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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A15040030

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Our office received an allegation of plagiarism in a proposal.¹ We reviewed the proposal and identified copied text. We contacted the PI² and the Co-PI³ regarding the allegation. Their response stated that two students⁴ authored the portions of the proposal containing the copied text; documentary evidence provided with the response supported this assertion.

We sent the PI and both students⁵ Questionable Research Practice (QRP) letters, reminding them of their responsibility to always adequately cite material contained in an NSF proposal.

This case is closed with no further action taken.

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⁵ The Co-PI's role in the proposal was very limited; accordingly, no QRP letter was sent to him.