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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A08030008

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We reviewed an allegation that a proposal submitted to NSF¹ contained a small amount of plagiarized text, and determined that the text in the proposal was duplicated from multiple sources. The sources were cited near the locations of the duplicated sections in the project description, and the citations were given in the "References Cited" section of the submitted proposal, but none of the duplicated text appears within quotation marks. The subject accepts responsibility for the composition of these parts of the proposal. The PI explained that since he provided the citations, and leading text that identified the conclusions as those of the source document authors, he did not feel that the duplicated words needed to be included within quotation marks. A letter will be sent to the subject to encourage him to adopt more reasonable citation practices to avoid future allegations.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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