U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of BETTYE R. EDWARDS <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, REGIONAL PERSONNEL OFFICE, San Francisco, Calif.

Docket No. 97-2177; Submitted on the Record; Issued April 14, 1999

DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, MICHAEL E. GROOM, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof in establishing that she developed 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 March 5, 1997 and finalized on March 8, 1997, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated March 5, 1997 and finalized on March 8, 1997 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. April 14, 1999

> David S. Gerson Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member