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Well, the traditional, um, often times, uh, if a women got married, um, she left the service for whatever reasons. It took a long time for the Inspection Service to figure out how to accommodate a-a pregnant agent, um, or a pregnant inspector. Um, the travel particularly on audit, where most I would, guessing about 90 percent of the women went, uh, was a, um, travel assignment where you were traveling all the time and so that's not, uh, conducive to a healthy relationships in some case so if you were in a relationship that was an extra strain on it, um, so the retention, there was actually a study done—I can't remember when but I think it was around '88, '89, uh, about the retention of women in the Service and that may be available. I may actually have a copy somewhere, but, um, they actually did a study, uh, to see why they were losing so many women and it was not un-it was not different, um, than other federal agencies.