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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A12080050

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We received an allegation that the subject¹ violated the confidentiality of NSF's merit review by posting a proposal² on his university webpage. We verified the full proposal was accessible by the link provided as well as by use of a search engine. We checked NSF's reviewer database and learned the subject reviewed the proposal approximately six years ago.

We contacted the subject who told us he was travelling and put the proposal on his webpage so his assistant could print it for him, but he forgot to delete it afterward. He apologized and deleted the proposal. We sent the subject a letter admonishing him for the violation and reminding him of the importance of protecting the confidentiality of NSF's review process. This case is closed with no further action taken.

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