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Misconceptions held by the CDS developer and the programme office both with regard to the certifier's process and procedures are evident in the evidence between October 2009 and approximately May 2010. ST&E processes and procedures are much better understood by the developer and GPO because of the close working relationship among installers, IV&V, site, and the DAA representative during accreditation trips (physical proximity cannot be ruled out as a contributing factor). Communication among developer, programme office, and the two independent groups comprising the certifier is limited to fewer and higher-level people, leading to a communication thermocline that always isolates a small group of people at the developer who are actively working on CT&E inside a bubble along with the programme office on one side of a barrier separating that group from the certifier. Communication across the barrier is both formal and informal through three channels: government-to-government, regularly scheduled telecons, and draft reports. It is this part of the evidence I am coding in Atlas.ti at this time. At the end of reading through all of the files from CS-1 and C-2, 26 percent, in all, were found to be relevant. I need another week to work on coding. Possibly relevant side issues that crop up repeatedly include the developer's information retention policy, the programme office's attitude toward contractor compliance with DoD 8570.01 and the effect that had on CT&E misconceptions, longevity of experienced people on-programme, project manager turnover, and undependable funding; some of these appear in the literature.

A new book on the history of defence acquisition was recently published by the office of historical research (Converse, 2012); I had a talk with the author and obtained a PDF of the whole book. I need to have a meeting with my supervisors to update them on progress to plan. Estimated completion date of this phase of the data analysis is still end of May. GSS report due in two weeks. I will have results to report on the coding task in a few days.

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