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Office of  
Inspector General

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31, 1993

FROM: [REDACTED] Special Agent, Investigations Unit

SUBJECT: Possible Conflict of Interest by [REDACTED]

TO: Case No. I92040011

On April 6, 1992, we were notified by an OIG auditor, [REDACTED] that a possible conflict of interest/limit on outside income violation may have taken place involving [REDACTED], Director of the Division of [REDACTED]. Ms. [REDACTED] had found that a check for \$50 to Dr. [REDACTED] from the publishing company [REDACTED] was mistakenly credited to NSF.

Dr. [REDACTED] explained in his letter of April 8, 1992, that to the best of his recollection the \$50 check was an [REDACTED] for the critical review of a manuscript, and that such [REDACTED] were standard practice. Dr. [REDACTED] also stated that the review was done on his own time.

We reviewed Dr. [REDACTED] Financial Disclosure form (Form 278), and found no irregularities. The only possible violation identified by us was of the [REDACTED] on all Executive branch employees, which was in effect at the time that the \$50 check was issued. However, the ban was repealed on March 30, 1993 in *National Treasury Employees Union v. United States*, LEXIS No. 6565 (D.C. Cir. 1993), rendering the acceptance of the \$50 [REDACTED] legal.

As no violations were found, this case is closed.