

4 November 1997

Memorandum

To: File
Case No. I97090052

From: [REDACTED]
Investigative Attorney

Through: [REDACTED]
Special Agent-in-Charge

Subject: Closeout Memo

We received a complaint that in January 1996 a University of [REDACTED] professor had submitted a proposal for NSF funding which cited the complainant's doctoral research as its preliminary data. In addition, the complainant said that in September 1996 the professor had applied for fellowship funding for her from NSF, even though she did not qualify for this funding. In addition, the complainant has filed three academic grievances with the university against various individuals, alleging personal difficulties and [REDACTED] committed against her. The complainant submitted numerous documents to NSF OIG, including a list of 217 people who she believes are relevant to her complaint.

A review of the professor's proposals to NSF indicated that he had not applied for NSF funding at the times the complainant had suggested, and that the only proposals submitted by the professor to NSF [REDACTED] were in May 1995 and January 1997. Neither proposal was funded, and neither proposal mentioned the complainant or her research. In addition, neither proposal sought fellowship funding for the complainant. Dr. [REDACTED] reviewed the complaint and the proposal files, and agreed that the complainant's claims are not supported by the proposal files.

Based on the complainant's statement that she was unsure whether Dr. [REDACTED] had even received a Ph.D., I contacted the [REDACTED] University of [REDACTED] (via the U.S. Embassy in [REDACTED] to verify Dr. [REDACTED] academic credentials. The University Registrar confirmed that Dr. [REDACTED] received his Ph.D. in 1983.

Based on the above developments, this case is closed.