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The Arbitrator sustained a grievance concerning the Agency's failure to bargain with the Union over changes to its detailing practices and certain positions (inspectors). The Arbitrator directed the Agency to return to the status quo ante, engage in good-faith bargaining, cease and desist from detailing the inspectors involuntarily, and make affected inspectors whole. The Agency filed exceptions to the award on the bases that the Arbitrator exceeded his authority; and the award is contrary to law, based on a nonfact, and moot. The Authority dismissed the Agency's contrary-to-law exception, and denied the remaining exceptions.

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