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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A14020005

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Our office received an allegation that an NSF proposal¹ contained copied text from one source.² Our review identified material in the proposal copied from that source.

We contacted the PI³ regarding the allegation. He said he collaborated with the source's author⁴ on an earlier, declined version of the proposal⁵ and included in the proposal's re-submission, on which she was not collaborating, some background text she provided. The PI provided documentary evidence supporting his permitted use of the text.

We will send the PI a Questionable Research Practice letter reminding him of his responsibility to acknowledge individuals who author proposals he submits.

This case is closed with no further action taken.

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