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INSPECTOR GENERAL

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: November 6, 1998  
To: File No. I98080020 [REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] Special Agent, Investigations Sections  
[REDACTED] Investigation Student Trainee  
Via: [REDACTED] Special Agent-in-Charge  
Re: Case Closeout - [REDACTED]

**Background:**

An audit review of conference awards found indications of potential duplicate charging of travel expenses by Dr. [REDACTED] Professor of [REDACTED] for the 1997 Summer [REDACTED] Conference trip (7/12/97 - 7/14/97).

Dr. [REDACTED] worked on a project ([REDACTED] \$188,166), which has expired as of June 30, 1998, with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] entitled [REDACTED]

He is currently working on a project ([REDACTED], \$200,500), expiring July 1, 1999, entitled [REDACTED] in conjunction with [REDACTED]

**Investigation:**

We asked for travel vouchers and source documents for conference travel for the last 2 years from Dr. [REDACTED] from some institution and for the last 5 years from the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] sent us a total of six travel vouchers and [REDACTED] sent us reimbursement documents for one conference.

Both institutions sent us travel documents for one trip to a 1997 [REDACTED] Conference, in Seattle, WA.

In addition, the [REDACTED] (which is NSF grant funded), at [REDACTED] confirmed that Dr. [REDACTED] attended the May 11-16, 1998 [REDACTED] Conference and received reimbursement. [REDACTED] also verbally confirmed the total amount they reimbursed and identified each travel expense. We found no evidence of duplicate travel reimbursements to Dr. [REDACTED] for this trip.

**Findings:**

Although the initial audit review suggested potential fraudulent activity, we have found no evidence of duplicate travel reimbursements to Dr. [REDACTED] for the one trip we have source documents for the 1997 [REDACTED] trip.

No further review is warranted at this time. Case is closed.

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