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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received an allegation of plagiarism in NSF proposal. Although the complaint identified a single-author book chapter as the source, our analysis determined that the PI of the proposal had also co-written an article with the author of the book chapter. The jointly-published article predated the book and contained the same text identified as copied from the book chapter.

There were two other sources of copied text identified by iThenticate. Upon analysis of those sources, we determined the text was technically constrained. In both cases, the PI cited those sources within the text. We conclude this allegation is not substantiated.

This case is closed with no further action taken.