

CLOSEOUT FOR M96090031

This case came to OIG on September 20, 1996, when we received a copy of an electronic mail message written by Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Division of [REDACTED] (the NSF administrator). He reported on a conversation with Dr. [REDACTED] (the complainant), an NSF supported scientist with a Ph.D. in [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]. He informed OIG that she told him that there was a hostile environment for female and minority scientists in the [REDACTED] Department at the university. He also indicated that she believed that her dissertation advisor, Dr. [REDACTED] (the subject), had made inappropriate sexual advances to her.

OIG called the complainant. Her allegations against the subject concern nuances of interactions that occurred over six years ago. OIG concluded that memories of these distant events could not be sufficiently reliable as to context and detail to form the basis for NSF action concerning the complainant's allegations.

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

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