

Loyalty to What?

Position One: Be Loyal to Your Boss

As the assistant to an inspector for the Department of Agriculture, you routinely travel throughout the south central region of the United States. You enjoy your work and enjoy working for this inspector. You worked for him in a previous position and are indebted to him for offering you this position at a much higher salary and much better working conditions. When you travel, your boss usually puts the expenses for meals and lodging on his credit card. This works well because then you don't have to get reimbursed.

One day when he is away, you are in his office checking a reference manual. In the process, you notice the expense reports for your last trip on his desk. There is a report there for each of you, with the maximum allowable expense filled in, and the request for payment made out to him. The problem is that you know very well that your costs were only about one-third of the amount he has requested and that he is requesting reimbursement for two more meals than were necessary on the trip.

After agonizing about what to do, you decide not to say anything or tell anyone about it.

Defend your position.

Position Two: Report the Fraud

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You decide to report him to his supervisor.

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