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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A02060036

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A Principal Investigator¹ told his Program Officer that a post-doctoral researcher (the subject),² a visiting scientist from another country supported by NSF funds,³ had fabricated data. The PI said another post-doctoral researcher (post-doc) was unable to duplicate the subject's research. The PI reported the subject abruptly left the PI's laboratory and returned to his country.

Per NSF policy, the Program Manager referred the allegation to us. The PI told us the subject took his laboratory notebooks and (probably) his data with him when he returned to his country, so he had no evidence of fabrication except that the post-doc was unable to reproduce the subject's experiment.

We verified with the US Immigration and Naturalization Service that the subject had returned to his home country. Without evidence, there is no reason to pursue this matter. Accordingly, this case is closed. We asked the University to inform us if the subject returns or if it obtains evidence of alleged fabrication.

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