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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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A university notified us that it had completed an inquiry into an allegation of plagiarism by a graduate student that was formerly supported by NSF. The inquiry committee determined that the allegation had substance. We concurred and referred the investigation to the university.

The university, after investigation, determined that the graduate student committed research misconduct when he and his co-authors published two manuscripts without proper acknowledgement of another individual's ideas. The university also determined that an investigation was warranted regarding allegations of plagiarism against a co-author.

We reviewed both manuscripts that were alleged to contain plagiarized material. Neither manuscript was supported by NSF funding. None of the manuscripts' authors were supported by NSF funding at the time of publication, and the manuscripts do not acknowledge NSF support. Therefore, NSF lacks jurisdiction over the alleged acts of research misconduct by the co-author.

Accordingly, this case is closed.