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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A-02030023

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We received the following allegations from the complainant.¹ He alleged that 1) subject 1,² a PI on an NSF award³ and subject 2,⁴ his graduate student, fabricated subject 2's entire Ph.D. thesis⁵ at institution 1;⁶ 2) certain individuals at institution 1 retaliated against the complainant when he brought the fabrication allegation to their attention; 3) graduate students at institution 1 did not do much work to get their degrees; 4) after graduate students at institution 1 graduated, they were hired into national positions requiring high security without appropriate background checks; 5) an individual at institution 2⁷ retaliated against the complainant when he arrived as a new graduate student because he had reported the fabrication allegation at institution 1; and 6) institution 2, as well as many other institutions in U.S., were using federal funds to support training for right wing militia groups.

Our review showed that, although subject 1 had received an NSF research award, there was no evidence that funds from this award were used in support of subject 2's thesis work. NSF has no jurisdiction over the allegation of fabrication. Further, because the complainant provided no documentation in support of any of his allegations, we could find no evidence of NSF jurisdiction for any of the other allegations. We concluded that, given no evidence of jurisdiction for any of the allegations, given the broad sweeping nature of several of his allegations, and given the complete lack of evidence, the allegations were unsubstantiated. This case is closed and no further action will be taken.

1 [redacted] is a [redacted] in [redacted]
2 (subject 1) is a [redacted] in [redacted] at the
3 NSF proposal [redacted], entitled "[redacted]
4 [redacted]" was submitted by subject 1, and
5 (subject 2) was a [redacted] in [redacted]
6 Subject 2's Ph.D. thesis was completed in [redacted]
7 [redacted]

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