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June 12, 2006

Ronald E. Cowles, Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Labor Management Relations (LMR)
Department of Veterans Affairs, Suite 215
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VA Directive 6504 "Restriction on Transmission, Transportation and use of and Access to, VA Data outside VA Facilities" dated June 7, 2006

Dear Mr. Cowles:

The National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on VA Directive 6504 "Restrictions on Transmission, Transportation and use of, and Access to, VA Data outside VA Facilities" in the Department. Please provide the above named bargaining committee with any information and/or data concerning the cited subject above. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin ten (10) workdays after the Management Chief Negotiator in this matter receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation of the VA Directive 6504 until the bargaining obligation has been met. If you have any questions please call me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
2nd Executive Vice President
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
Executive Committee, NVAC

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