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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A12030011

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We received an allegation that intellectual property had been taken from NSF proposals (proposal A<sup>1</sup> and proposal B<sup>2</sup>—proposal A is a resubmission of proposal B), based on the presence of similar ideas in a manuscript authored by someone (the subject)<sup>3</sup> at another institution.

Our investigation found that neither the subject nor the subject's collaborators had been a reviewer of the proposals. Because no direct connection exists between the NSF proposals and the manuscript through the NSF review process, there is no evidence to support a violation of NSF's merit review. This case is closed with no further action taken.

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<sup>1</sup> [redacted]

<sup>2</sup> [redacted]

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