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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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Our office investigated two allegations against a university. The first allegation claimed that the university falsely listed an individual as a participant in a proposal submitted to NSF, when a decision had already been made not to renew that individual's contract with the university. Regarding a separate NSF award, the second allegation stated that the university removed the principal investigator without properly notifying NSF and significantly changed the scope of the work on the award by not using the data already gathered by the original principal investigator.

We interviewed the program officer for the first award who stated that the individual in question was not critical to the work on the award, nor was his inclusion in the proposal material to NSF's decision to make the award. For the second award, we confirmed that the university properly requested and received permission from NSF to change the principal investigator. We also interviewed the program officer, who was aware that experiments were redone and had no concerns about the effort or the scope of the work completed on the award.

Accordingly, this investigation is closed.