56. <u>Leaves of Absence</u>

A regular employee's request for a leave of absence not to exceed six (6) months will be given consideration by the Producer, and the Producer will not unreasonably refuse to grant such leaves of absence for good cause, provided the employee's services can be reasonably spared. All such requests for leaves of absence will be in writing. No such leave of absence will be extended beyond six (6) months, except for compelling reasons. An employee hereunder shall not be granted a leave of absence for the purposes of accepting employment with another employer in the motion picture production industry in a job classification covered by this Agreement, unless such action is mutually acceptable to the Producer, the employee, and the Union.