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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We reviewed an allegation of plagiarism in an NSF proposal¹. According to the allegation, the proposal exhibited stylistic and linguistic shifts that may be associated with plagiarism. We reviewed the author's dissertation and published papers and found that the proposal included text from these sources. We searched the Internet, reviewed sources cited in the proposal, and sampled the literature relating to the topics of the proposal. We found no sources from which text was taken other than the author's own work.

Our analysis indicated that the stylistic and linguistic shifts in the proposal could be attributed to the combination of text original to the proposal and text that was written and edited for publication. We found no evidence to substantiate the allegation. Accordingly, this case is closed.

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