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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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Our office received an allegation of plagiarism in an NSF proposal.¹ We found material copied from a website related to a working group.² A person named in the proposal (Colleague)³ was involved in the working group, but was not named on the proposal's cover sheet.

We contacted the PI⁴ about the allegation. He said the Colleague was responsible for inserting the allegedly copied material, but said the Colleague had authored the material for the working group. He provided a letter from another working group member confirming his assertion.

We will send the PI a Questionable Research Practice letter reminding him of his responsibility to acknowledge individuals who author proposals he submits.

This case is closed with no further action taken.

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