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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We reviewed an allegation of plagiarism in a CAREER proposal.<sup>1</sup> We wrote the PI<sup>2</sup> who responded asserting with numerous published articles and email correspondence with the authors of some of those articles that the copied material was common knowledge and he would have had permission to use the text if he had asked. However, his response did not explain the absence of quotation marks or other means for differentiating the copied material from his original work.

The copying was insufficient to warrant a detailed investigation. We provided the PI a warning that his current practices were questionable.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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