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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A15020012

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We received an allegation of plagiarism in an NSF proposal.¹ We contacted the PI (Subject)² who said that his former postdoc (Postdoc)³ wrote the proposal sections containing the copied text. He added that the proposal was a resubmission of an earlier proposal on which the Postdoc was a named participant. The Subject provided documentary evidence supporting his assertion.

We reviewed the Subject's response and attachments and concluded the Postdoc was responsible for the copied text.

Given the totality of the circumstances in this case, we sent the Postdoc and the PI Questionable Research Practice letters reminding them of their responsibilities to appropriately cite all material in documents submitted to NSF. Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.

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