

Closeout of M93040023

This case was received in OIG on April 14, 1993. It was brought to our attention by [REDACTED]. The subject is [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED]. An allegation of intellectual theft was made against him, in that he approached the program in [REDACTED] about submitting a proposal that would involve [REDACTED] teachers [REDACTED] in his ongoing NSF research grant. The program officer noted the similarity of this idea to others that have been submitted to the program. In particular, a colleague of the subject had reviewed an NSF proposal containing such an idea.

OIG learned that since approaching the program officer the subject has not submitted any proposal to NSF. Unless he does so, there is no point in raising the question whether he has put stolen research ideas into an NSF proposal. Therefore the case is being closed because no action has taken place that can be construed as misconduct in science. If the subject submits a proposal in the future that contains material of the kind described, the matter may be reopened.

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April 26, 1993

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