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A. Rudy Klopfer, Director
VA Eastern Kanas Health Care System
2200 Gage Boulevard
Topeka, KS 66622

Subject: VISN 15 VA EKHCS Service Visiting Animals in Healthcare Settings
(AFGE Local 85 and AFGE Local 1939)

Dear Mr. Klopfer:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain on the VA EKHCS Service Visiting Animals in Healthcare Settings as cited above in VISN 15 within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee will be naming the Chief Union Negotiator and negotiating team members. Please provide the named bargaining team with any information and/or data concerning the cited subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) 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 team 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
Barbara Whitson-Casanova, 9th District Representative NVAC

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