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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A03120081

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This grant¹ was selected as part of our proactive review of FY 2001 awards for conferences, workshop, and symposia to assess compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and award conditions. As part of this review, we requested documents from the grantee describing how it dispensed program income, if any was generated.

There was no program income generated under this grant. However, we noted three instances of flights, charged to the grant, that appeared to violate Title 49 U.S. Code 40118, commonly referred to as the Fly America Act (FAA). We wrote the grantee and requested an explanation. The grantee explained one of the flight carriers had a partnership agreement with a U.S. airline. For another flight, there appears to have been no available U.S. carrier. The third flight, which was booked on a short time deadline, appears to have been sought only for the lowest cost. Cost alone is not a qualifying exemption though. Accordingly, we sent a letter to the grantee emphasizing all future travel should comply with the FAA. The letter resolves the matter, and this case is *closed*.

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