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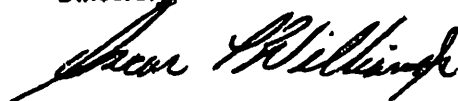
Subject: Demand to Bargain - Article 43 Section 3 C., and Article 44 Section 1 B.

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

This communication is in response to your letter dated February 1, 2002, concerning the Secretary's letter to rescind bargaining on 5 USC 7106 (b) (1) issues received by me on February 11, 2002. In accordance with the above Articles of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council is formally demanding to bargain over Secretary's decision to rescind bargaining over 5 USC 7106 (b) (1) issues. 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
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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