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Office of
Inspector General

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31, 1992

FROM: [REDACTED] Special Agent, Investigations Unit

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

TO: Case No. I91120027

On December 10, 1991, we received a call from SA [REDACTED] US Customs Service, [REDACTED]. SA [REDACTED] stated that received an allegation that the [REDACTED] a research ship being built was for NSF use in [REDACTED] was being built with substandard bolts from [REDACTED]. According to SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were building the ship off [REDACTED] in a Foreign Trade Subzone. SA [REDACTED] wanted to know if NSF had a contract with [REDACTED]. SA [REDACTED] said that Customs Service was sending an agent to check the bolts being used.

I called [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] and [REDACTED]). I was told that NSF does not have a contract for the ship. NSF does have a contract with [REDACTED] to provide services to NSF in the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] have signed the contract with [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] ship.

I relayed this information to SA [REDACTED]

On March 13, 1992, I called SA [REDACTED]. SA [REDACTED] said that Customs checked and found nothing to substantiate the allegation. Customs checked the bolts being used for the ship to see if they are on the list of substandard bolts. If something further came up SA [REDACTED] said that he would contact me.

On March 31, 1992, [REDACTED] said that heard of no other allegations about the [REDACTED] and they were going to close their file.

This case is closed.