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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I08050038

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This case was opened when NSF OIG learned that a husband<sup>1</sup> and wife<sup>2</sup> who were university researchers and NSF Principal Investigators (PI) were under investigation by their home institution<sup>3</sup> for receiving duplicate salary and travel reimbursements.

Our investigation determined that the PIs accepted employment at a second institution<sup>4</sup>, and received salaries from both institutions while representing to their home institution that they had not yet started working at the second institution. Additionally, the wife mischarged in excess of \$86,000 in salary to one NSF grant<sup>5</sup> and received duplicate travel reimbursement from NSF and her home institution on a second NSF grant<sup>6</sup>.

Both PI's were indicted by the state of their home institution.<sup>7</sup> The husband entered an *Alford* plea to one count of False Statements and Writings, and agreed to pay \$43,578.00 in restitution. As part of the plea, all charges against the wife were dropped. The home institution provided NSF with a check for \$86,678.15 to refund the mischarged salaries on the NSF grant.

This case is closed with no further action taken.

