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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A01120046

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At the end of December 2001, the complainant<sup>1</sup> emailed NSF with concerns about a possible violation of the confidentiality of peer review resulting in intellectual theft. Specifically, the complainant had noted that a recent publication by the subject<sup>2</sup> contained remarkable similarities to the ideas in the complainant's proposal submitted to NSF.

We asked the complainant for information related to the allegation. Upon further review, the complainant noticed that the subject's publication was submitted to the journal before the proposal was submitted to NSF. Thus, there is no evidence to support the allegation. Accordingly, this case is closed and no further action will be taken.

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<sup>1</sup> (footnote redacted)

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