

August 7, 2002

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

SUBJECT: Demand to bargain – VHA Directive entitled, "Centralization of Information Technology"

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 impact and implementation of the above cited subject. Please provide the named bargaining committee with any information and/or data concerning the cited subject above. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than (10) ten 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 (540) 345-6301.

Sincerely,

Alma L. Lee  
President, AFGE/NVAC

cc: Oscar L. Williams, Jr., Chairperson, Mid-term Bargaining Committee  
Bonnie Kerber, VHA HRM Group