

CLOSEOUT FOR M91070029

This case came to OIG on [REDACTED], 1991, when we received a message from Dr. [REDACTED], a program officer in the Division [REDACTED] at NSF. The case concerned proposal [REDACTED] submitted by Drs. [REDACTED] (the subjects) and entitled [REDACTED]. The first two subjects are at [REDACTED], the third is at the [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]; and the last is at the [REDACTED]. The proposal had been sent for review to Dr. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] (the complainant). He alleged that ideas originated by [REDACTED], a French researcher at [REDACTED] University who had been a visitor at [REDACTED] formed the core of the proposal and that the French researcher was not properly credited in the proposal.

OIG wrote to the French researcher and requested more information from him to clarify the allegation of misconduct in science and to ascertain what evidence he could provide to support that allegation. When the French researcher did not reply to our letter, we telephoned him. He promised to send us the information we requested, but he did not. We then wrote to him setting a deadline for his response, but offering to extend the deadline if he needed more time to fashion an adequate reply. OIG lacks the information to pursue this case without the French researcher's cooperation. The deadline has passed and the French researcher has not replied. We therefore have no alternative but to close this case.

This case is closed and no further action will be taken.

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