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Closeout: [REDACTED]

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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 27, 1998

To: File No. I98080019

From: [REDACTED] Special Agent, Investigations Section
[REDACTED] Investigations Section [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Through: [REDACTED], Special Agent-in-Charge, Investigations Section

Re: Case Closeout - [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Background:

[REDACTED] of the University of [REDACTED] received funding from NSF through grant no. [REDACTED]. Between 7/27/96-7/30/96, [REDACTED] attended a conference in Japan sponsored by the University of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] held the conference using funds from NSF grant no. [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] of OIG Audit performed a proactive review of conference awards and found indications that [REDACTED] double billed his travel expenses from this conference. It appeared that [REDACTED] requested and received reimbursements from both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for an airline ticket. Audit referred these findings to Investigations for further review.

Investigation:

We requested travel vouchers and supporting documents for [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] for the past 2 years. We also requested travel vouchers and supporting documents from [REDACTED] for reimbursements to [REDACTED] for attending the conference. The ticket to Japan cost \$3150.00. [REDACTED] vouchers show that they reimbursed [REDACTED] \$1575.00, half the price of the ticket. The vouchers also contain a note indicating the other half will be paid by [REDACTED]. The vouchers for the conference show that [REDACTED] paid half the airfare, \$1575, and, there was also a note stating that [REDACTED] will cover the other half.

Findings:

[REDACTED] did not double bill NSF for the airline ticket to Japan. After reviewing the remaining [REDACTED] vouchers, we found no further indications of fraud. The case is closed.