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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A12030023

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Our office received an allegation of plagiarism within an NSF proposal.¹ We reviewed the proposal and found material copied from one source.² A closer examination, however, found that the proposal and the source shared a co-author/collaborator.³ Specifically, one of the source's co-authors was the PI's sponsoring scientific advisor or mentor, had previously worked with the PI, and wrote the PI a targeted letter of recommendation for inclusion with this proposal. We determined no misconduct occurred. Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.

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