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Memorandum

To: File  
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From: [REDACTED]  
Investigative Attorney

Through: [REDACTED]  
Special Agent-in-Charge

Subject: Case Resolution [REDACTED]

Pursuant to a National Parks Service (NPS) investigation, NSF OIG and NPS agents questioned [REDACTED]. Specifically, we questioned [REDACTED] to determine whether he had any pertinent information regarding, or had in any way participated in, efforts to improperly remove datolite from national parks. NPS had previously determined that [REDACTED] had used his NSF e-mail address in solicitations for datolite samples and collections.

After speaking with him, we determined that his datolite activities were unrelated to the improper removal of datolite from national parks. In addition, we determined that his datolite activities are conducted pursuant to his independent research plan as reported to NSF. For this reason, his use of his NSF e-mail account for datolite related correspondence is permissible.

Although the NPS investigation remains active, they agreed that there does not appear to be any basis for further investigation by NSF. For this reason, this case is closed.