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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received an allegation of plagiarism in a declined NSF proposal submitted by a PI and Co-PI. Our review of the proposal found a small amount copied text. Some of the copied text was cited and referenced but it was not quoted or demarcated to distinguish it from the PI and Co-PI's original text. The amount of copied text we found was not enough to warrant a full investigation. Instead, we sent Questionable Research Practice letters to the PI and Co-PI urging them to follow proper rules of citation when preparing documents.

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