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To: File
Case # 196060039 [REDACTED]

Through: [REDACTED]
SAC, Investigations Section

From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Investigative Attorney [REDACTED]

Date: 8-12-96

Subject: Closeout Memo

Pursuant to an anonymous request, we investigated Grant No. [REDACTED] to determine whether NSF funds were being used to improperly reimburse a Principal Investigator for international travel. Specifically, on 6-20-96, this office received a facsimile transmission from an anonymous source, which suggested that NSF funds were being used to improperly support a grantee's "vacation." The facsimile included a letter from [REDACTED] the Principal Investigator on the above-referenced grant, requesting that travel funds and salary be paid from the NSF grant, for grant-related research to be performed in [REDACTED], Germany.

Upon review of the grant file, we determined that [REDACTED], Program Director for the [REDACTED] approved the request for funds by a memorandum to the grant file dated 5-16-95. This memo was faxed to [REDACTED] advising him that a written request was needed. By correspondence dated 5-23-95, Dr. [REDACTED], Director of the [REDACTED] Office of Sponsored Programs, formally requested that travel and salary funds be authorized for [REDACTED] research in [REDACTED] Germany.