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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-17-0065-O

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We received an allegation that an NSF panel reviewer¹ provided a copy of a proposal he reviewed, that was awarded,² to a colleague,³ in violation of NSF's policies regarding reviewer confidentiality.

The Subject acknowledged he shared the proposal with his colleague, but said he did so because he incorrectly thought that, if awarded, proposals automatically became publically available. He also said he kept a copy of the proposal because he was unaware that was not allowed. He apologized and said he destroyed this and other proposals he retained.

We generated a questionable research practice letter to the Subject, reminding him to maintain reviewer confidentiality.

Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.

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