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USAID INVESTIGATION LEADS TO INDICTMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C. --The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) announced today that Waltraud "Trudy" Alloway, also known as Waltraud "Trudy" Jackson, was indicted on fifteen counts of embezzlement and money laundering in the Eastern District of Virginia.

USAID provides humanitarian and economic development assistance to developing nations worldwide. A portion of this aid is disbursed to private voluntary organizations overseas through U.S. companies contracted with USAID. Alloway was previously employed as the Chief Financial Officer by one such U.S. company, Datex, Inc., as the head of Finance and Administration.

The scheme, as disclosed by the investigation, called for Alloway to misuse her position. On approximately fourteen occasions, she transferred USAID funds from her employer's bank accounts to "Aftermath Associates," a company that she owned. To do this, she filled out blank Datex checks that had previously been signed by the company president. On three occasions, she also authorized Datex's banks to wire transfer money to her company. She then destroyed or altered Datex's cashiered checks and bank statements to conceal her activities.

Alloway's activities occurred from approximately June 1998 through April 2000. During that period, she stole approximately \$225,000.

As disclosed in the indictment, Alloway used the stolen funds for personal costs, including the purchase of her Sterling, Virginia home. A notice of forfeiture was accordingly levied upon this property by the United States Attorney's Office. Alloway's arraignment is scheduled for May 6, 2002.

USAID Inspector General Everett L. Mosley stated that the OIG is continuing to work with USAID management to eliminate those individuals and organizations that take advantage of the foreign assistance program.

The U.S. Agency for International Development has provided economic and humanitarian assistance worldwide for more than 40 years.

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