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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-21-0020-O

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Our office received an allegation that a PI plagiarized when he submitted an NSF proposal that included material from a collaboratively prepared submission without acknowledging the collaborator's contribution. We found that the NSF proposal incorporated text from the collaborative project submission. Collaborative work is jointly produced and, as such, either collaborator can use the jointly-developed work in future research. Furthermore, we found that the collaborator was acknowledged in the proposal and that the proposal included a Letter of Collaboration signed by the collaborator. We concluded that no further action is warranted.

Accordingly, this case is closed.