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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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NSF OIG received an allegation of plagiarism in an NSF proposal.¹ Our analysis identified allegedly copied verbatim text from two sources.

We contacted the Subject² regarding the allegation. Based on his response, we determined text from one of the sources we had identified as copied should be excluded from further review. We could not however exclude the other source; though the Subject did list this source in the reference section, he did not properly cite to that reference in the body of the proposal.

Based on the now minimal amount of material lacking adequate citation, we determined the matter is best resolved by sending the Subject a Questionable Research Practice letter reminding him of the need to adequately cite material within NSF proposals.

Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.

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