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From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2012 11:52 AM
To: 'Smith, Jeffrey H.'
Cc: Grafeld, Margaret P
Subject: RE: HAK Papers

Dear Jeff,

Thank you for the status update - we appreciate it.

In response to your question regarding assuring "accelerated declassification of all of the HAK documents in the Library of Congress, not just those that have been referred to State by the Archives", the short answer is that we cannot.

The underlying basis for our answer is that the Department can only declassify its own records; that's why the Department's proposal was to bring back those records that are State records (to include any that HAK may have added to the collection himself that may not be in the Department's records). As you might expect, we have finite reviewer expertise, and we have to exercise it consistent with statutory obligations under other disclosure mandates like FOIA and EO 13526 and our systematic review program.

I can inquire as to whether we could consider developing a plan that is consistent with our proposal and our reviewing authorities that might enable us to work the additional collection of non-State records while we are do our State records work; such a proposal would obviously involve incremental funding based on the scope of such a plan. It also would require the engagement of other agencies. Obviously I am not certain if such a proposal could work, because as we shared in the meeting between the Secretary and HAK at their meeting, we are not in a position to address other agencies' records.

Either way, we welcome being kept apprised.

Best.

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From: Smith, Jeffrey H. [mailto:]
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To: Mills, Cheryl D; Grafeld, Margaret P
Subject: HAK Papers

Cheryl and Peggy,

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We have not forgotten you! Thanks again for your back channel discussion of a possible solution. We (Kissinger and Yale) have been discussing how to approach this.

A preliminary concern is, if we raise private funds can we assure the accelerated declassification of all of the HAK documents in the Library of Congress, not just those that have been referred to State by the Archives?

I spoke to HAK yesterday and have some instructions. He also asked me, once again, to say how very much he appreciates the effort Hillary and you gave made. Please pass that on to the Secretary. He very much wants to get this settled during her time as Secretary.

We need to do a bit more homework and hope to get back to you very soon after Labor Day.

I hope you both were able to get some time off this summer.

Best regards,

Jeff

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