

## Closeout for M98120044

On December 1998, we were informed of an intellectual property and scientific dispute between two scientists<sup>1</sup> regarding work on which they collaborated on. One of the scientists sent a lengthy electronic mail message to three NSF program officers<sup>2</sup> detailing the problems. We contacted the current program officer who said that he had received a message from one of the scientists. He had subsequently received a second message, stating that the problem raised in the first message could be satisfactorily resolved.

Without a clear statement of the allegations, we can proceed no further with this matter. This inquiry is closed.

Cc: Integrity, IG

---

<sup>1</sup> The scientists were Dr. [REDACTED] (University) and Dr. [REDACTED] (University)..

<sup>2</sup> Drs. [REDACTED]. Only the first is a current program officer, the latter two are former program officers. All were in the [REDACTED] Program within the Division of [REDACTED] in the Directorate for [REDACTED]