

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 9, 1999

To: File No. I98090029

From: [REDACTED], Investigations Student Trainee [REDACTED]

Through: [REDACTED] Assistant Inspector General for Investigations

Re: Case Close-Out-[REDACTED]

Background

Audit referred a potential duplicate travel case to us involving [REDACTED]. It appeared that [REDACTED] had been reimbursed by the NSF- sponsored [REDACTED] for two airline tickets which had also been billed to his NSF grant.

Investigation

We reviewed travel documentation and account summaries for the past four years from both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], where [REDACTED] is currently employed. We also requested [REDACTED] expense report for the conference in question from [REDACTED]. With the exception of the trip to the [REDACTED], no duplicate reimbursement was found.

The expense report which [REDACTED] submitted to [REDACTED] M requested reimbursement for an airline ticket in the amount of \$222.00. [REDACTED] research technician, also submitted a request for \$222.00 for her airline ticket. [REDACTED] \$222.00, and reimbursed [REDACTED] \$773.06, \$222.00 of which is itemized as an airline ticket. We requested and received copies of the cancelled checks which were issued to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Among the documentation received from [REDACTED] was an invoice paid to [REDACTED] travel in the amount of \$464.00 for these same tickets. We obtained

a copy of the cancelled check which [REDACTED] had remitted in payment for this invoice.

We interviewed [REDACTED] via telephone on February 2, 1999. He stated that he is unable to recall who purchased the airline tickets, but that he does not believe that they were paid for by his grant funds. He recalled requesting reimbursement for travel from [REDACTED] but stated that he can not remember if airline tickets were part of that claim.

Findings

The cancelled checks from [REDACTED] indicate that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were reimbursed for airline tickets which were in fact purchased by his grant funds at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were reimbursed by [REDACTED] in the total amount of \$444.00. The cancelled check issued to [REDACTED] indicates that she signed her check over to [REDACTED] has repaid [REDACTED] \$444.00. [REDACTED] of the Division of Financial Management has confirmed that [REDACTED] has sent a check for this amount to NSF.