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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received an allegation that an NSF proposal contained plagiarized material. Our inquiry confirmed verbatim material was used without appropriate citation.

We contacted the Subject about the allegation. The Subject acknowledged he inappropriately cited material and said he was affiliated with the institutions that produced two of the sources. We confirmed the Subject's affiliation with the two institutions and that he had cited a source to some of the material, albeit an incorrect one.

Given the *de minimis* nature of the Proposal's copied material, we concluded no additional investigation was warranted. We sent a questionable research practice letter to the Subject reminding him of his responsibility regarding appropriate citation.

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