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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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Our office received an allegation that a reviewer (Subject) violated the confidentiality of merit review when he contacted a PI offering to discuss possible future collaboration.

NSF policy does not prohibit reviewers from contacting the PIs of proposals they reviewed as long as they do not disclose confidential details or use proposal information for their personal benefit.

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