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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-18-0031-O

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We received an allegation of intellectual theft from a PI who submitted two NSF proposals, noting that a research group submitted two publications related to the research in his NSF proposals around the same time that the proposals were submitted, and suggesting that one of the NSF reviewers was in the research group that published the articles.

We examined the list of the proposal's reviewers. We determined that it did not contain any members of the research group nor did it contain anyone from the respective university departments of any member of the research group. We further determined that there were no other professional relationships between any member of the research group and any of the reviewers.

This case is closed with no further action taken.