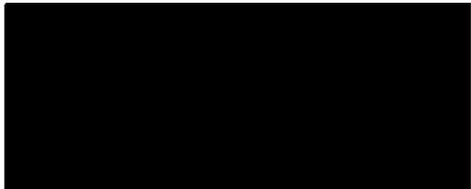


This case was received from [REDACTED], a program officer in [REDACTED] on November 21, 1989. It concerns Proposal No. [REDACTED] submitted to her program by [REDACTED] in the Department of [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] University. The allegation came originally from one of the reviewers of that proposal, [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. He claimed that [REDACTED] had knowledge of his past work through discussions and through reading a preprint and had used that information in developing his proposal. Hence he was implying plagiarism on [REDACTED] part.

OIG wrote to [REDACTED] and asked him if he would like to provide relevant information. [REDACTED] replied with an account of his past contacts with [REDACTED] and with a history of his work in areas related to the proposal.

OIG asked the assistance of [REDACTED] in analyzing this reply. By this time the proposal had been declined for technical reasons and she had no further involvement with it. Her reply supported the conclusion that [REDACTED] should have given [REDACTED] more credit for their informal communications in his proposal, but that there was no evidence of misconduct. This conclusion was communicated to [REDACTED] in a letter (dated [REDACTED]) and to [REDACTED] in a phone call.



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