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INSPECTOR GENERAL

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TO: The File

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Case Closeout, #I-00070001 [REDACTED]

1. This case was opened on June 12, 2000 based on information received from [REDACTED] OGC-NSF, in that [REDACTED], Senior Program Assistant, [REDACTED] may have submitted falsified documents to NSF. [REDACTED] related the following information:

[REDACTED] was terminated from her government position with NSF on August 20, 1999 due to repeated instances of AWOL. [REDACTED] filed a grievance and obtained union representation. On June 8-9, 2000, an arbitration hearing was held, at which time new evidence, previously unknown to NSF, was introduced: [REDACTED] testified that she had been suffering from a disability. [REDACTED] also testified that she was not hospitalized for cocaine abuse in 1998, but that she was hospitalized for depression in 1998. Medical documentation obtained by OGC contradicts this testimony and reflects that work time had been lost because of drug use, not depression.

[REDACTED] related that [REDACTED] may have submitted false medical documentation to her supervisor (Verification of Treatment form, [REDACTED]). [REDACTED] believed that the signature of "[REDACTED], MD" on the form dated June 11, 1999 may have been falsified. [REDACTED] also related that [REDACTED] supervisor believed that [REDACTED] had been holding a second job while on NSF time.

2. I obtained the [REDACTED] wage reports for [REDACTED] covering the period August 1, 1998 to August 1, 1999. The reports reflect federal employment for this period. There is no other record of employment.

I called the [REDACTED] clinics at the following locations: Marlow Heights, Largo Center, and Camp Springs. All are located in Maryland. None of the clinic employees knew a Dr. [REDACTED] or any other Dr. [REDACTED]. I spoke with [REDACTED] Human Resources [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] related that she maintained employment records. [REDACTED] stated that she did not have a record of a Dr. [REDACTED]. However, [REDACTED] also related that she did not have a record of [REDACTED], RN" (the signature of [REDACTED], RN was reflected on one of [REDACTED]).

the Verification of Treatment forms). Clinic personnel at the [REDACTED] clinic advised that [REDACTED] was employed at that location.

3. On 22 September 2000, I referred this case to [REDACTED] Eastern District of Virginia, Department of Justice. Mr. [REDACTED] declined to accept this case for prosecution, citing minimal federal interest. This investigation is closed. [REDACTED]