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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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In a proactive survey of PI summer salaries, our office learned the subject<sup>1</sup> may have violated NSF's two-ninths rule [Grant Proposal Guide (99-2), Chapter II.D.7.a(1)] which states:

Summer salary for faculty members on academic-year appointments is limited to no more than two-ninths of their regular academic-year salary. This limit includes summer salary received from all NSF-funded grants.

In this case, the subject was the PI on two NSF awards (Award 1<sup>2</sup> and Award 2<sup>3</sup>) with budgeted summer salary that potentially overlapped in the summer of 2002. Award 1 requested one month of summer salary for 7/1/99-6/30/00, and two months summer salary for 7/1/00-6/30/01 and 7/1/01-6/30/02. Award 2 requested two months of summer salary for 9/1/01-8/31/02. Accordingly, our office sent a letter to the subject requesting clarification.

In the response letter, the subject stated (and provided documentation showing) that he was paid one month of salary in the summer of 1999 from Award 1 and two months of salary in each of the summers of 2000 and 2001. For the summer of 2002 he was paid salary only from Award 2. His payments of summer salary were therefore consistent with NSF's rule.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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