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Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters

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MEMORANDUM

To: General Chairmen
From: F. N. Simpson
Date: May 2, 2005
Re: RLBC Bargaining

The Rail Labor Bargaining Coalition (RLBC) and the National Carriers' Conference Committee (NCCC) will meet on Thursday, May 19, 2005 in Washington, D.C. to continue bargaining. The RLBC intends to present the outline of a job stabilization proposal that will apply to all participating members of the RLBC.

Additionally, the NCCC and BMWED will meet on the morning of Friday, May 20, 2005 to discuss what the NCCC calls "craft specific" BMWED bargaining issues. The issues the NCCC will raise relate to the employee utilization, both as to geographic areas and hours of assignment. This session essentially will provide an opportunity for the NCCC to better explain what it seeks from its Section 6 notices in those areas.

For those of you who will be coming to Washington you should contact IBT Travel at 1-800-428-3591 to make hotel reservations. IBT Travel is aware of the rail negotiations and will try to place everyone at the same hotel. We are currently attempting to secure meeting space at IBT headquarters for up-dates and will advise when this has been accomplished.