

**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)  
**To:** [Sanders, Ashley \(NIH/OD\) \[E\]](#)  
**Subject:** Grant Information Review (b)(6)(7)(C)  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 10:30:00 AM

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Good Morning,

(b)(5), (b)(6)(7)(C)

Thank you,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Inspector – Special Agent  
Special Investigations Branch  
Office of Investigations  
Office of the Inspector General  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Phone: (b)(6)



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**National Institutes of Health  
18 USC 1031  
Major Fraud Against the United States**

This is the OPENING memorandum (IM).

**SUBJECTS:**

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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 (b)(5), (b)(7)E 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. (b)(5), (b)(7)E

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**JOINT INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES:**

(b)(7)E

**CASE STATUS:**

On September 9, 2020, Agents received and reviewed the referral (b)(5), (b)(7)E

On this same date, Agents met with representatives (b)(5), (b)(7)E NIH to discuss the allegations. T (b)(5), (b)(7)E, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(5), (b)(7)E

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assessment.

On September 29, 2020, the Investigative Branch

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**CASE STATUS:**

This case remains OPEN.

**From:** (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) -HHS OIG  
**To:** [Sanders, Ashley \(NIH/OD\) \[E\]](#)  
**Subject:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and EcoHealth  
**Date:** Monday, January 11, 2021 12:15:00 PM

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Good Afternoon,

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Thank you,

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

**National Institutes of Health**  
**18 USC 1031**  
**Major Fraud Against the United States**  
**H-20-0-0931-1**

This is the CLOSING memorandum (IM).

**SUBJECTS:**

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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 (b)(5), (b)(7)E (b)(7)E, (b)(5) 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. (b)(5), (b)(7)E

**JOINT INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES:**

None

**FINAL DETERMINATION:**

SIB was contacted by HQ-IB and asked to support the efforts (b)(7)E regarding a high-profile situation that involved (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) HHS Grantee that had ties to the COVID 19 virus. SIB OIG opened an investigation (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)F

(b)(5), (b)(7)E, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)F

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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.