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Subject: Conversation with Army declassifier

I had a ten minute conversation this morning with the Army declassifier known to us both. We have arranged to meet at the shuttle next Wednesday to go up to NARA to perform a "recon" mission so that she can get a feel for what is there and how much work needs to be done. As you anticipated, this might be a slow process, if she has her way. I spent ten minutes listening to a series of reasons and excuses why she couldn't make decisions or do this expeditiously... uncertain of her own authority; unsure of how to handle third agency equities; unclear as to the extent of our authority; unclear as to why, if we have the authority to release, we are even bothering having the Army look at it at all (isn't this our responsibility to declass these records, not theirs?); she has a lack of resources; she has no guidelines from the Army as to what to do; she's busy putting together end-of-fiscal-year reports... you name it, I heard it. It seemed to me that this person is either afraid or unwilling to make decisions, and was trying to get me to absolve her of having to do so. I tried to answer every "concern" she had, and deflect her apparent unwillingness to do this, but I do not know how successful I was. I told her that we'd like to have them declassified and ready to go by November 1. I should emphasize that this reticence appears to be entirely based on this one person's attitude towards all projects, not just the JFK records; furthermore, it should not be construed as reflective of any reticence or uncooperativeness on the part of the Army whatsoever.

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