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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 14, 1996  
To: Case File No. I96020012 [REDACTED]  
Through: [REDACTED], Special Agent-in-Charge, Investigations Section  
From: [REDACTED], Investigations Section  
Re: Case Resolution - [REDACTED]

Background/Allegation(s):

We received an allegation on February 15, 1996 that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], former NSF staff members, had accepted positions with The [REDACTED] right before and right after it was awarded a \$20 million dollar NSF contract for [REDACTED]. The source also alleged that other dealings with The [REDACTED] were suspect. The [REDACTED] is a subcontractor for [REDACTED] which received the contract.

Contracts, Policy, & Oversight (CPO) also received vague allegations that [REDACTED] was assisted by individuals at NSF in writing the proposal. We reviewed technical proposals submitted by [REDACTED], which included a letter written by [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED] (TIO). In this letter he expresses [REDACTED] commitment to assist in the [REDACTED] bid.

Findings:

Mr. [REDACTED] and Ms. [REDACTED] began working for [REDACTED] in August 1994 and January 1996, respectively. A review of the contract and proposal for [REDACTED] did not reveal any communication between Mr. [REDACTED], Ms. [REDACTED], and NSF staff responsible for the developing and issuing of the [REDACTED] and technical review of the proposal. CPO said [REDACTED] was chosen because of its sound technical proposal and for cost reasons, and had no knowledge of anyone helping [REDACTED] write or develop the proposal.

Conclusions:

A review of [REDACTED] technical proposal and contract file and interviews with NSF staff members involved in this procurement revealed no evidence of improper influence during the procurement process. In addition, there is no evidence that [REDACTED] received help from NSF staff during this process. Therefore, this case is closed.