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CLOSEOUT FOR M96090027

On August 9, 1996, the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services publicly announced that it had found that [REDACTED] (the subject), had committed misconduct in science. ORI found that the subject, formerly a research scientist at the Department of [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] had plagiarized extensively from a published article. ORI entered into a voluntary exclusion agreement with the subject in which he agreed for a three year period "to exclude himself from (1) any contracting or subcontracting with any agency of the United States Government and from eligibility for, or involvement in, nonprocurement transactions (e.g., grants and cooperative agreements) . . . and (2) serving in any advisory capacity to the Public Health Service. . . ."

OIG determined that the subject had submitted a proposal to NSF,¹ which NSF declined to fund. NSF was unable to locate the proposal among the records it had sent to a remote storage facility. As a result, OIG was unable to determine whether the subject had committed similar or additional misconduct in his NSF proposal that would warrant NSF taking further action regarding the subject. OIG decided to close this case because, even if the subject had committed additional misconduct, the voluntary exclusion agreement was likely to protect NSF's interests adequately.

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

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¹ The proposal was [REDACTED], entitled [REDACTED]