

## CLOSEOUT FOR M-94110038

On 22 November 1994, the [REDACTED] forwarded a letter to OIG that was originally addressed to [REDACTED] NSF. The envelope had the official logo and return address for the [REDACTED] (the Department), [REDACTED] (the institution). The letter was unsigned, but had the typed name of [REDACTED] the complainant, at the bottom. The complainant explained that she worked in the Department at the institution. The letter was a photocopy of an original letter to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] at the institution. The complainant alleged that subject #1, [REDACTED] the Director of the Department, was "seducing graduate students under his care," and that the "immoral Department [had] a long history of even more unholy acts." The complainant alleged that four other subjects affiliated with the Department were sexually harassing graduate students. Subject #2, [REDACTED] subject #3, [REDACTED] subject #4, [REDACTED], and subject #5, [REDACTED], "all seduced graduate students who were directly under their supervision." The complainant further stated that copies of this letter would be sent to all granting agencies that supported the Department if the institution did not conduct an investigation and "fire these Professors."

Accompanying the letter was a photocopy of a note (author unknown) that was apparently produced from letters and words cut from magazines or newspapers. The note alleged that subject #1 had been sexually harassing one named female student as well as many other unnamed students in the Department.

NSF investigates allegations of misconduct in science "in proposing, carrying out, or reporting results from activities funded by NSF" (45 C.F.R. part 689.1). OIG reviewed NSF's files and determined that none of the subjects received NSF support at this time. Subject #2 never applied for or received any NSF support. Subjects #1 and #3 have had no NSF support for ten and eighteen years, respectively. Subjects #4 and #5 received NSF equipment grants that concluded over two years before OIG received the complainant's allegations.

The complainant's letter did not state that the alleged misconduct occurred in connection with NSF-supported activities. OIG was unable to make a connection between the complainant's allegations of misconduct and any recent NSF support to the subjects that would involve work with students.

This inquiry is closed and no further action will be taken.

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