



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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On 30 April 2003, OIG received a complaint regarding misuse of travel funds by a Division Director¹. During the summer of 2002, the Division Director allegedly traveled on several occasions to his home institution² to perform independent research and was reimbursed travel expenses that were unallowable. Under the NSF/Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) travel regulations in place at the time, IPA's were not entitled to be reimbursed for lodging, meals, or incidentals when traveling to their home institution for Independent Research/Development (IRD). The Division Director was hired as an IPA.

OIG evaluated all of the Division Director's travel reimbursements for compliance with the NSF travel regulations for IPA travel. OIG discovered one travel reimbursement for which the Division Director was reimbursed for unallowable expenses. The Division Director was interviewed to ascertain whether he received the reimbursement.

After reviewing the NSF financial database and interoffice records, OIG concluded that the Division Director was inadvertently reimbursed for unallowable travel expenses in the amount of \$395.48. OIG notified the Division Director and a check was issued to the National Science Foundation for \$395.48. Since the Division Director was unaware that he had been improperly reimbursed, OIG could not find any intent to defraud the federal government. Accordingly, this case is closed.

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