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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-22-0019-O

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We received an allegation of plagiarism in a declined NSF proposal. Our analysis of the proposal found a substantiative amount of text, a figure, and some embedded references that were identical or nearly identical to material in source documents we identified. In response to our inquiry the Subject admitted copying materials from a majority of those sources. The Subject provided evidence from other sources that some of the alleged plagiarism included: language constrained by its technical nature, earlier sources on which the Subject was a co-author, or material that was co-authored by a proposal collaborator. We revised our analysis accordingly.

In his response, the Subject acknowledged he plagiarized in other proposals, but he did not identify which ones. We examined six additional proposals of the Subject and found small amounts of plagiarism in two proposals and minimal plagiarism in four other proposals.

We determined the Subject's actions did not warrant a full investigation. We sent the Subject a questionable research practice letter.

This case is closed with no further action taken.