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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-17-0081-O

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We reviewed an allegation that an NSF PI (Subject) had plagiarized material from a proposal to another federal agency into her NSF proposal. The Subject had been one of five co-PIs on the other agency proposal, however, the complainant claimed the Subject was not materially involved in the development of the proposal. The complainant could not provide any evidence as to what parts of the other proposal were written by the various co-PIs. However, the Subject did provide us with evidence that suggested she was materially involved in the development of that proposal.

Given the evidence, we conclude the Subject's actions do not constitute research misconduct. We wrote her a letter suggesting that she should acknowledge former colleagues if she uses that text again in the future.

This case is closed with no further action taken.