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OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 22, 1997

TO: File No. I97070029

FROM: [REDACTED] Investigations Section

RE: Closeout - Dr. [REDACTED]

On July 1, 1997, our office received an anonymous letter citing various allegations against Dr. [REDACTED] an NSF principal investigator (PI) at the [REDACTED]. The complainant(s) alleged that [REDACTED] had sent nearly identical proposals to various federal agencies and received funding for these proposals. They also alleged that [REDACTED] used travel funds for unnecessary trips, and takes his wife to conferences and dinners at the expense of sponsors.

I reviewed [REDACTED] NSF grants from 1992 to present - [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] 9. The former is a current grant. In the current and pending [REDACTED] support section of this proposal, Miller did not include his EPA grant no. [REDACTED] but he did make reference to this in the body of the proposal. It is possible that it's exclusion in the [REDACTED] section might have been an oversight and not intentional. In reviewing the [REDACTED] section for [REDACTED] there was no evidence of any other grants, federal or non-federal, being excluded from this section.

I reviewed a list of current and closed grants for [REDACTED] for the past three years from federal and non-federal sources. I reviewed EPA grant no. [REDACTED] and found no duplication to [REDACTED] NSF proposals.

For the current NSF grant, [REDACTED] has submitted only 1 travel voucher for a trip to the Fall 1996 [REDACTED] Meeting in San Francisco, CA. I found no evidence of third party reimbursements or non-grant related charges, i.e. for [REDACTED] wife, or other types of fraud from this travel voucher and source documentation. [REDACTED] internal audit has decided to inquire as to why the expenses for this trip were divided between two of [REDACTED] federal grants (NSF and EPA).

There is no evidence which supports the allegations received by this office. At this time, this case is closed.