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Office of
Inspector General

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 30, 1993
FROM: [REDACTED] Special Agent
VIA: [REDACTED] Special Agent in-Charge
Investigations Section
SUBJECT: Allegation of [REDACTED]

TO: Case No. I92120030

On December 10, 1992, we received an allegation of [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] at the University of [REDACTED]. The allegation stated that [REDACTED] a chemistry teacher in the [REDACTED], improperly received funds for teaching a chemistry class by submitting the social security number of Mr. [REDACTED] her fiance. This [REDACTED] allegedly occurred under grant no. [REDACTED]

At our request, officials in [REDACTED] Internal Audit Department investigated the allegation. They found inconsistent evidence regarding Mr. [REDACTED] precise duties, but did find that he prepared a course outline and classroom activities. They also found that Ms. [REDACTED] in fact taught the chemistry class, though Mr. [REDACTED] was paid for doing so. As Mr. [REDACTED] background is in architecture, not chemistry, and due to the lack of proof of Mr. [REDACTED] substantive involvement with the course, [REDACTED] officials agreed to credit the questioned salary payments, totaling \$2,206.39, to NSF.

On August 24, 1993, we issued a memorandum to NSF's Division of Financial Management, requesting that they ensure the crediting of the funds. In addition, [REDACTED] officials informed us that they will implement systemic reforms to prevent future such occurrences, and will also issue a reprimand to [REDACTED], the grant's Principal Investigator, for allowing Mr. [REDACTED] overpayments.

This case is closed.