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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A04060043

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We reviewed an allegation that the abstract of an NSF award<sup>1</sup> is substantially similar to a project outlined in an earlier proposal submitted by a different institution<sup>2</sup>, indicating possible misconduct. Although we found that the two projects fell within the same general research area, our review did not identify any evidence of either plagiarism or intellectual theft.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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