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OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 25, 1996

TO: Case #I96040022

FROM: [REDACTED]

RE: Close-out of [REDACTED]

On or about April 1, 1996, the OIG received an allegation from [REDACTED] a public school teacher in [REDACTED] that an organization with an NSF grant, had not thus far, performed its obligations under the grant. According to [REDACTED] NSF grantee, [REDACTED] was supposed to produce several math teaching units to be used by teachers in 21 schools in and around [REDACTED]. When I spoke with [REDACTED] on April 18, 1996, the schools had received four (4) teaching units out of the seven (7) that were listed in the NSF proposal. [REDACTED] explained that only 7 weeks of school remained and he was concerned that [REDACTED] was not meeting its obligations under the NSF grant.

The NSF grant to [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] was awarded on January [REDACTED] and is scheduled to expire on May [REDACTED]. In [REDACTED]'s allegation, he was sure that the writers hired to produce the teaching units under the grant had already been paid for completing all of the units that the schools had not yet received.

We determined that by the end of the school year, all seven of the teaching units had been produced by [REDACTED] writers as proposed under the grant. [REDACTED] told me that the teaching units produced by the end of the year were not as well written as those that were produced towards the beginning of the project. We determined that this was a concern for the NSF program that granted the award. We found no evidence of fraud or mismanagement of grant funds. The only substantive problem, namely, that the units were not produced in a timely fashion according to [REDACTED] and that the units were not of good quality is clearly an issue to be addressed to NSF's Division of [REDACTED]. At this time this investigation is closed.