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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received an allegation of intellectual theft regarding a series of proposals submitted by the complainant. The complainant believed that the materials presented in an article written by a group of authors overlapped significantly with her recent proposals. She believed the only way this would be possible would be if one or more of those authors had access to the proposal during the peer review process.

We examined the list of reviewers for all proposals submitted by the complainant. None of the authors that the complainant identified were reviewers of her proposals. Also, none of the reviewers were from the universities where the authors of the article were located.

Based on this review, we determined there was no substance to the allegation. Therefore, this case is **closed** with no further action taken.