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Inspector General

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 3, 1994

FROM: [REDACTED] Special Agent

THRU: [REDACTED] SAC, Investigation Section

SUBJECT: Allegation of False Statements

TO: Case No. I93110049

On November 18, 1993, we were contacted by Dr. [REDACTED] a program director in NSF's Division of [REDACTED] regarding an allegation that [REDACTED] had falsely stated on NSF proposal number [REDACTED] that she had received a PhD from [REDACTED] University [REDACTED]

We reviewed [REDACTED] award jacket and contacted [REDACTED] on March 2, 1994. [REDACTED] admitted that she did not have her PhD degree but that she was attempting to get it at the time the proposal was submitted. Apparently, [REDACTED] had refused to award the degree until certain revisions were made in [REDACTED] dissertation; [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in litigation over the matter. [REDACTED] stated that she completed all of the work for her PhD at [REDACTED] and never intended to defraud NSF. [REDACTED] officials confirmed that the matter was being litigated.

On March 28, 1994, we received a letter via Fax from [REDACTED] The letter was from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] doctoral committee chairman, and stated that, with the exception of some revisions to her dissertation, all of [REDACTED] work had been completed at [REDACTED] In addition, it was stated that the school did intend to award [REDACTED] her degree at the fall term commencement ceremony of 1989, which was the approximate time the proposal to NSF was submitted.

We found that [REDACTED] false statement was immaterial: Dr. [REDACTED] stated that she would have recommended the proposal for award

regardless of [REDACTED] credentials. As we found no other improper actions, further investigation is not warranted at this time.

This case is closed.

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