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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-17-0058-O

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Our office received an allegation that a PI¹ and a Co-PI² submitted a Proposal³ containing material plagiarized from a previously awarded NSF proposal⁴ and its earlier declined version⁵ (Source Proposals). Our review found that the Proposal did contain a small amount of copied text, that the text was copied from a source other than the Source Proposals, that no material was copied from other sources, and that there was no copied text in other NSF proposals the PI or Co-PI submitted.⁶

Given the *de minimis* amount of copied text, we sent both the PI and Co-PI questionable research practice letters, reminding them of their responsibilities regarding appropriate citations.

Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.

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