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OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 1, 1997

To: File No. I96100054

From: [REDACTED] Forensic Scientist, Investigations Section [REDACTED]

Re: Case Close-out - Dr. [REDACTED]

*Approved*  
[REDACTED]

Background:

In October 1996, an NSF program director referred an allegation to our office concerning Dr. [REDACTED], an NSF funded scientist from the University of [REDACTED]. The program director had received a call from (at that time) the estranged wife of [REDACTED], who stated that he was using his NSF grant funds to pay for personal travel expenses for himself and another woman with whom he was having an affair. The wife also alleged that [REDACTED] had made this woman a principal investigator (PI) on his grant, and that he also was claiming equipment expenses that were not reimbursed from his grant on his tax returns.<sup>1</sup>

Findings:

I reviewed [REDACTED] account summaries and travel expenditure forms for both his NSF grants, OPP-9529783 and SBR-9308334, and found no evidence of fraud or other criminal activity.

I spoke to the NSF program director on July 1, 1997. He informed me that [REDACTED] is now married to [REDACTED], another NSF PI, who works in the same field as he. The program director said that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were both involved in a group who shared the same research interests, and were conducting field research in Alaska at the same time. He also said that they were both funded by their own grants for travel regarding the field research in Alaska, and therefore there would be no need for [REDACTED] to use his own grant funds to pay for [REDACTED] to travel to Alaska. The program director also stated that both grants appeared to be doing well.

<sup>1</sup> [REDACTED]

Conclusions:

There is no evidence that supports that allegations against [REDACTED]. At this time, this case is closed.