

CLOSEOUT OF M-91080032

By letter of July 9, 1991, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) received an allegation of misconduct from [REDACTED] (the complainant) against the National Science Foundation (NSF) (the subject). The allegation was that there have been systematic substantive violations of the NSF Act of 1950 by peer review panels in [REDACTED]" and essentially these alleged violations have contributed to the economic, political, and social demise of the United States. In both telephone conversations (of June 3 and August 1, 1991) and a letter dated September 11, 1991, the Assistant Inspector General for Oversight (AIGO) explained the jurisdictional limitations of NSF misconduct regulations to the complainant and requested same to provide specific instances of misconduct under NSF's definition of misconduct beyond the general allegation that had been made. The complainant was advised that in the absence such information OIG would close this matter. In response to the request for specific information, the complainant submitted by letters dated October 19 and November 7, 1991, two versions of a document (both in excess of 100 pages) entitled [REDACTED]. This document did not contain factual evidence of misconduct that "has occurred in proposing, carrying out, or reporting results from activities funded by NSF." The AIGO concluded that the complainant's allegation was an honest disagreement in scholarly approach and does rise to the level of misconduct. Thus, this matter is now considered closed.

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