

CLOSEOUT FOR M90100036

This case was brought to the attention of OIG on October 24, 1990 by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had received a letter from [REDACTED], the complainant, in which he alleged that proposal [REDACTED] submitted by [REDACTED], the subject, contained plagiarized material. The subject had allegedly used material collaboratively developed with the complainant without a citation or acknowledgment to the complainant. The complainant is a member of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] the subject is a faculty member at [REDACTED] and the Administrative Director at the [REDACTED] Center at that institution.

OIG determined that the proposal containing the allegedly plagiarized text was a revision of a declined proposal the subject had previously submitted to NSF. During the revision process the subject held discussions with a number of individuals, including the complainant and some of the complainant's colleagues. However, the working relationship between the subject and the complainant, and the complainant's colleagues, broke apart before the submission of the revised proposal. The subject incorporated the material that had been developed during those collaborative working sessions into the revised proposal, and submitted the proposal without an acknowledgment for the contributions of the complainant or his colleagues.

OIG believes it is an author's responsibility to properly acknowledge the contributions of others. The subject agreed that he had failed to properly acknowledge the contributions of the individuals who had assisted him in developing the revised proposal.

At OIG's request the subject wrote an acknowledgment for the revised proposal. OIG reviewed and approved this acknowledgment. The subject then amended his proposal by forwarding a copy of the acknowledgment to the NSF program for insertion in his proposal. OIG confirmed that the acknowledgment had been inserted into the proposal.

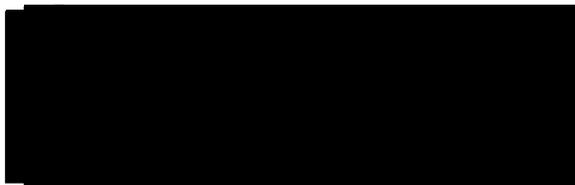
OIG feels that the subject has taken the appropriate remedial action. This case is closed without further action.

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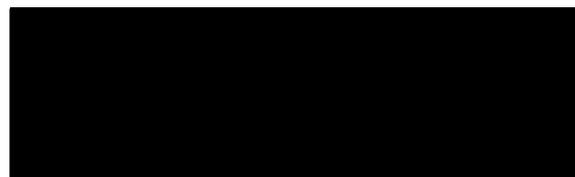
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