File 20090902.0003: There is an article in the latest RISKS (25.77) about the UK MoD acquisition of Chinook helicopters from Boeing sans software. MoD thought they could write their own software more cheaply than Boeing charged for it; they tried and failed. The aircraft remained hangared, unable to fly most of their mission capabilities, because the UK bespoke software was late.

Source: RISKS 25.77.

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