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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I12020007

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We received information alleging that a Principal Investigator (PI)¹ on an NSF award² at a University³ took a leave of absence and was working overseas and not working on the NSF research project at the University. Additional allegations were received that some of the graduate students on this project were being paid but were no longer students at the University.

We requested and reviewed various records from the University and determined that the PI had requested a leave of absence. He however did work on the research project while away and also returned to work the allotted time listed on the award. We requested and reviewed time and effort reports and payment records for the graduate students and found the allegations to be unsubstantiated as well.

The University failed to notify NSF of the PI's absence as stipulated in the NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide. We sent them a letter reminding them of this requirement.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

