

### Closeout for M99020015

On February 1999, a program officer<sup>1</sup> informed us that a reviewer<sup>2</sup> had expressed concern about the claim in a publication that the work had been supported by NSF funds. The reviewer believed that the PI did not have support from NSF while the work was being conducted, and the claim was false. However, the program officer told us that the PI had an earlier NSF award and that she had received notice from the PI that the work had been submitted to a journal<sup>3</sup> and that the PI planned to acknowledge partial NSF support.<sup>4</sup> The program officer informed us of this matter because the reviewer had ostensibly made an allegation of a false claim.

Although we have pursued false publication claims as issues of misconduct in science, the program manager and we agreed that this was clearly a management issue. We recommended that the program officer tell the reviewer about the information the PI had provided. The program officer did so. This matter is closed.

Cc: Integrity, IG

<sup>1</sup> Dr. [REDACTED] a program officer in the [REDACTED] program in the Division of [REDACTED] in the Directorate [REDACTED]

<sup>2</sup> The reviewer was Dr. [REDACTED], a faculty member at the University [REDACTED]

<sup>3</sup> The paper is [REDACTED]

<sup>4</sup> His support was derived from [REDACTED]