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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I03040015

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During a routine review of telephone charges at the University a staff member noticed unusually high telephone charges in the [REDACTED]. The university went to the professor and asked that he review all telephone charges and transfer all inappropriate charges to the university discretionary fund pending further investigation. At the same time the university notified the university's audit and advisory services.

After the initial audit review and confirming which grants the telephone charges had been charged against, the university notified NSF. The calls were made by a visiting scientist and a graduate student assigned to work in the professor's lab. The long distance telephone charges occurred from July 2000 to February 2003.

The university informed OIG that the graduate student admitted which calls were his and reimbursed the university \$5,453.03. The university had made several attempts to locate the visiting professor but had not been successful in its endeavor. The visiting scientist is responsible for approximately \$15,851.78 of the long distance call charges.

The university promptly transferred \$21,304.81 (the misappropriated amount) back to the NSF grant accounts.

Accordingly, this case is closed.