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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A07030016

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We received an allegation that the Subject¹ had copied a small amount of text from an NSF research proposal that was available online into his own NSF proposal.² We identified substantially similar text contained in the source document and the Subject's proposal. We contacted the Subject to obtain his perspective on the matter. The Subject was forthcoming and explained that the few lines of identical text were those that remained from using the alleged source document, as well as others, to form a template for his proposal. He was contrite and admitted to the mistake, though qualifying the mistake as unintentional.

Based on the subject's response, and the fact that the amount of plagiarism was small, we believe that no further action is necessary. Accordingly, this case is closed.

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