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Walt C. Dannenberg, Director  
VA Long Beach Healthcare System  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Subject: VISN 22 – VA Long Beach, HSP 05-06 Tissue Specimens sent to the Laboratory After Hours (AFGE Local 1061 and AFGE Local 1203)

Dear Mr. Dannenberg:

In accordance with Article 47 Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on the VISN 22 VA LBHCS HSP 05-06 as cited above within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee, President of the National VA Council#53, will be naming the Union's Chief Negotiator and team members. Please provide the named bargaining team with all information and/or data related to the cited subject. The negotiation of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management's Chief Negotiator receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The above named bargaining team my 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  
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