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I met with Dr Martin and gave him a complete draft of the first chapter. He pronounced it good enough to give to the assessors already, and recommended not polishing the chapter any more at this time. Rather, I should work on the next chapter and keep up the pace. We discussed the conventions of re-using sentences or paragraphs already written or information that has already been published elsewhere in the dissertation, and had a long discussion about academic writing style. Finally, I have the level dialled in. Afterwards we discussed some current topics on SCADA vulnerabilities and the response to RSA's two-factor authentication compromise last week. I had a short item published in RISKS this week about transcription errors in publication dates affecting literature searching in Google Trends. Two people emailed me about it.

In California, the government sponsor D----- G----- (SPAWARSSYSCENPAC) emailed Monday to say that the certifier R----- D----- gave verbal permission to field the post-certification patch version 5.0.1P at once. When the signed letter is received by the programme office, formal permission to field 5.0.1 to TSABI sites will be updated on the UCDMO baseline.

I listened to the recording of Prof. R. Anderson's ISPP seminar Monday on 'The Dependability of Complex Socio-Technical Infrastructure', thanks to Dr Martin who sent me an MP3 file. There were one or two stories in his lecture I'd not heard before; one of them, regarding GCHQ and CC certifications, is relevant to my thesis.

Next meeting with Dr Martin tomorrow 1445 BST. GSS reports are due next week.

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## References