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## **16 DOE Custodians Arrested with a Vendor**

Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon has released reports detailing the findings of overlapping investigations which resulted in the arrest today of 16 custodians and one vendor on charges including Misappropriating Federal Funds. A second vendor, previously arrested, agreed to cooperate with the investigation. An additional 7 current or former custodians took part in the corrupt conduct, but were not arrested.

The Office of the Special Commissioner began the investigation in March 2001 and in September 2002 began working with the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York and other federal law enforcement agencies.

Copies of the reports will be available after 9:30 a.m. at 80 Maiden Lane, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor. Questions should be referred to Aquila Haynes at (212) 510-1479.

Special Commissioner Condon is a Deputy Commissioner to Department of Investigation Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn.