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Subject: good (although still not official) news

Carol Keeley of the FBI called and told me that she had met this morning with Pat Kelly of the FBI's General Counsel's Office and representatives of Division 5 (National Security Division). The result of the meeting is that the FBI will drop its appeal of "about half" of the records we identified in our submission earlier this week as ripe for Presidential decision. This decision is not yet final, and will not be until the General Counsel and the Director sign off on it. Assuming this happens, we should get written confirmation early next week. This decision, if it holds, would represent significant progress in our efforts to get declassified and released information related to the assassination, the disclosure of which does not pose a current and genuine threat to national security. As members of the FBI team know, this dispute with the FBI has been brewing most of this year. Many staff members have provided important assistance at various stages. In addition to the members of the FBI team (Joan, Laura, and Kevin), I'd like to thank Eric, Dave, Jerrie, Cathy, and Eileen for their pitching in.

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