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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 20, 1996

TO: 194030016

FROM: [REDACTED] Special Agent [REDACTED]

VIA: [REDACTED] Special Agent-in-Charge [REDACTED]

RE: Closing of Case File

On March 17, 1994, our office received allegations from NSF employees that [REDACTED] an insurance agent representing [REDACTED] had made several unauthorized and unsolicited visits to their office in an effort to sell them additional life insurance policies.

During our investigation, we determined that during unsolicited and unauthorized visits [REDACTED] sold insurance to NSF employees. [REDACTED] would then, at a later date, deliberately change employers, tell these same NSF employees that his old employer had been purchased by his new employer (when in reality they had not), and ask that the NSF employees sign over their accounts to the new employer. At one point, he even began forging these employee's signatures on the forms authorizing the switching of accounts. In doing so, [REDACTED] was obtaining sales bonuses for himself but also divesting these employees of their original life insurance policy investments.

While collecting information about [REDACTED] we found that the State of Virginia Bureau of Insurance had recently ruled that [REDACTED] violated several state administrative rules, fined him, and revoked his license. In addition, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service has an active investigation of [REDACTED] activities. Consequently, we interviewed several NSF employees and met with both the cognizant State of Virginia Bureau of Insurance investigator and U.S. Postal Inspector. After analyzing documentary evidence with these agents, we determined that, though NSF employees were victims of [REDACTED] fraudulent activities, the agency suffered no loss and its operations were not affected in any way. We are continuing to assist the U.S. Postal Inspector in their case but, since another federal agency has taken the lead in this matter, an open NSF-OIG case file is not warranted at this time.

This case is closed.