

Closeout for M00030011

On February 10, 2000, [REDACTED] told us a PI² had made allegations of plagiarism in connection with his submitted proposal.³ The PI alleged some foreign competitors plagiarized his work (subject 1,⁴ subject 2,⁵ subject 3⁶).

In conversations with the PI, he explained that he was not only upset about the alleged plagiarism, but also that his ideas had been used by foreign competitors to obtain funding from foreign sources, while his attempts to receive NSF funding with these ideas had been unsuccessful. He said he thought if we could establish that the plagiarism had occurred, it would increase his probability of receiving funding from NSF. Additionally, he was concerned about how NSF's review process accounted for PIs at smaller universities and how reviewers were selected.⁷

We checked NSF's database and could find none of the subjects listed; thus, they have not submitted proposals to, or received funds from, NSF. Therefore, we lack jurisdiction to pursue this allegation. This inquiry is closed and no further action will be taken on this case.

cc: Integrity, IG

¹ (footnote redacted).

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⁷ We passed the PI's programmatic concerns along to the PO. Additionally, we informed the PI that if was still not satisfied about the review process, he should speak with the Division's Executive Officer.