

Closeout for M01010002

On Jan 25, 2001, a Program Officer (PO)¹ told us of an allegation a potential reviewer (the scientist)² had made in connection with an NSF proposal.³ The scientist said he could not objectively review the proposal because he knew the PI⁴ to be a plagiarist. When he referred the allegation to us, the PO said he had learned⁵ that we had had a previous case against the PI.⁶

Our records indicated the PI was the subject of a previous case that was closed at the inquiry stage without a finding of misconduct in science. The scientist was involved in that case. Regarding his recent allegation, the scientist told us he was referring collectively to various incidents he knew about the PI and not to a particular incident that involved NSF. He said he had not intended to make an allegation, but was simply telling the PO why he did not want to review the PI's proposal.

This inquiry is closed and no further action will be taken on this case.

cc: Investigation, IG

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