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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A10020010

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We reviewed an allegation that a graduate student<sup>1</sup> at a university<sup>2</sup> had falsified results by manipulating computer code for mathematical simulations described in his dissertation. The dissertation included as some of its chapters manuscripts published in journals, only one of which acknowledged an NSF award<sup>3</sup> for support for a co-author. Reports by experts provided to us during our inquiry indicate that the student's coding reflected inexperience with the programming language, as evidenced by a lack of typical coding conventions and the code's similarity to unrelated languages. The evidence in total suggests that this is a case of honest error or mistake and not research misconduct.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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