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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A11070049

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We received an anonymous allegation of falsification of photographic images and graphs in a publication.¹ Although two of the coauthors² receive NSF award funds,³ the work presented in that publication does not appear to have been supported by NSF or relied upon in subsequent proposal submissions as prior NSF-supported results. The graduate student authors⁴ on the publication do not appear in any annual or final reports during the relevant time period. Furthermore, the authors do not appear to have falsified images based on the materials provided to us. The allegation appears to represent only a difference of opinion or a misunderstanding of the presentation of the data.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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3 Numerous awards and proposals.

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