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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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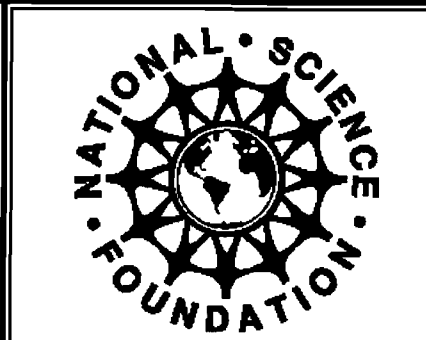
There was no closeout written at the time this case was closed. The following information was extracted from the file in conformance with standard closeout documents.

Our office was informed that the subject¹ was alleged to have used NSF-paid students to do work for his private company. Our subsequent investigation showed that, while one of the interns unknowingly did some computer programming for the subject's company, she also successfully completed her project, was paid the full amount of her stipend, and highly approved of the program. The objectives of the program were met and no NSF funds appear to have been misused.

Accordingly this case is closed.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 24, 1997
To: 197010002
From: Special Agent [Signature]
Via: Special Agent-in-Charge [Signature]
Re: Results of Investigation Regarding Dr. [Signature] Use of NSF-paid
Interns to Complete Work For His Private Company

On January 9, 1997, our office received an allegation from a [redacted] faculty member that Dr. [redacted] faculty member and Principal Investigator (PI) on NSF grant [redacted], used two NSF-paid interns to do work for his private company,

The interns in question were paid from NSF grant [redacted], an award made to [redacted] but used to fund interns for most [redacted] faculty members. NSF OIG interviews with one of these interns (the other refused to contact NSF OIG after NSF OIG left her electronic mail messages) confirmed that she did, in fact, complete the research project she had planned to do under the NSF program. In addition, she stated that, though she did not know that [redacted] was running a private company which developed research equipment and that ultimately she was assisting in developing this equipment, she provided [redacted] with computer programming to develop equipment that would complement her student project. The intern stated that she was satisfied with her experiences under the program and would enroll in the program again if she could.

We have concluded that [redacted] use of these interns did not affect their successful participation in the program. They completed their student projects, received the full

amount of NSF funds budgeted for the program's participants, and were satisfied with their respective research experiences. In addition, we obtained and reviewed account summaries for NSF award [redacted] and did not identify any charges or expenses that are connected to [redacted] private company. [redacted], therefore, did not violate any NSF grant regulations and does not appear to have violated any federal statutes.

Due to the lack of evidence showing that [redacted] used NSF grant funds to support his private company, this case is closed.