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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received an allegation that a PI misrepresented his accomplishments related to his prior NSF support in his recent proposals. We reviewed the PI's claimed publications resulting from prior support. We found one paper was questionable and two were inappropriate because they were submitted prior to the start of the grant and did not acknowledge NSF support. However, the PI's other papers properly acknowledged his NSF support and were accurately listed in his proposal. We concluded the PI's inclusion of one questionable paper and two inappropriate papers did not rise to the level of research misconduct. Nevertheless, we sent the PI a questionable research practice letter cautioning him to exercise more care to ensure all parts of his proposal are accurate. Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.