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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I12050020

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We investigated allegations that several Principal Investigators at a university received salary payments from NSF and the university in excess of their base salary. We learned that NSF had performed a site visit at the university prior to our investigation, which identified numerous issues with the university's time and effort system.

During our joint investigation with two other OIGs, we subpoenaed records from the university, executed a search warrant at the university, and interviewed relevant university employees, including the subjects of the investigation. We substantiated the allegations and referred the matter to the U.S. Attorney's Office, which ultimately declined to prosecute the case criminally and sent the matter to its civil division. The civil division negotiated a civil settlement with the university, which required the payment of nearly \$1.8 million, of which more than \$800,000 was returned to NSF.

Accordingly, this case is closed.