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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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The complainant¹ feels that a mass spectrometric process² used for biological analysis at a number of universities falls within the scope of his 2007 process patent³ that details sample preparation for a certain type of analysis. However, the complainant could not identify any specific NSF-supported publication or proposal submitted to or awarded by NSF that contained any instance of a violation or any instance in which his ideas were misappropriated or plagiarized. There is therefore no apparent substance to an allegation of plagiarism or intellectual property theft.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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