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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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A scientist alleged that the PI of an NSF proposal plagiarized a concept either from a proposal the scientist had submitted to another agency or from the scientist's presentation at a conference before submitting her proposal to the other agency. We found no connections between the PI of the NSF proposal and the members of the other agency's review panel for the scientist's proposal. In addition, the PI submitted an earlier version of the NSF proposal that predated the scientist's proposal to the other agency and abstract for the conference presentation. The earlier version of the NSF proposal also contained the allegedly plagiarized concept. We concluded the PI did not plagiarize the concept in his NSF proposal from the scientist.

This case is closed with no further action taken.