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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-17-0073-O

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We received a complaint that an NSF-funded PI had listed a fictitious person as a co-author on at least one his papers citing NSF support. We confirmed that paper did list a fictitious person as a co-author and then reviewed the PI's proposals for any mention of this person. We found the PI listed the fictitious person as a collaborator on two NSF proposals, both of which were declined. We sent the PI a letter warning him of the potential consequences of submitting material false information to the federal government. This case is closed with no further action taken.