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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A-03050029

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On 9 May 2003, we received an allegation of research misconduct. The complainant¹ alleged that the subject's NSF proposal² contained plagiarized text and methods from others' papers.

We contacted the complainant, whose initial allegation contained insufficient information for us to evaluate. The complainant was reluctant and, ultimately, refused to provide any specific information about the source(s) of the alleged plagiarized text in the subject's NSF proposal. However, the complainant, seemingly inadvertently, provided four partial examples of the plagiarized text in the subject's NSF proposal and alluded to the publications³ from which these examples were copied.

With the limited information provided by the complainant, we found insufficient substance to support the alleged plagiarism in the subject's NSF proposal. Accordingly this case is closed and no further action will be taken.

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