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Office of
Inspector General

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 27, 1994
FROM: [REDACTED] Special Agent
VIA: [REDACTED] Agent-in-Charge
Investigations Section
SUBJECT: Allegation that PI paid [REDACTED]
TO: Case No. I94030010

On February 28, 1994, the National Science Foundation (NSF) Office of Inspector General (OIG) received a telephone call from [REDACTED]. According to Mr. [REDACTED] Dr. [REDACTED] had done some [REDACTED] such as having his [REDACTED] that never happened.

Dr. [REDACTED] is the Principal Investigator on the [REDACTED] (E[REDACTED]) His wife Dr. [REDACTED] served as the Interim Program Manager from February 1993 until August 1993. [REDACTED] was hired as Program Manager beginning September 1993. Mr. [REDACTED] was subsequently fired by Dr. [REDACTED].

A follow-up interview with Mr. [REDACTED] was conducted telephonically. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that there had been friction between Dr. [REDACTED] and himself from the beginning. Mr. [REDACTED] claimed that Dr. [REDACTED] had given him bad evaluations to help remove him from the project. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that all of the workshops had occurred. He did state, however, that [REDACTED] was paid a stipend of \$5,000 but never attended any except a one week workshop. Mr. [REDACTED] stated he was unaware of any other misuse of funds and just wanted to make sure that NSF was aware that Dr. [REDACTED] was paying his wife with grant funds.

Dr. [REDACTED] was interviewed telephonically. He stated that his [REDACTED] was paid as Interim Program Manager from February through July, 1993 and had continued working on the [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] an unpaid capacity. Dr. [REDACTED] further explained that Dr. [REDACTED] had been part of the group which conceptualized the project and had later been hired as a whole-language specialist during July 1993. Dr. [REDACTED] was paid one ninth of her salary (\$4,556), she participated in planning the workshop and made presentations on each day of the workshop. Dr. [REDACTED] sent documentation for Dr. [REDACTED] and Dr. [REDACTED].

As we found no evidence to substantiate a misuse of funds and there are no regulations prohibiting family members from working on the same grant, further investigation of this matter is not warranted at this time.

This case is closed.