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## <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

Date: June 24, 1997

To: I96040024

From: Special Agent

Via: Special Agent-in-Charge

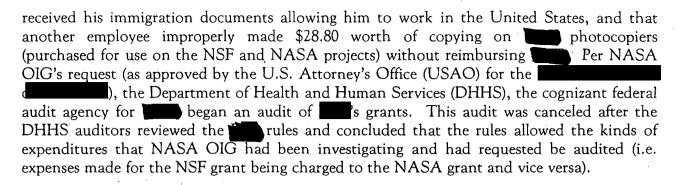
Re: Resolution of Case

On March 25, 1996, we received an allegation that Dr. of the University of was misspending NSF and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) grant and contract funds by charging the NSF grants for NASA related work and vice versa, was using an illegal alien to perform work on the projects, and allowed the employees he supervised to falsify their timecards. Since the same allegation was forwarded by the complainant to the NASA Office of Inspector General (OIG), we coordinated our investigation with their field office.

Initially, we obtained and reviewed account summaries for NSF grant under any, and the last ten travel vouchers submitted by under any NSF grant as of August 1996. Through these reviews we found no evidence of misspending or fraud.

We also examined the Federal Demonstration Project (FDP) rules which governed the NSF and NASA projects and concluded that was allowed, without prior approval or notification, to use NSF grant funds for any related NASA or other federal project on which was the Principal Investigator.

Additional investigation by NASA OIG determined that had mischarged \$2,433.60 of one of semployees NSF salary to a NASA project, paid back-pay to an illegal alien working on the NASA contract by falsifying time cards and paying him only when he



Based on the closing of the audit by DHHS, NASA OIG and the USAO determined that they had insufficient resources to devote to this case at this time. Due to the lack of evidence to show any wrongdoing and the fact that the NASA OIG and USAO are resolving their cases, further investigation is not warranted at this time. This case is closed.