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Case Closeout- [REDACTED]

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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 31, 2000

To: File # I99100043

From: [REDACTED]

Through: [REDACTED]

Re: Case Closeout- [REDACTED]

In October of 1999, we received information from the [REDACTED] Program at [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had stolen computer equipment and software which had been funded by a NSF grant. [REDACTED] had been terminated by [REDACTED] July. When [REDACTED] the Director of the [REDACTED] inventoried [REDACTED] office, he found that items worth approximately \$10,000 were missing. [REDACTED] notified the FBI and the [REDACTED] campus police. The majority of the missing equipment was returned to the college later that month. The [REDACTED] campus police have been conducting this investigation since.

On March 15, 2000, we contacted [REDACTED] to inquire about the status of this case. He notified us that the United States Attorney's Office would not accept this case because the equipment was not titled to the federal government. The [REDACTED] County Attorney's Office refused to accept the case because of sovereignty issues which arose because the victim is the [REDACTED] nation. The [REDACTED] Nation court was unable to accept the case because [REDACTED] is not a [REDACTED]. As a result of these jurisdictional problems, no charges will be filed. This case is closed.