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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A-02030022

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On 8 March 2002, we received an allegation of plagiarism involving an NSF proposal submitted by subjects 1 and 2.¹ We observed about two pages of material in the subjects' proposal that appeared to be substantially similar to material in an earlier NSF award.² The similar material was part of the management portions of both the proposal and the award. The subjects' proposed project was significantly different from the award's supported project. Finally, we noted that the award listed the subjects, who both held appointments at the awardee institution, as participants and included copies of their resumes.

We wrote to the subjects requesting an explanation. The subjects responded that they had permission to use these materials from the PI on the award, urging us to contact the PI. We contacted the PI on the award who said that he had provided the subjects with a copy of the award, on which each had participated, and, although he had not specifically said they should or should not copy the text, he thought it was appropriate that they did so because it was boilerplate material for the management of a similar type of project.

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

¹ NSF proposal [REDACTED], entitled "[REDACTED]" submitted by [REDACTED] (subject 1) and [REDACTED] (subject 2). Both subjects hold joint appointments in the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

² The apparent source document was NSF award [REDACTED], entitled "[REDACTED]" Awarded on [REDACTED], it was submitted [REDACTED].

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