U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of FRANCES V. RANSOM <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Oakland, Calif.

Docket No. 96-1622; Submitted on the Record; Issued July 16, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof in establishing that she sustained an emotional condition due to factors of her federal employment.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative dated and finalized January 18, 1995 is in accordance with the facts and law in the case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.¹

¹ The Board notes that following the hearing representative's decision appellant submitted additional new evidence. As the Office did not consider this evidence in reaching a final decision, the Board may not review it for the first time on appeal. 20 C.F.R. § 501.2(c).

The January 18, 1995 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. July 16, 1998

> Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

> Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member

> A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member