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January 21, 2009

Meghan Serwin-Flanz, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VHA Directive 2008-xxx Automated Safety Incident Surveillance and Tracking System
(ASISTS)

Dear Ms. Flanz:

This communication is in responses to your letter dated January 9th and received by me on January 17, 2009. Your letter fails to state what change or changes were made in the above mention VHA Directive, therefore NVAC does not know whether the change(s) have no impact on unit employees. Absence of having the information, the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain over the change(s) in the above cited VHA Directive.

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
NVAC Executive Committee

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