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This case came to OIG via a May 12, 1995 letter from [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] (the complainant). He alleged that two researchers at the NSF [REDACTED] (the Center), Drs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (the subjects), may have been guilty of misconduct in failing to cite and take into account research by other scientists that is relevant to the subjects' work.

The complainant alleges that the subjects have neglected research that is important for addressing the scientific problems on which the subjects work. He does not allege that the subjects have used the research of others and then misappropriated credit for it. The complainant's allegation raises questions about the subjects' scientific judgment and their command of the relevant scientific literature. In so doing, it raises questions about the programmatic value of NSF funding for the Center. The complainant does not, however, raise questions about the subjects' adherence to the ethical norms of the scientific community.

The complainant neither presents evidence nor makes an allegation of misconduct in science. This inquiry is closed and no further action will be taken on this case.