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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 Transfer of Payroll Functions to DFAS

Dear Mr. Cowles:

The National VA Council #53 is again formally demanding to bargain on VA transfer of Payroll Functions to DFAS in the Department. Please provide the above named bargaining committee with the information and/or data related to the transfer of functions. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin ten (10) workdays after the Management Chief Negotiator in this mater 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 call me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.  
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee  
2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Vice President  
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
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