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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A12020004

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Our office received an allegation of significant plagiarism of NSF-funded work¹ into two publications authored by other individuals.² Our initial review found that the publications contained extensive material copied from the NSF-funded report.

Documents our office received indicated one of the authors (Subject)³ accepted primary responsibility for authoring the papers containing the plagiarism, and that his institution⁴ formed a committee to investigate the matter. We contacted the Subject who confirmed that, as first author of the papers, he took full responsibility.

We contacted the director⁵ of the Subject's institution. We provided him with a copy of the documents and informed him that our inquiry concluded there was sufficient substance to warrant an investigation. We explained that, because the allegation involved a non-U.S. citizen and institution, our jurisdictional limitations precluded us from continuing to pursue the matter, and asked whether his institution would be conducting an investigation.

In his response, the director confirmed that his institution convened a committee to investigate the matter and to take action against the Subject. He said he would inform our office of the investigation's outcome at the conclusion of its process.

Accordingly, this case is closed and no further action will be taken.

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