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OFFICE OF
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 29, 1996

TO: I95050021

FROM: [REDACTED] Special Agent [REDACTED]

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

RE: False listing of honorary degree by Dr. [REDACTED]

On May 18, 1995, our office received a newspaper article which reported the resignation of Dr. [REDACTED] from the College of [REDACTED] because he had allegedly listed an honorary degree on his curriculum vitae that he did not actually receive.

The president of the College of [REDACTED] explained that [REDACTED] falsification involved an honorary degree from the University of [REDACTED]. The president stated that [REDACTED] had completed work for his PhD at this institution but had failed to make a presentation of his thesis- the only act necessary to earn the honorary degree.

However, in reviewing his NSF grants, we concluded that [REDACTED] NSF awards were made based on the merits of the projects proposed, the accomplishments of the co-PIs and [REDACTED] experience as an administrator, not as a researcher.

Since there is no evidence that NSF awards were based on [REDACTED] representations about the honorary degree, further investigation is not warranted at this time. This case this closed.