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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-16-0115-O

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We received an allegation¹ of plagiarism in an NSF Proposal (Proposal1²) authored by a PI³ (Subject1) and co-PI⁴ (Subject2). We checked Proposal1 with our plagiarism software. Our review revealed a small amount of copied text from three sources, not quoted or attributed. A scan of two other proposals (Proposal2⁵ and Proposal3⁶) revealed no inappropriately copied text.

We concluded the matter did not warrant a full investigation and sent both Subjects a questionable research practices letter reminding them of the importance of diligent attribution of text.

This case is closed with no further action taken.

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