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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A15030016

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We investigated allegations of data fabrication involving NSF funded research. We concluded that that two individuals¹ fabricated data, and that these actions were a significant departure from the standards of the research community and therefore constituted research misconduct.

We provided our investigative findings to NSF along with recommendations concerning research misconduct, debarment, mandatory responsible conduct of research training, and imposition of certifications and assurances for future documents submitted to NSF.

NSF considered our recommendations, made appropriate findings, and imposed sanctions for the misconduct.

This memo constitutes the case closeout. Accordingly, this case is closed.

¹ [REDACTED]