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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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A proactive review identified potential plagiarism and copying of one figure from a web page¹ (source) into an NSF proposal². A review of the two documents shows that the amount of text copied was minimal and described part of an experimental protocol specific to the facility where the research was to be conducted. The copied figure was a schematic of that facility. The source document predates the proposal submission by less than one month. A web archive search did not identify a previous version of that web page containing similar language.

Given the small amount of text and the fact that the source document and the proposal were created at approximately the same time, there appears to be no substance to the allegation. Accordingly, this case is closed.

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