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OFFICE OF
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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 31, 1997
To: I93110050
From: [REDACTED] Agent [REDACTED]
Via: [REDACTED] Special Agent-in-Charge [REDACTED]
Re: Resolution of Case

On November 12, 1993, we received an allegation that [REDACTED] owner of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was deliberately submitting Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) proposals to NSF and other federal agencies without disclosing pending duplicative proposals as required. In addition, it was alleged that one of the Principal Investigators (PI) listed on some of [REDACTED] proposals was actually a full-time employee of another company and illegally transferring that company's proprietary information to [REDACTED]

Our investigation determined that, though [REDACTED] had several submissions to NSF, none were awarded. We also determined that [REDACTED] received several awards from NASA. Consequently, we contacted NASA OIG Special Agent [REDACTED] on December 28, 1993, to assist this investigation. NASA OIG conducted their review, and on September 17, 1996, began discussions about this case with the U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO) for the Eastern District of Virginia.

On April 4, 1997, our office was informed by NASA OIG Special Agent [REDACTED] that, while their investigation had found forged signatures in [REDACTED] proposal documentation, mischarging in [REDACTED] projects, and the use of subcontractors to perform more than 2/3 of the work on certain [REDACTED] projects, the USAO criminal division had declined to take action on this case at this time. Because of the USAO's decision not to take action, the fact that [REDACTED] has never received NSF funding, and Special Agent [REDACTED] keeping us informed of NASA OIG's investigation of this case, further use of NSF investigation resources is not warranted at this time. This case is closed.