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Office of
Inspector General

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 22, 1993

FROM: [REDACTED] Special Agent-in-Charge, Investigations
Section

SUBJECT: Allegation of Misuse of Funds

TO: Case No. I93030013

On March 22, 1993, we were contacted by [REDACTED] a recently terminated employee of the University of [REDACTED]. According to Ms. [REDACTED] who worked as an Administrative Assistant to Dr. [REDACTED] in the Biochemistry Department at [REDACTED] Dr. [REDACTED] frequently made improper purchases of supplies, commingling her NSF grant funds with the funds of another NSF grantee, Ms. [REDACTED]. Ms. [REDACTED] also alleged that Dr. [REDACTED] falsified expenditures, keeping separate accounting records showing actual expenditures while providing incorrect records to the University. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she had retained counsel in an effort to win back her job.

We compared the budgeted, first-year expenditures of Dr. [REDACTED] NSF grant with the month-by-month Account Summary provided to us by [REDACTED], and found no evidence of improper expenditures. On April 20, 1993, we contacted Ms. [REDACTED] for additional information. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she could not point out any further areas of possible wrongdoing, except that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] know of improprieties. Ms. [REDACTED] further stated, in contrast to the tenor of her original allegation, that she did not believe there was any criminal intent on Dr. [REDACTED] part, just arrogance and inexperience with grant management.

We contacted the former Administrative Assistant, [REDACTED], that Ms. [REDACTED] believed might be aware of wrongdoing. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she had worked in that position for two and one-half years, and was unaware of any possible wrongdoing or mismanagement of funds. She also stated that she believed it very unlikely that grants funds were misused, given Ms. [REDACTED] character and background.

Based on our review of the case, and the lack of facts substantiating the allegation, I do not feel that further investigative resources should be expended at this time.

This case is closed.
