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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A02020008

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We received an allegation that the subject,<sup>1</sup> plagiarized text from another PI's NSF award<sup>2</sup> into his NSF proposal.<sup>3</sup> We noted about 60 lines of text in the background section of the subject's proposal that were identical to text in the award and none of it had been cited or distinguished from text original to the subject in the proposal.

Our review showed that this identical text appeared in a set of four collaborative proposals<sup>4</sup> from four institutions submitted a year before the PI's award that included, among several other, the subject and the PI. Further, the PI stated in the award that the subject would submit a proposal (the one in this case) that would coordinate their joint research work. The identical background text in this case is considered shared property by all the PIs who submitted the collaborative proposals. There is no substance to the allegation that the subject plagiarized text in the proposal.

This inquiry is closed and no further action will be taken.

<sup>1</sup> The subject, [REDACTED] is in the Department [REDACTED]

<sup>2</sup> NSF award [REDACTED] entitled [REDACTED] was submitted by [REDACTED] Department [REDACTED]

<sup>3</sup> NSF proposal [REDACTED], entitled [REDACTED] was submitted by the subject.

<sup>4</sup> [REDACTED], entitled [REDACTED] was submitted by the subject with co-PI [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] entitled [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was submitted by the PI on the NSF award [REDACTED] These two proposals were considered together with two additional proposals as part of a larger collaboration - [REDACTED]

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