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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received an allegation that a PI had used the data and figures of others in an NSF proposal without proper attribution. The original complaint did not identify which data and figures did not have proper attribution, and the complainant declined to provide that information when we requested it. Therefore, we relied on our own plagiarism analysis which showed several figures in the proposal were identical to the figures in a news feature written by the PI's former advisor. Within that news feature were citations to the PI's earlier work which contained largely similar figures. We concluded the PI neglected to add proper citations to his own previous work in the figure captions in the proposal. We wrote to the PI and reminded him that he should provide proper citations to his previously published work, which would have avoided this allegation against him.

This case is closed with no further action taken.