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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A12080059

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Closeout

OIG received an allegation that a former doctoral student (Subject¹) plagiarized in his dissertation,² which was at least partially funded by an NSF Proposal.³ The Subject's advisor was the sole PI of the NSF Proposal.⁴ Though our inquiry concluded that the Subject appropriated text without proper attribution, we determined that a full investigation was not warranted. Almost all of the copied text in the dissertation was accompanied by a citation and the amount of copied text was small relative to the dissertation. In addition, the Subject's response to our inquiry letter indicated that he is unclear about what constitutes plagiarism and/or "appropriate credit" under NSF's definition in the Research Misconduct regulation. We sent the Subject a strongly-worded QRP.

This case is closed and no further action will be taken.

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