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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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An NSF program officer notified this office about a dispute between two scientists about the payment of summer support on an NSF grant. The Principal Investigator (PI) on the grant<sup>1</sup> refused to pay the collaborator<sup>2</sup> because the collaborator did not produce time records. The collaborator did produce a research paper and certified that he conducted the research agreed upon between the two scientists.

The NSF program officer consulted with the Division of Grants and Agreements, who advised that this is a dispute that should be handled by the grantee<sup>3</sup>. The NSF program officer instructed the grantee that the research should be paid since the research was reported to NSF and the scientist produced the research paper and certified that he conducted the research.

The PI then offered to pay the researcher one-half payment that was previously agreed upon. The scientist then notified the NSF Program Officer that he was not satisfied with this payment and asked for further NSF review.

After reviewing communications from the PI, the other scientist, and the Program Officer, we concluded that, according to the information provided to date, the matter is a dispute between PI and the scientist and there is no issue for OIG to resolve.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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