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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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Proactive examination of several collaborative proposals¹ using a commercial plagiarism finder system identified extensive texts seemingly identical to text available on the web, with authors other than the PI on the proposals. A closer examination revealed that some putative source documents were authored by PIs and coPIs on other submissions associated with the collaborative proposals.² Further, the proposal submissions stem from long-standing collaborations within a university center³ from which multiple position papers, technical reports, and white papers have appeared, each with varying authors, but containing common thematic texts. Text in the proposals was also searched manually using a web search query of signature phrases drawn from the text. No links to texts authored by non collaborators was found. No support for duplicated texts in these proposals could therefore be established

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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² Redacted.

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