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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-19-0046-O

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We investigated an allegation that a PI took reagents purchased with federal grant money and transported them to a university outside of the United States. It was also alleged that the professor is affiliated with an international institution that was not disclosed to NSF. The PI was interviewed and confirmed the affiliation with the international institution and admitted purchasing reagents and bringing them overseas. However, the PI and the university confirmed the reagents were purchased with startup funds. The investigation confirmed there was no international support to disclose to NSF and the omission of the PI's foreign affiliation in NSF grant proposal documents was an oversight. We counseled the PI and the University on the importance of disclosing all affiliations.

This case is closed with no further action taken.