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OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 19, 1996

TO: I96020013

FROM: [REDACTED], Special Agent [REDACTED]

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

RE: Resolution of Case

On February 20, 1996, our office received a letter alleging that Dr. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] University was charging his NSF grants for travel expenses unrelated to his research. Specifically, the complainant alleged that [REDACTED] made seven trips that were paid for with [REDACTED] NSF grant funds but were made, in reality, in order to meet the complainant's wife. The complainant also charged that [REDACTED] made several long-distance telephone calls to the complainant's wife (which were charged to an NSF grant) and that [REDACTED] broke into the complainant's computer to determine how much the complainant knew about [REDACTED] relationship with his (the complainant's) wife.

Initially, we requested and reviewed [REDACTED] University's account summaries for two of [REDACTED] NSF awards: [REDACTED]. We found no unusual telephone or other questionable expenses charged to these grants. We then obtained and analyzed copies of travel source documentation submitted under [REDACTED].

Our analysis showed that no grant funds were paid directly to the complainant's wife. Of the seven trips alleged to be mischarged, there are no travel voucher submissions for three. Three trips were made by [REDACTED] to scientific meetings related to his research. The seventh trip was made to meet with a collaborator who was listed in [REDACTED] proposal and who co-authored several research articles with [REDACTED]. In addition, we contacted various organizations who hosted these scientific meetings and verified that [REDACTED] did not receive any form of payment (honorarium, travel stipend, etc.) from them.

[REDACTED]

Due to the lack of evidence to support the complainant's allegations of waste, fraud, and/or abuse of NSF resources, additional investigation is not warranted at this time. This case is closed.

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