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Subject: VISN 12 – Merger of VA Jesse Brown and VA Hines Hospital
(AFGE Local 781 and AFGE Local 789)

Dear Mr. Zomchek:

In accordance with Article 47 Section 3, of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demands to bargain on the Merger of VA Jesse Brown and VA Hines Hospital in VISN 12 within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee, President of the National VA Council #53 will be naming the Union's Chief Negotiator and team members. Please provide the named bargaining team with all information and/or data related to the cited subject. The negotiation on this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management's Chief Negotiator receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The named bargaining team may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any questions, please contact me at (217) 554-4979.

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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