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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A04-08

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Our office received an allegation that a senior NSF staff member¹ was using staff to baby sit his young boy during work hours and that staff were being asked to perform babysitting services during work hours. We interviewed the subject who confirmed that on two or three occasions he brought his son into work during a period when his spouse was confined to bed rest due to pregnancy and there was an outbreak of chicken pox at the son's daycare. The subject stated that most times he watched his son but on a few occasions he needed to attend meetings and set up a TV for his son to watch in his absense. On two occasions, his secretary kept an eye on his son and on one occasion other staff members watched his son. The subject stated on the third date in question, he was not aware that other staff members came to watch his son until he returned from his meeting.

We talked with the subject's secretary as well as a staff member who apparently watched the subject's son on one of the dates in question. Both individuals stressed that they voluntarily watched the subject's son because they knew of his wife's medical condition and wanted to help the subject since he had high-level management meetings to attend.

Based on our inquiry, there appears to be no evidence that the subject inappropriately asked or coerced staff to watch his son during duty hours. Accordingly, this case is closed.

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