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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 12, 1994 [REDACTED]  
FROM: [REDACTED] Special Agent  
VIA: [REDACTED] Special Agent in-Charge  
Investigations Section  
TO: Case No. I93090037

On August 31, 1993, we were notified by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] NSF's Division of Administrative Services (DAS), that several thefts had taken place in the NSF Physical Fitness Facility. Items stolen included \$40 cash from [REDACTED] miscellaneous items of clothing from several people, and an NSF employee's personal credit card. On September 17, 1993, we were notified of another theft of an NSF employee's personal credit card. Both stolen credit cards were used to make fraudulent purchases at area stores.

We interviewed merchants and salespersons at the locations where the credit cards were used. Because one merchant stated that the suspect wore a U.S. Secret Service-type personnel identification card on a chain, and because Secret Service employees had access to the Fitness Facility area, we enlisted the aid of the Secret Service. Further investigation revealed that no merchants had security tape footage of the purchases, but several were able to provide us with the original purchase receipts.

Based on ETAS records covering the time of the purchases, we identified an NSF employee, [REDACTED], as a suspect in the thefts. On September 24, 1993, we interviewed [REDACTED] with the assistance of Secret Service Agent [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] disavowed knowledge of the thefts, and handwriting samples obtained from him did not match the signatures on the credit card receipts.

On March 5, 1994 [REDACTED] of DAS informed us that he saw a black male in an NSF hallway who he remembered being present in the Fitness Facility around the time of the thefts. We discovered that the name of this employee was [REDACTED]. We interviewed [REDACTED] on March 11, 1994. [REDACTED] denied any involvement, and provided us with handwriting samples. Analysis by the Forensic Document Laboratory, Immigration and Naturalization Service, on the similarity of [REDACTED] handwriting to the handwriting on the credit

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card receipts yielded inconclusive results; according to the document examiner, no definite results could be obtained because the forger mimicked the original signatures on the back of the credit cards.

Finally, we contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Latent Fingerprints Section, which agreed to compare fingerprints found on the credit card receipts with the fingerprints of [REDACTED] and Secret Service employees (which were easily accessible). This comparison yielded negative results.

Due to the lack of further leads to pursue, further investigation into this matter is not warranted. This case is closed.