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To: [REDACTED] Acting Assistant Inspector General for Audit [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Special Agent-in-Charge, Investigations Section [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Special Agent, Investigations Section

Re: Case Closeout and Referral

On November 21, 1996, our office received an anonymous letter citing various problems with the way [REDACTED] handled and managed NSF award no. [REDACTED]. The allegations targeted various [REDACTED] personnel, including the PI on the NSF award and the [REDACTED] resident. I investigated to determine the veracity of these allegations.

While conducting my review of documents related to the grant, I determined that [REDACTED] might be a good candidate for an audit rather than a criminal investigation for various reasons: First, there appears to be no clear system of records at [REDACTED]. Second, a past investigation (not by NSF) revealed that former business managers at the school had embezzled funds.

Audit might want to consider reviewing this institution to insure that proper accounting procedures are in place, and that NSF funds are being expended in accordance with NSF and other federal regulations. I have financial documents from [REDACTED] which might be helpful for a "desk" type audit.