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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We considered an allegation<sup>1</sup> that a small amount of text duplicated from a published document appeared in a proposal<sup>2</sup> submitted by the subject<sup>3</sup> to NSF. We contacted the authors of the proposal for their perspective.

The coPI and PI agreed that the PI alone had composed the proposal. The PI took responsibility for the plagiarized text that appears in the proposal. We noted that references to the plagiarized author's work appear elsewhere in the proposal. In a final letter to the subject, we emphasized that use of another's exact words without direct citation is a serious violation of scholarship standards, and we emphasized to the subject the need to exhibit the highest standards of scholarship in his proposals. We note that this is the subject's first proposal to NSF.

The strong exhortation to the subject should be sufficient to protect NSF's interests.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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