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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A14090049

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NSF OIG received an allegation of plagiarism in a Proposal¹ submitted by a PI.² Specifically, it was alleged that the Proposal contained material copied from one article.³

Our review found that the PI's Advisor,⁴ who had provided a letter of support to be included with the Proposal, was a co-author of the article. Our review further found that the PI and his Advisor has previously submitted co-authored NSF proposals⁵ that contained almost all of the text we had originally identified as copied in the Proposal.

Because almost all of the material identified as copied in the Proposal appears in previous proposals the PI and his Advisor submitted together, we do not consider the text in question plagiarized. Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.

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