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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-18-0006-O

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We received an allegation that a PI on an NSF proposal committed plagiarism, fabricated data, misused award travel funds, and inappropriately paid students. We reviewed documentary evidence related to the PI's award, including information we obtained from the PI's university. We did not substantiate the allegation of fabrication. We did identify text copied from sources without adequate attribution, however, it did not rise to the level of research misconduct. We also did not identify misuse of travel funds or inappropriate student payments; deficiencies in records obtained from the PI's university, however, hindered our review.

Regarding the plagiarism, we sent the PI a letter reminding her of her responsibility to name and acknowledge all proposal authors in the proposal. Regarding the deficiencies in the university's financial records, we alerted NSF's Division of Institution and Award Support and referred the university's records issues (including prior negative single-audit findings) to our Office of Audit for consideration in future audit planning.

Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.