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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received an allegation that proposal 1,¹ submitted by PI-1² and 2 co-PIs³ (collectively, the subjects), included material plagiarized from proposal 2⁴ submitted by another PI and several co-PIs. The subjects were either co-PIs or a consultant on proposal 2. Proposal 2 was significantly larger than proposal 1: wcopyfind found that 39% of proposal 1 also appeared in proposal 2; however, the duplicative text in proposal 2 constituted only 9% of the text in proposal 1.

We wrote to the subjects, and in response they explained in detail the origin of most of the duplicate passages. The material for which the subjects are unable to document their original authorship is *de minimus* in the context of their having been substantial contributors to the collaborative proposal. We conclude that there is no substance to the allegation of plagiarism; accordingly, this case is closed.

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