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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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NSF OIG received an allegation of plagiarism in an NSF pre-proposal.¹ Our analysis identified allegedly copied text from four sources.

We contacted the Subject² regarding the allegation. Based on his response, we determined the Subject had previously worked with two of the source's co-authors and therefore excluded that text from our analysis. However, though the Subject did list the remaining two sources in the reference section, he did not properly cite to those references in the body of the proposal near the copied text.

Given the small amount of questioned text remaining, together with the Subject's explanation, we concluded the Subject's action did not rise to the level of research misconduct. Therefore, we sent the Subject a letter reminding him of his responsibility give proper attribution to all collaborators and to correctly cite material included in his proposals. Accordingly, this case is **closed with no further action taken.**

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