

CLOSEOUT FOR M-91120045

This case was brought to the attention of OIG on December 5, 1991 by the complainant [REDACTED] in the NSF Directorate for [REDACTED]. The case involved alleged plagiarism by the subject, [REDACTED], Project Manager, [REDACTED] in his draft final report [REDACTED] submitted to the [REDACTED] as part of his contractual agreement with [REDACTED] that began on [REDACTED] received support from NSF grant [REDACTED] as well as other government agencies. These funds were administered by [REDACTED]

The contractual agreement between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was to assess "the state of the art of [REDACTED] research in instrumentation and control technology for civilian nuclear power reactors, and compar[e] it to that in the United States." This included visitation of [REDACTED] sites, participation as a panelist in a workshop in [REDACTED] and submission of a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] completed the site visitations and participated as a panelist as agreed to in his contract and submitted a [REDACTED]. During the review of the [REDACTED] a reviewer noted that some of the material was taken from a previously published report without proper acknowledgment. The [REDACTED] reviewed [REDACTED] and wrote to him outlining numerous examples of alleged plagiarism. In this same letter, the [REDACTED] noted that "[y]ou do credit [the source] once in the second paragraph of page 11, and state that 'a selected extract from his draft reports is included in the following subsections with minor modifications to provide coherent and complete description.' However, none of the material you use verbatim or slightly paraphrased from [the source] throughout the following sixteen pages is in quotes or double-indented as is required by the Chicago style manual." According to him, this included almost 90 percent of the body of the work.

OIG learned that the [REDACTED] submitted by [REDACTED] was never published. Instead, [REDACTED] hired another person to do the final report.

Because this [REDACTED] was just that, a draft, with implied potential for rework, because it was never used, and because [REDACTED] did indicate in the text that he had extracted material from his other draft reports even though he did not cite properly, OIG concluded that the situation was ambiguous and, therefore, a definitive case was not possible. The Office of Investigation reviewed the financial aspects of this case and concluded that as long as [REDACTED] actually visited the sites for which he received travel reimbursement and performed the tasks indicated, there was no financial fraud involved.

This case was closed.

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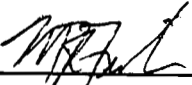
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