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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received an allegation of plagiarism in an NSF proposal. The proposal used text from an unpublished manuscript. The subject was a visiting professor at the research center where the manuscript was written and the proposed research was an extension of the research described in the manuscript. However, none of the manuscript's three authors appeared to be connected to the NSF proposal.

In response to our letter, the subject explained that she had worked closely with two of the authors, and her response included a letter from one of those authors, who stated that the subject was a co-PI on a proposal to another federal agency that contained similar text. The author also stated that she was originally listed as a co-PI on the NSF proposal but then asked to be removed due to time constraints.

While the subject's actions do not rise to the level of research misconduct, we sent the subject a questionable research practice letter suggesting better citation practices.

This case is closed with no further action taken.