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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We investigated an allegation of plagiarism in an NSF proposal that contained copied text that was improperly attributed. The subject disagreed that verbatim copied text required quotation marks, indentation, or other methods of distinguishing the copied text from his own words. He contended that distinguishing copied text beyond a nearby citation “is not a general rule.” The small amount of copied text did not warrant a full investigation. Nevertheless, we sent a Questionable Research Practices warning letter to the subject, recommending that he complete available RCR training that includes instructions on plagiarism.

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