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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-18-0065-O

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We received allegations of plagiarism and conflicts of interest related to an NSF Program Officer (PO). Specifically, it was alleged that the PO plagiarized the work of another researcher (Researcher), was inappropriately invited to speak at conferences he funded as PO, and had collaborators with a disproportionate number of NSF awards.

We determined that the allegations were unsubstantiated. Regarding the plagiarism, we determined that the matter constituted an academic dispute rather than plagiarism. Regarding the conferences, we determined the PO was uninvolved in the decision to fund either conference and disclosed his activities in his Independent Research/Development Activities Plans. Last, regarding the disproportionate NSF awards made to the Subject's collaborators, we determined the PO appropriately disclosed conflicts of interests and was uninvolved in the awards' review processes.

This case is **closed** with no further action taken.