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Office of
Inspector General

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 15, 1993

FROM: [REDACTED] Special Agent

VIA: [REDACTED] Special Agent-in-Charge
Investigations Unit

SUBJECT: Possible Conflict of Interest by Division Director

TO: Case No. I92010001

In January, 1992 we received an allegation from a confidential source that Dr. [REDACTED] Director of the Division of [REDACTED] and a professional photographer, was taking photographs for later resale while on official business. Dr. [REDACTED] allegedly also failed to disclose a conflict of interest with [REDACTED], which financed his exhibits.

We talked with Dr. [REDACTED] previous supervisor, Dr. [REDACTED] who told us that Dr. [REDACTED] was an excellent employee, and that he was not aware of any problems regarding Dr. [REDACTED]. We also reviewed Dr. [REDACTED] conflicts of interest file in the Office of General Counsel. While Dr. [REDACTED] did note in his file that he had received income from the sale of photographs, he had not recused himself from matters involving [REDACTED].

We interviewed Dr. [REDACTED] on July 14, 1993, and asked him about any affiliation with or benefit derived by him from [REDACTED]. Dr. [REDACTED] stated that, in 1989, the [REDACTED] gallery received a grant from [REDACTED] for photography exhibits. He stated that though he was one of many photographers invited by the gallery to participate, he received no financial benefit from [REDACTED]. He further stated that he has sold photographs at exhibits, but that there was no contact between him and [REDACTED] at that time nor since. Regarding the taking of photographs during work hours, Dr. [REDACTED] denied ever doing so, and stated that he had taken photographs while on travel for NSF, but all were taken either in the evenings or on weekends.

As no violations were found, this case is closed.