Good Morning,

Thank you,

Inspector – Special Agent
Special Investigations Branch
Office of Investigations
Office of the Inspector General
Department of Health and Human Services
Phone:

From: [Redacted]
To: Sanders, Ashley [NIH/OD] [E]
Subject: Grant Information Review [Redacted]
Date: Thursday, December 3, 2020 10:30:00 AM
This is the OPENING memorandum (IM).

SUBJECTS:

Operating Division: HHS/IHS

ALLEGATION(S):

This matter is being investigated for potential violations of Title 18 USC 1031, Major Fraud Against the United States.

PREDICATE:

On September 4, 2020, SIB was contacted by the Investigative Branch regarding a referral had information that an outside source posted an allegation alleging the COVID 19 virus was generated in the China with the assistance of an NIH Grant.

JOINT INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES:

CASE STATUS:

On September 9, 2020, Agents received and reviewed the referral. On this same date, Agents met with representatives NIH to discuss the allegations.
On September 29, 2020, the Investigative Branch

CASE STATUS:

This case remains OPEN.
Good Afternoon,

Thank you,

Inspector – Special Agent
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Office of Investigations
Office of the Inspector General
Department of Health and Human Services
Phone: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) - HHS OIG
This is the CLOSING memorandum (IM).

SUBJECTS:

Operating Division: HHS/NIH

ALLEGATION(S):

This matter is being investigated for potential violations of Title 18 USC 1031, Major Fraud Against the United States.

PREDICATE:

On September 4, 2020, SIB was contacted by the Investigative Branch had information that an outside source posted an allegation alleging the COVID 19 virus was generated in the China with the assistance of an NIH Grant.

JOINT INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES:

None

FINAL DETERMINATION:

SIB was contacted by HQ-IB and asked to support the efforts regarding a high-profile situation that involved HHS Grantee that had ties to the COVID 19 virus. SIB OIG opened an investigation
developments, SIB has decided to close the investigation. SIB reserves the right to reopen the investigation if any new, relevant information is discovered relating to this incident. All records pertaining to this investigation will be kept by the Special Investigations Branch.

CASE STATUS:

This case is CLOSED.