

Closeout of OIG-90-3121 (M90-13)

The allegation came from Prof. [REDACTED] an Assistant Professor of Biology at [REDACTED] who complained about a proposal submitted to NSF by [REDACTED] in the Biology Department at [REDACTED]. Allegedly [REDACTED] had copied the research objectives in his proposal from proposals that [REDACTED] had submitted to NSF and three other Federal agencies, and which [REDACTED] may have read or reviewed.

OIG determined that [REDACTED] would not have seen some of these proposals, as far as is known. The remaining proposals were compared with [REDACTED] proposal by an expert in the research field, who determined that there is no evidence of copying. OIG concludes that, on the evidence, [REDACTED] proposal was not copied from the earlier [REDACTED] proposals as alleged. Consequently, no further action will be taken with respect to this allegation.

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