

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 15, 1998

To: File 197040018 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] /AMT/

RE: Closeout— [REDACTED]

Background

On April 24, 1997, OIG discovered that Dr. [REDACTED] had been arrested for extortion from the McDonald's Corp. [REDACTED] had an NSF award, [REDACTED] through the [REDACTED]. Based on our inquire, the [REDACTED] suspend the NSF Grant. In January 1998, NSF terminated the award and the [REDACTED] returned \$138,657 in grant funds. On April 17, 1998 [REDACTED] was convicted of the charges. On October 7, 1998, we recommended debarment. In December 1998, OGC decided not to act on the debarment because his jail sentence 30 months, is to close to the proposed debarmetn and would not serve to protect the government interest. Case Closed.