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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

**Case Number: I-24-0022-O**

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We received an allegation that the PI and co-PI plagiarized a colleague's words and ideas when they removed him from their proposal submitted to the NSF. The colleague was originally part of the research project, and said he contributed material to the proposal. A dispute with the PI led to the colleague leaving and subsequently rejoining the project.

We determined that the essence of the matter is an authorship dispute, which is best resolved by a referral to the awardee institution. Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.