

CLOSEOUT FOR M96120043

This case came to OIG on December 16, 1996, when we received a letter from Dr. [REDACTED] (the complainant) alleging intellectual theft in an NSF-supported article authored by Drs. [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] (the first subject) and [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] (the second subject). The complainant alleged that the subjects' article¹ claimed credit for results that the complainant had developed and had communicated to the first subject. According to the complainant, he had developed the results in response to the first subject's suggestion that he explore some anomalous findings that the subjects had reported in a previous paper of theirs. He had developed the results approximately five years before he contacted OIG.

The complainant did not specify what research results the subjects allegedly misappropriated. Although the complainant repeatedly offered to provide documents that would clarify and substantiate his allegation, he failed to do so despite repeated requests from OIG.

OIG concluded that it was not feasible to pursue this allegation in the absence of more specific information that only the complainant could provide. This inquiry is closed and no further action will be taken on this case.

cc: Legal, AIGO, Acting IG

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