

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of RONALD R. HAMMERSLEY and DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, Arlington, VA

*Docket No. 98-2114; Submitted on the Record;
Issued April 7, 2000*

DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,
BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof in establishing that his failed back syndrome was causally related to his federal employment.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the April 23, 1998 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.¹

¹ As the Office has not issued a final decision regarding the causal relationship between appellant's emotional condition and his federal employment, the Board will not address this issue on appeal. 20 C.F.R. § 501.2(c).

The April 23, 1998 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
April 7, 2000

David S. Gerson
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas
Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott
Alternate Member