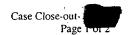
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Memorandum

Date:

March 28, 2000

To:

File #I98120038

From:

Through:

Assistant inspector General for Investigations

Re:

Case Close-out-

Background

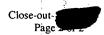
We received a letter from an anonymous source alleging that was paying for personal travel and equipment with her NSF funding. The letter also alleged that NSF funds were being used to pay for services not related to the grant, and that was paying University employees not employed on her NSF grant with her grant funds.

Investigation

We requested travel expense reports and source documentation for all of NSF grants. One trip which had been specifically mentioned as fraudulent by the confidential source was a travel we therefore began our review by focusing on this trip. We subpoenaed the hotel in the fortheir records of who had stayed there during the conference. These records indicated that it had been reimbursed correctly for hotel expenses. We also spoke to the president of the conference who confirmed attendance and the attendance of other

We then reviewed all travel documents provided by inversity. There did not appear to be any irregularity in reimbursements, and all vouchers were supported by source documentation.

We also investigated an allegation that the work of the security for the security company, which indicated that it was paid by and never by We located one letter from and to the which showed that a baid \$4,000 for security. I contacted the compliance Officer for the and the contract negotiator at They both stated that the security is ad used NSF funds to pay the contacted the and never by the work of the contract and the contract negotiator at the security is a security.



contract with a and that are is therefore required to prove that they use minority-owned businesses. Provided this letter to the specific contract.

Findings

We have reviewed several aspects of the allegations presented to us by our confidential source. As of this date, all expenses have been supported. This case is closed.