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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-03-05-0019

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This investigation was opened as a result of an e-mail that was sent to NSF informing NSF that the sender¹ of the e-mail had breached one of NSF's computer networks². The sender of the e-mail also advised that s/he had downloaded everything that was on the network and was prepared to sell the information to others³ unless NSF paid them not to do so.

NSF OIG requested assistance from the FBI's Criminal Computer Intrusion Squad. The investigation resulted in the identification and arrest of an individual⁴ in Bucharest, Romania, who confessed to sending the e-mail. The individual's trial has been pending since June 2003.

In light of the fact that the Romanian prosecutor's office can no longer locate the subject to stand trial, no further investigative effort is necessary in this matter.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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