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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A15040025

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Closeout

We received an allegation that a reviewer (Subject¹) of an NSF proposal² (Source Proposal) copied the Source Proposal's format into one of his own NSF Proposals.³

Our inquiry revealed that there was substance to the allegation. After his review of the Source Proposal, the Subject began to use a format to introduce his proposals that was very similar to the Source Proposal. He also began to number goals and project overviews in a manner similar to that used in the Source Proposal after reviewing it. However, we found that the content of his proposals, even in the similarly formatted sections, remained substantially different.

We conclude that this matter did not rise to the level of a full investigation. This case is **closed** with no further action taken.

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