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Office of
Inspector General

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31, 1994

FROM: [REDACTED]

VIA: [REDACTED] Special Agent in Charge
Investigations Section

SUBJECT: Allegation of [REDACTED]

TO: Case No. I94020003

On February 3, 1994 we received an anonymous [REDACTED] by an NSF grantee. According to the allegation, an archaeology professor at the University of [REDACTED] Dr. [REDACTED], exhibited violent and threatening behavior toward others, destroyed property, and was possibly involved with drugs while on an NSF-funded archaeological expedition in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is the co-Principal Investigator (PI) on NSF grant no. 9311773. His wife, Dr. [REDACTED], is the PI on the grant; the two travel together and jointly conduct archaeological research under the grant.

We interviewed the NSF program officer on the grant, Dr. [REDACTED]. Dr. [REDACTED] stated that he was unaware of any behavior of the type cited in the allegation. He also stated that he frequently is in contact with several other members of the (close-knit) archaeological community in [REDACTED], none of whom had ever mentioned to him any misbehavior by the [REDACTED]. Dr. [REDACTED] affirmed that to the best of his knowledge, both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] enjoy excellent personal and professional reputations.

We also examined account summaries of the [REDACTED] NSF grant. Expenditures appeared to be within agreed budget categories, and no irregularities were uncovered.

As we found no evidence to substantiate the allegations of violent and destructive behavior and drug use, and due to limited investigative resources, further investigation of the allegations is not warranted at this time.

This case is closed.