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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-19-0029-O

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We investigated allegations that an NSF Principal Investigator (PI) did not properly disclose his positions with a foreign university in his NSF proposals. Our investigation substantiated the allegations, and determined that the PI also had not disclosed these positions to his employer. This case was referred to the Department of Justice, who declined prosecution. We asked the university to review charges to the PI's NSF awards during the timeframe of the PI's foreign affiliation to determine whether any salary or travel expenses were inappropriately charged to the awards. As a result of its review, the university returned over \$30,000 to NSF. We made a recommendation for a one-year debarment; however, the agency did not adopt the recommendation due to mitigating circumstances.

This case has been closed and no further action will be taken.