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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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A proactive review of various Conference Grants identified 2 specific concerns regarding an NSF Award¹ to a university² to support their participation in an annual summer college. Although the grant was awarded to support the travel of participants to the summer college held in 2001, expenses totaling more than \$4,800 for travel during the following year's summer college were charged against the award. Additionally, the supporting documentation supplied by the university identified the use of grant funds to pay for non-American flagged airlines by the participants in possible violation of the Fly America Act³.

A request for additional information was sent to the university asking them to explain the use of the non-American air carrier and the use of unexpended grant funds to support several individuals' travel expenses for the following year's summer college. On February 14, 2004, we received the university's reply and after confirming the accuracy of the information we were able to determine that the actions taken by the university were approved by NSF personnel.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

