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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 16, 1994

FROM: [REDACTED] Special Agent, Investigations Unit

THRU: [REDACTED] Special Agent-In-Charge,
Investigations Unit

TO: Case File I93060018

On June 2, 1993, I received an allegation over the telephone from [REDACTED] a student finishing his Ph.D. at [REDACTED] University. Mr. [REDACTED] alleged that the administrators of the NSF award [REDACTED] were inappropriately using the NSF award money to fulfill the needs of the department as they determined them. Mr. [REDACTED] listed the administrators as: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. As a result, the whole department was not benefitting from the grant, and the computer equipment purchased under the grant.

On February 15, 1994, I interviewed Dr. [REDACTED], Program Officer on the award. Dr. [REDACTED] stated that the PIs are in charge of the grant and can decide who has access to the computer equipment. Although Dr. [REDACTED] did not make any site visits to [REDACTED] University since the award became effective April [REDACTED], he had no knowledge of any problems occurring with this award. On March 16, 1994, I interviewed four students working under the award. When questioned, none of the students were aware of any problems relating to access or restriction on use of the expensive computer ([REDACTED]) purchased under the award. In addition, these students did not have any concerns or complaints involving the administration of the NSF award under [REDACTED] and the other PIs.

Based upon lack of evidence, I find no reason to further investigate the allegation. Accordingly, this case is closed.