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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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Case Number: A04050039

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We received an allegation of intellectual theft involving NSF-supported research. Specifically, the Complainant alleged that an innovative programming concept was appropriated from his unpublished work and falsely presented by the Subject and his collaborators¹ (in publications acknowledging NSF support²) as their own original work. Experts who reviewed the matter concluded that the allegation was without substance, and the Subject provided us with a convincing intellectual history of the idea. We concurred with the experts and concluded that the Subject was unaware of the Complainant's research. Accordingly, this case is closed.

¹ [REDACTED]

² The Subjects published a variety of conference papers acknowledging support under [REDACTED]