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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

**Case Number: I-17-0057-O**

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We investigated allegations that an NSF Principal Investigator (PI) spent grant funds on supplies and materials purchased from his spouse's company without disclosing his personal interest to his employer. Our investigation verified the allegation and also found the PI improperly used NSF monies to pay for certain company expenses. While the PI was indicted by local authorities for embezzlement, the case was ultimately dismissed. NSF debarred the PI, as well as the spouse's company, for 2 years governmentwide and the PI's employer reimbursed NSF over \$135,000 for improper payments using grant funds.