

## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## **CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM**

Case Number: A14070034

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We assessed an allegation of possible research misconduct in a publication<sup>1</sup> that cited NSF support. Our inquiry showed that the publication copied, or only lightly paraphrased, text from a previous publication<sup>2</sup> by other authors that was neither cited nor referenced. Although the extent of plagiarism is not sufficient to sustain an investigation and possible report of investigation, we concluded that a questionable research practices letter to the Subjects<sup>3</sup> would be appropriate to close the case.

This case is *closed* with no further action taken.

