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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A02040026

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Information was received at NSF that an institution<sup>1</sup> had begun an investigation into possible research misconduct by one of their employees<sup>2</sup>. The allegations made to the institution were 1) duplicate funding and 2) plagiarism in a proposal submitted to NSF.

The OIG inquiry was referred to the institution, and a report of inquiry from the institution was received in due course. This report of inquiry concluded that there was no substance to the allegation of duplicate funding, but potential substance to the allegation of plagiarism by the institution employee, specifically in a proposal submitted to NSF<sup>3</sup>. The institution initiated an investigation, and OIG investigation was referred to the institution.

The institution report of investigation concludes that there is no substance to the allegation of plagiarism since authorship of the allegedly plagiarized source text cannot be established.

Examination of the documentation provided as part of the institution reports provides no substance to support the allegation of plagiarism. We concur with the inquiry report that there is no substance to support the claim of duplicate funding.

Accordingly, the case is *closed*.

<sup>1</sup> Redacted

<sup>2</sup> Redacted

<sup>3</sup> Redacted

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