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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A03010001

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The complainant¹ alleged improper posting of the text of his NSF proposal² on a web site associated with the subject.³ The subject served on the NSF panel that reviewed the complainant's proposal. The complainant contacted the subject independently, and the subject immediately removed the proposal text from the website. The proposal text content remained in the cached file of the web search engine⁴, but this content has also now been removed.

The subject has apologized via email to the complainant, and also has contacted NSF program officers accepting responsibility and apologizing for his actions. In his response letter to the OIG inquiry letter, the subject admits to his actions, states that the material was available for a limited amount of time in conjunction with a class that he taught, and vows that such actions will not recur. In the letter, the subject also states that he has informed his University officials of the situation.

The subject was sent a warning letter emphasizing the confidentiality of the peer review process, and reminding him of the adverse consequences that may arise from breach of that confidentiality. No further action is necessary to protect the interests of NSF.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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