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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A-03100052

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On 13 October 2003, we received an allegation that the subject's NSF proposal<sup>1</sup> contained materials copied, verbatim, from a Workshop Report<sup>2</sup> without appropriately citing the Workshop Report as the source.

We reviewed the Workshop report. We observed that the Workshop Report focused on the future research direction of the scientific field. We confirmed that the subject copied a table and several sentences from the Workshop Report, verbatim, into his NSF proposal. However we also observed that the subject was one of the co-authors of the Workshop Report. Although the subject's failure to cite the Workshop Report in the NSF proposal as the source of the table and sentences used in his NSF proposal was not the best scholarly practice, as a co-author of the report, he could use the materials without citation because he had been one of the authors of the report.

This case is closed and no further action taken.

<sup>1</sup> The subject [REDACTED] was the sole PI on NSF proposal [REDACTED], entitled

<sup>2</sup> [REDACTED] " [REDACTED] " was the Workshop Report for the meeting held [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]