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OFFICE OF
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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 24, 1997

To: I97010004

From: [REDACTED] Special Agent [REDACTED]

Via: [REDACTED] Special Agent-in-Charge [REDACTED]

Re: Resolution of Case

On January 23, 1997, an NSF contracts specialist referred allegations made to her by Dr. [REDACTED], PI on NSF grant [REDACTED], alleged that [REDACTED] and State University [REDACTED] his former employer, refused to transfer [REDACTED]'s grant when [REDACTED] became employed with the University of [REDACTED]. Instead, [REDACTED] alleged, [REDACTED] stalled the transfer for several months and [REDACTED] (approximately \$15,000 of the remaining \$30,000) from the grant during that time period.¹

Our office contacted both [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] department where [REDACTED] used to work. We also reviewed account summaries and other financial documentation provided to us by [REDACTED]. Based on these interviews and reviews, we determined that the [REDACTED] charges for the four months between the time [REDACTED] left [REDACTED] and his grant transferred were for grant-related expenditures that [REDACTED] had earlier approved and budgeted for. In fact, when interviewed, [REDACTED] stated that the "missing" \$15,000 could have conceivably been spent during these four months on, among other things, the salaries of the graduate students he had left behind at [REDACTED].

Due to lack of evidence to show that [REDACTED] intentionally mischarged the NSF grant, further investigation is not warranted at this time. This case is closed.

[REDACTED] claimed that [REDACTED] did this, in part, to buy time in order to suggest to NSF that [REDACTED] be replaced as PI.