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## **MEMORANDUM**

Date: January 26, 1999

To: File I97090047

Thru: PASSIStant Inspector General for Investigations

From: Special Agent

RE: Closeout-

#### **Background**

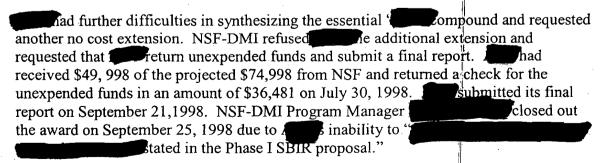
On July 21, 1997, NSF-DMR forwarded an e-mail complaint to NSF-OIG Investigations regarding

Phase I SBIR grant (estimate: \$74,998).

The complainant alleged that the provide the complainant, the University of a subcontractor for samples of to evaluate, as listed in the SBIR award. It bersonnel claimed in the e-mail complaint that the "SBIR is over and I have not received one sample."

#### **Investigation**

The investigation revealed that the had encountered difficulties in synthesizing adequate quantities of the compound essential for its work. As a result, the compound had not been forwarded to its subcontractor, and for evaluation. ART had requested a no cost extension to its Phase I grant and received an extension through February 28, 1998.



# **Conclusions**

There is no evidence of criminal misconduct on the part of the NSF program manager of its difficulties in accomplishing its research objectives and returned the unused portion of its award when requested by the NSF program manager. Based on these findings this case is closed.