd Executive Vice President
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
Kevin McGee, 11th District Representative NVAC

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