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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A13010010

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NSF OIG received allegations of plagiarism and fabrication in a declined NSF Proposal (Proposal).¹ Our review identified significant plagiarism in the Proposal's project description and confirmed possible fabrication within the PI's biographical sketch.²

We contacted the PI and Co-PIs³ regarding the allegations. The Co-PIs responded individually. Each said that the PI was responsible for writing and submitting the Proposal, which he had done without their knowledge. The PI did not respond to our letter despite reminders.

While preparing our investigation referral, we learned and confirmed that the PI had died suddenly. Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.

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