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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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This case arose from a proactive summer research project involving Current and Pending Support on selected grants at several major institutions. In particular, this case involves possible violation of NSF's 2/9ths Rule, which states that a PI can only receive a total of two months of summer salary per year from NSF grants. According to the proactive research, the subject¹ requested one month of summer salary (per year, for three years) in one NSF proposal² (which was sent to NSF in October 2000) along with two months of summer salary (per year, for three years) in a second NSF proposal³ (which was sent to NSF in November 2000).

NSF granted each proposal.

Although these proposals contain a cumulative request for three months of summary salary (per year), the subject submitted an appropriate Current and Pending Support Form on the second NSF proposal (submitted on 7 November 2000). Accordingly, NSF granted only one month of summer salary on each of the projects.

The subject did not violate NSF's 2/9ths Rule, and accordingly this case is closed.

¹ [redacted]

² [redacted]

³ [redacted]