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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 27, 1994, 4  
FROM: [REDACTED] Special Agent  
VIA: [REDACTED], Special Agent-in-Charge  
Investigations Section

SUBJECT: Allegation of Kickbacks at [REDACTED]

TO: Case No. I93100044

On October 5, 1993 we received a letter from Ms. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] alleging the receipt of kickbacks at the [REDACTED]. According to the [REDACTED] Dr. [REDACTED], PI on grant no. [REDACTED], and Dr. [REDACTED] a member of the [REDACTED], received kickbacks in the form of consulting fees from manufacturers of equipment bought with grant funds.

We discussed the allegation with Dr. [REDACTED], DMR, the program director for the grant. Dr. [REDACTED] stated that in the past, Dr. [REDACTED] and others at [REDACTED] have alluded to their receiving overtures from industry and have asked her advice on how to deal with them. Dr. [REDACTED] received advice on the matter from NSF's Office of General Counsel, and provided it to [REDACTED] personnel. However, Dr. [REDACTED] was not aware of any agreements, kickbacks, or other improper arrangements at the Center.

We attempted to contact the complainant, Ms. [REDACTED] for further information but were unsuccessful; the referenced post office box was fictitious. We then contacted a source on the [REDACTED] campus for information, with negative results.

As we found no evidence of to substantiate the allegation, we see no need for further investigation at this time.

This case is closed.