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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-23-0042-O

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We received an allegation of a violation of confidentiality of NSF merit review by a professor (Reviewer) at a university. Our investigation found that the Reviewer disclosed sensitive information about NSF proposals he reviewed. We found that he shared multiple proposals over multiple years with students and postdocs in his lab. He also used the students' written comments without attribution in some of his reviews. The Reviewer acknowledged he shared the proposals and used the comments.

We recommended that NSF take appropriate administrative action. NSF barred the Reviewer's participation as an NSF peer reviewer, advisor, or consultant for 3 years.

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