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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 4, 1993

FROM: [REDACTED] Special Agent

VIA: [REDACTED] Special Agent-in-Charge  
Investigations Section

SUBJECT: Allegation of [REDACTED]

TO: Case No. I92090025

On October 13, 1992, we received an anonymous allegation of [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] University in [REDACTED]. According to the complainant, a geochemistry professor at [REDACTED] Dr. [REDACTED] to pay for non-NSF projects and travel, exploited subordinates, and misused NSF-funded equipment. Dr. [REDACTED] has received extensive funding from NSF over several consecutive years.

We examined account summaries of seven of Dr. [REDACTED]'s most recent NSF grants. Though we did find some minor shifting of funds among several expense categories, the use of the funds was generally consistent with the proposed budgets. We also interviewed by telephone Dr. [REDACTED], a co-principal investigator (PI) on two of Dr. [REDACTED]'s NSF grants. Dr. [REDACTED] stated that she was not aware of any improper expenses or behavior by Dr. [REDACTED] nor had she heard of any improper actions. She stated that few people would know more than she about Dr. [REDACTED]'s actions, by virtue of her position as co-PI on his grants, and that she doubted any wrongdoing occurred.

As we found no evidence to substantiate the allegations of misuse of funds and equipment or the exploitation of subordinates, and due to limited investigative resources, further investigation of the allegations is not warranted at this time.

This case is closed.