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This afternoon, I received a call from Toni Bowie, the Army declassifier who originally looked at the Califano papers with me in August 1996. She had seen the letter going out from us requesting Rakers for a 2-3 exercise, and wondered if these were the same Califano papers she had seen. I replied that they were. Bowie said, "You know as well as I do that there are other agency equities in about 90% of those documents; some of them, the Army didn't even originate." I told her that we had contacted NARA about this, and that in the case of documents that were not originated by the Army but were now in the Army's possession, the Army has final declassification authority. We discussed a few more points regarding the Califano papers; upon learning that we intended to have an Army declassifier do what they could and identify other agency equities where necessary, she said, "You know, I have to tell you that we're back at square one. We're no farther on these than when you and I saw these in August." She feels this way because most of these documents have other agency equities and she thought it would have been faster for us to have identified equities and arranged for a mass declass session from the start. I parroted the company line back to her, and said that I thought we would be okay this way. However, in the eventuality that her suggested process becomes necessary, I think it very important to note that such a course of action is precisely what was recommended by the military team several months ago. We were overruled by ARRB management, who felt that identifying equities and facilitating a mass declass session was tantamount to doing other agencies' work for them; it was decided that we had neither the time nor the resources to conduct this session. It appears that such a session will now be necessary, as the military team has argued from the beginning. Three months have gone by, and had we started on this process back in February when we first conceptualized it, we would likely have been close to completion by now. the fact that it has not been even begun yet should not be held against the military team.

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