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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 13, 1996
To: Case File no. I96040021 [REDACTED]
Through: [REDACTED] Special Agent-in-Charge, Investigations Section
From: [REDACTED], Investigations Section [REDACTED]
Re: [REDACTED]

On 4/12/96, we received a complaint from an employee in the Division of Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research (SBER) that someone had printed sexually explicit material off the [REDACTED] using the SBER office's laser printer.

At 6:30pm on 4/11/96, the complainant was working in her office and walked down the hallway to the laser printer to retrieve some documents she had just printed. At the printer, on top of her documents, was a pornographic picture which had been printed. The employee picked up the material, along with her work, and showed a coworker. The employee then walked back to the printer to retrieve more of her work and saw three additional pictures that had been printed. She showed these pictures to another coworker. The complainant walked around the office and determined that four other coworkers were in the office at the time. The next day, the employee called the OIG.

At the request of the Inspector General, SBER and the Division of Information Systems (DIS) conducted a review of the Netscape History files (found in [REDACTED] for all of the employees in SBER. The review revealed that one employee's Netscape History files contained homepages of sexually explicit material. This employee, [REDACTED], was one of the seven employees working in the office when the complainant had found the pornographic material on 4/11/96.

The employee has received a three day suspension. SBER employees have received an electronic mail message about the proper use of the [REDACTED]. In addition, DIS will be adding an "Official Use" notification every time a person uses a DIS web browser (Netscape).

This case is closed.