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Office of
Inspector General

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 25, 1994

FROM: [REDACTED] Special Agent

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

SUBJECT: Allegation of [REDACTED]

TO: Case No. I93010004

On January 26, 1993 we received an allegation of [REDACTED] at the University of [REDACTED]. The allegation was referred to us by S/A [REDACTED] of the FBI's El Paso office. According to S/A [REDACTED] confidential source had contacted him alleging the improper use of NSF funds and falsification of data at [REDACTED]. These actions allegedly occurred under grant no. HRD-8954133.

On October 6, 1993, we contacted Dr. [REDACTED], the cognizant NSF program director for the grant. Dr. [REDACTED] stated that he believed the grant to be progressing satisfactorily toward its established goals, which he confirmed with a site visit on October 8, 1993, and that he was unaware of any serious problems.

We secured S/A [REDACTED] permission to contact the confidential source for an interview. We interviewed Ms. [REDACTED] a former employee of [REDACTED] who worked on the grant from October 1991 to August 1992, by phone on three separate occasions (see File Memo dated June 23, 1994). We found that the information provided by Ms. [REDACTED] indicated a possible failure of the [REDACTED] to fulfill program goals, rather than criminal actions.

As we found no evidence of violations of law, and because the NSF program director believed the grant to be accomplishing its goals, we see no need for further investigation at this time.

This case is closed.