

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO:
Associate Inspector General Investigations

FILE NUMBER:
I00040009

DATE:
September 13, 2001

Subject: [REDACTED]

Action: Case Closeout

1. Allegation received on 28 April 2000 from [REDACTED] that [REDACTED], a Professor in the Department of [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] University, may have misappropriated NSF grant money for personal reasons.
2. The investigation was deferred by NSF OIG to [REDACTED] University Investigators and Counsel. The University completed an investigation which included several long depositions. In these depositions, [REDACTED] admitted that several textbook purchases, which were identical to textbooks required in a family member's class at [REDACTED] University, might appear inappropriate. However, the subject explained these purchases were based on the recommendation of the family member to assist the subject in learning complex mathematics and new computer programming techniques.
3. All findings including documents, correspondence and transcripts were forwarded to NSF OIG on 8 January 2001.
4. [REDACTED] University found no misconduct on the part of [REDACTED] and considers the matter closed. NSF OIG confirmed that [REDACTED] voluntarily returned all questionable funds to the NSF grant administered by [REDACTED] University.
5. After reviewing the investigation conducted by [REDACTED] University, NSF OIG concurs with the University's decision. This investigation is closed and no further action is being taken by OIG at this time.