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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A04010004

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We learned that an NSF proposal¹ contained a copy of a memorandum² from the chair of a submitting institution's Grievance Committee (the Committee) that discussed the Committee's conclusions of data sharing issues related to the NSF proposal's co-PI and another faculty member who was not listed in the proposal. The memorandum did not contain any information relevant to the proposal. Furthermore, the memorandum made it clear that the Committee's review involved issues that were not related to research misconduct and that our office would not generally pursue. However, because the memorandum contained confidential information about the graduate student and a faculty member, we determined that it did not belong in the NSF proposal and should not be shared with any *ad hoc* reviewers and panelists. After redacting the memorandum from the NSF proposal, we contacted the University's Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) to inform her that we redacted the confidential memorandum. Further, we confirmed with the AOR that the data sharing issue had been resolved.

This case is closed and no further action will be taken.

¹ NSF proposal [REDACTED], entitled "[REDACTED]" submitted by [REDACTED], PI, and [REDACTED], co-PI, both from [REDACTED].

²The two-page memorandum, dated [REDACTED], discussed the *Grievance and Appeals Committee's* decisions related to complaints brought by [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. The memorandum was addressed to the [REDACTED] from [REDACTED].