

CLOSEOUT FOR M-93080043

On August 3, 1993, OIG received a letter from the complainant, [REDACTED] a student participant in the [REDACTED] (the program) at the [REDACTED] (the institution). Under this program, the complainant was training to be a middle or high-school science teacher. Part of the program was a course in which the complainant taught a class under a full-time teacher as a mentor, with other administrators as observers. The complainant alleged that subject #1, [REDACTED] Director of the program (now deceased) misappropriated program funds. The complainant further alleged that as a result of his reporting to subject #1 and a graduate school dean that there were serious problems with the program, problems associated with inadequate supervision by his teaching administrators, the following occurred: 1) subject #1 retaliated by refusing to change or explain the complainant's final grade of "C" in a teacher training course that had been assigned by his mentor teacher, a grade that prevented him from receiving teacher certification; 2) subject #2, [REDACTED] the complainant's mentor teacher [REDACTED] retaliated by assigning the complainant a final grade of C; and 3) subject #3, [REDACTED] an administrator [REDACTED] assigned to observe the complainant teach, retaliated by treating him in a hostile fashion and assigning him heavy workloads. The program was supported in part by NSF [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED]

Subject #1 was the PI on both awards.

OIG reviewed the information provided by the complainant. This included two letters and a diary note of a telephone conversation. In the complainant's second letter to OIG, he offered to provide us with documents and other information to support his allegations.

OIG wrote to the complainant requesting the additional information. We specifically requested clarification of the alleged misappropriation of funds, about which he had provided no details, and any information he could furnish that related to the alleged retaliation. Over nine months have passed and the complainant has not responded to our letter or our more recent telephone call.

Without specific information identifying the nature and extent of the alleged misappropriation of program funds and of the alleged retaliation, OIG was unable to proceed with its inquiry and therefore closed the case.

cc: Senior Scientist, Deputy AIG-Oversight, AIG-Oversight, IG