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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We investigated an allegation that a former NSF Program Officer (PO), serving as an Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) Mobility Program assignee, was involved in a foreign talent program and may have misused his position to steer the awarding of proposals to other members of known talent programs. Our investigation confirmed the PO's participation in a talent program and determined that approximately 17% of the awards the PO managed at the proposal phase involved members of his talent program as PIs, Co-PIs, or reviewers. The PO disclosed foreign activities to NSF while working as a PO and was advised that he could not receive payment or hold an official title overseas while working as a PO. The former PO departed the United States during the timeframe of our investigation and did not respond to our communications.

This case is **closed** with no further action taken.