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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A05050029

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An allegation was received¹ that a substantial amount of text in a submitted NSF proposal² with a single PI was duplicated from publications not referenced in the proposal, said publications authored by individuals not cited in the proposal. The subject³ was contacted, and confirmed the provenance of the plagiarized text, but explained that one of the authors on the source publications⁴ was in fact a coauthor of the proposal. The absence of a reference to the source publications was an oversight. Absence of any mention of the author was a consequence that FastLane provided no opportunity to list proposal authors or participants other than the PI.

An author of the publication from which text was plagiarized sent a letter that confirmed his participation in preparation of the proposal, and his permission for the text to be reused in the proposal, and agreed that the missing references were an oversight. The assertions of the author were confirmed in a phone conversation⁵ with him.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

¹ Redacted.

² Redacted.

³ Redacted.

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⁵ Redacted.