MEMORANDUM

Date: June 18, 1999

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To: File #I-99050019 [redacted]

Via: [redacted]

From: SA [redacted] Investigations [redacted]

Re: Case Closeout - [redacted]
Proposal # [redacted]

Background:

On March 24, 1999, this office received information telephonically from [redacted] alleging that a fraudulent grant proposal was submitted from the [redacted] NSF in 1994. According to [redacted] the grant contained false cost estimates. Further, that the signature of Co-PI [redacted] was forged on the proposal. The grant proposal was declined by NSF.

Findings

1. [redacted] did not sign her name as co-PI on the grant proposal and she did not remember if she gave anyone permission to sign her name.
2. [redacted] did not have [redacted] institutional grant for [redacted] and had no knowledge of a future submission of said grant.
3. In 1994, [redacted] provided separate cost estimates for five separate areas as possible grant projects. The top priority area as listed in [redacted] memo dated April 1, 1994, the [redacted] was selected for use in the proposal.

Though the 1994 grant is written to renovate the entire [redacted] and a [redacted] the budget that was submitted along with the proposal seems to reflect only the cost for the [redacted] and [redacted] It appears that, had the grant been awarded, it would not have been possible to complete the project as described in the text of the proposal and based upon the provided budget.

The 1994 grant was declined and the 1996 grant proposal was never submitted to NSF. Based on the above information, no significant findings of fraud, waste or abuse of federal funds was found. The case is closed.