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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-19-0080-O

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We investigated an allegation that a PI failed to disclose a dual affiliation with a foreign university and a membership in a foreign talent program. Records obtained in the investigation further revealed that he also failed to disclose pending support in NSF award proposals. In a voluntary interview, the PI told investigators that he had applied for positions with foreign universities, which also required that he apply and interview for a talent program. The PI acknowledged orally accepting a position in the talent program, but claimed he declined the position with the foreign university and therefore assumed his position in the talent program was also terminated. The PI maintained that he had no associations or collaborations with any foreign university or talent program. The PI did acknowledge in the interview that he failed to disclose pending support in two NSF proposals, which he attributed to a mistake.

We referred the investigation for criminal prosecution, which was declined by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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