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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We investigated an allegation that a Principal Investigator (PI) did not fully disclose to NSF his foreign research funding or his affiliation with a foreign university. We reviewed the PI's award documents and publications, personnel records, financial records, and travel documents. We interviewed the PI and served a search warrant and a subpoena for bank records. Our investigation confirmed that the PI was a participant in a foreign talent plan at a foreign university. We also confirmed that he received at least one foreign award that was not disclosed to NSF in his current and pending support section. However, we were unable to determine the PI's time commitment on the foreign award and we were unable to obtain foreign financial records.

The case was referred to the Department of Justice, which ultimately declined the matter for criminal prosecution. We counseled the PI on the importance of accurate and complete disclosures to NSF in compliance with the Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide.

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