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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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OIG opened this file after finding plagiarism in a proposal¹ as part of a proactive review. We reviewed the other proposals submitted by the PI² and co-PIs,³ and found plagiarism in a second proposal on which the PI of the first proposal was a co-PI.

We contacted the PI and co-PIs of the first proposal, who indicated that one of the co-PIs⁴ was responsible for the plagiarized text. The co-PI told us that the lack of proper citation was due to a compiler error in compiling the text into the proposal. As the amount of plagiarism was *de minimus*, we sent him a letter, reminding him of the importance of proper citation.

We received a letter from the PI⁵ of the second proposal,⁶ co-signed by the other PIs,⁷ regarding the plagiarism we had found. The PI noted that he, and his research team, could not recall who had written that section of the proposal, or how it had gotten into the proposal. As the amount of plagiarism was *de minimus*, we sent the PI a letter, reminding him of the importance of proper citation.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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