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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A-04030013

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We received allegations that two NSF proposals submitted by the subject¹ contained a summary figure plagiarized from a published paper. When asked, the subject explained that this was an unintentional error. He admitted he copied the same summary figure in each of the NSF proposals. However, he said he believed the figure was in two other references he cited in the proposal, a belief he discovered as a result of this inquiry was not true. He apologized for his "unintended negligence."

We determined that, although the subject departed from the accepted practice of the scientific community when he copied the figure, his act was not a significant departure. We wrote to the subject strongly advising that he be more careful in the preparation of proposals in the future.

Accordingly, this case is closed and no further action will be taken.

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