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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-22-0039-O

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We investigated an allegation that a Principal Investigator (PI) improperly used NSF award funds for personal use. The affected award funds were alleged to have originated from invoiced payments to an outside contractor assisting with the research project. The PI reportedly requested and received cash back from the contractor on several occasions.

We obtained and reviewed NSF award documents, financial records and communications between the PI and the contractor. We also interviewed the PI, the contractor, and other individuals associated with the award. We did not substantiate the allegation.

This case is **closed** with no further action taken.