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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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Our office received an allegation of plagiarism in an unfunded NSF proposal (Proposal).<sup>1</sup> Our review found only minimal plagiarism. We contacted the Subject,<sup>2</sup> who explained that he had never before authored a proposal and that his Ph.D. advisor<sup>3</sup> authored the two sources from which material was primarily copied.

Our review confirmed that the Proposal was the Subject's only NSF submission. Our review also found that the Proposal included a letter of recommendation from the Ph.D. advisor.

Given the minimal plagiarism and the Ph.D. advisor's letter of recommendation, we determined it sufficient, in this situation, to send the Subject a letter reminding him of his responsibilities regarding adequate citation. Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.

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