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Dear Bob

ASLEF Boxing Day working proposal

I am writing to you regarding a recent proposal made to buy back annual leave by ASLEF as part of the dispute resolution talks with ASLEF in connection with "Boxing Day Working".

The proposal outlined an arrangement in three parts, which I reproduce below:

- If Boxing Day is a Rest Day, then the train operator would remain on Rest Day.
- All other train operators could use one of their odd days of annual leave to book the day off.
- Should a train operator then volunteer to work on Boxing Day, they would "sell back" their annual leave for a day's pay.

This proposal was found to be unacceptable and I can confirm that the proposal has now been withdrawn. London Underground have agreed to reconvene the previously adjourned meeting with ASLEF representatives at ACAS on Monday 17 December 2012 to explore any further options for resolving the dispute that remains between us.

Should the conclusion of this meeting identify a potential way forward, that is acceptable to both ASLEF and LUL, then a Trains Functional Council meeting will be arranged with your RMT representatives present. At that meeting the proposals will be tabled for discussion and agreement in line with the Machinery of Negotiation.

ASLEF have been copied into this correspondence so that all parties are aware of the situation.

Yours sincerely

Howard Collins
Chief Operating Officer