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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I 03030008

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On February 10, 2003, information was received in the OIG Office indicating that an NSF Employee¹ had posted three items for sale on the Announce Channel during a three-week period. All of the items posted² were similar and the concern was that the employee might have been utilizing the Announce Channel to promote a personal business in violation of NSF Bulletin 98-13.

The subsequent investigation identified that the items offered for sale were the personal property of the individual selling them and posting the items on the Announce Channel was within the current policy guidelines and consistent with other items advertised on the channel. Further review failed to identify any abuse of the Announce Channel by this employee.

It was noted however that the current policies are vague and difficult to locate. These issues have been previously identified and are the subject of another I-Case³ currently under investigation. In conjunction with that investigation, a recommendation will be made to NSF to clarify the agencies' current policies regarding both the Announce Channel for advertising items for sale and the overall use of NSF Technology and Communication Resources. It will also be recommended that all staff receive notification of the new policies once enacted.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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