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On June 11, 1993, [REDACTED], the Program Director [REDACTED] informed OIG of possible allegations of misconduct he had received in a telephone call from the complainant, [REDACTED] President of [REDACTED]. The complainant stated that several [REDACTED] scientists have founded independent side businesses whose products compete with [REDACTED]. The complainant alleged that these scientists benefit unfairly from their association with [REDACTED] and that it was a conflict of interest for these scientists to be employed by [REDACTED] and operate companies for profit in the same technical field. [REDACTED] is supported by a cooperative agreement between NSF and a consortium of universities.

OIG requested and received a detailed description of the complainant's concerns from him. After reviewing this material OIG determined that these issues were not misconduct in science, and were most appropriately handled by the Audit Division of the Inspector General's Office. This misconduct case was closed without further action and the pertinent information transferred to Audit.



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