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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-17-0013-O

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We assessed an allegation of intellectual theft by a researcher with potential access to proposal information following merit review of an NSF proposal. Specifically, a PI¹ of an awarded NSF proposal² alleged that another researcher,³ who was a suggested reviewer for the NSF proposal, co-authored a recent publication⁴ about a custom software tool that was similar to a software tool developed as part of the NSF award. Our review of the matter determined there was no substance to the intellectual theft allegation. Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.

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