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October 15, 2003

Ronald E. Cowles, Associate Deputy
For Labor Management Relations, (LMR)
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Washington, DC 20420

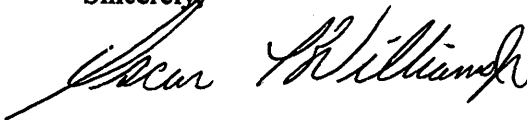
Subject: Demand to Bargain – VA Directive 0631.1 and VA Handbook 063.1 “Electronic Employee Travel”

Dear Mr. Cowles:

In accordance with Article 44, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council is formally demanding to bargain over the VA Directive and Handbook cited above in the Department. The Mid-Term Bargaining Committee is requesting a briefing over the cited subject above before sending any proposals. 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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