



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-16-0110-O

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This investigation was initiated pursuant to an allegation that an NSF grantee¹ had misreported the functionality of equipment purchased with an NSF award,² and that the grantee retaliated against the complainant³ for reporting his concerns to the grantee. We interviewed the complainant and determined that the conduct he alleged, even if true, would not rise to the level of research misconduct (*i.e.*, data falsification), or constitute false statement or fraud. The complainant declined to have our office investigate potential whistleblower retaliation. We referred his complaint concerning the equipment to NSF.

Accordingly, this investigation is closed.

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