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Woodstown, NJ 08098
June 1, 2000

Joanne H. Bell, Chief Finance Officer
Salem County Treasurer's Office
92 Market Street
Salem, New Jersey 08079

Dear Mrs. Bell;

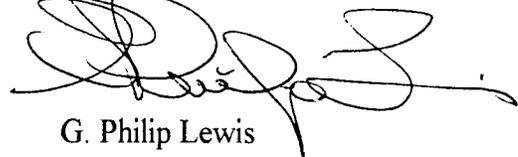
I have just advised Freeholder Director Sparks of my intention to retire from employment with the County of Salem effective simultaneously with the effective date of my lay off notice, June 30, 2000. Would you please provide me, at your earliest convenience, the necessary paperwork to file with the Public Employees' Retirement System in order to initiate my pension.

As you are aware, the PERS Board of Trustees, at their meeting of December 16, 1998, approved our request for enrollment in the PERS. I have attached a copy of the letter from Wendy Jamison, Secretary of the PERS Board of Trustees, dated December 21, 1998. I would like to bring two statements in that letter to your attention.

In the second paragraph, you will note that Ms. Jamison says the Board has stated we are eligible for enrollment "...either the date of permanent employment or after one year of continuous service, **whichever occurs first.**" (emphasis added) And, in the third paragraph, "The PERS Board also voted to allow Salem County JTPA employees the ability to **purchase temporary service** ... if the temporary service resulted, without interruption, in a permanent appointment with the same employer." (emphasis added)

Effective April 1, 1999 we were enrolled in PERS but were only given a date of enrollment of April 1, 1993. I am therefore requesting that you make immediate inquiry of the Division of Pensions and Benefits as to the total amount of money I will need to purchase my service credit back to my original hire date of December 23, 1974, as well as my four years of active duty military time. The PERS Board has already been provided with a copy of my DD-214. They have acknowledged my veteran's status and have a copy of my DD-214 on file. Since only active contributing members are permitted to purchase service credit, it is imperative that this process commence immediately. It will be my intention to purchase this service credit in one lump sum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Philip Lewis", written over a horizontal line.

G. Philip Lewis