

File 20100310.2158: I talked to Jackie P. (F. now?) in Deer Creek today about 8570.1 compliance. Kevin has advised her to go get the lowest level cert ASAP and hope that is enough. Jackie says the Navy has not paid the RM bill since October 2009 and we've been operating on LMCO money ever since then. LM said that money would run out yesterday, but Olav and Crag announced differently, and we do not have a stop work yet. The newbies are all worried, of course, but the old timers have seen this happen time and again. As soon as the Navy comes through with the money, we'll be set through the end of the fiscal year, but it amazes me that TISS has been operating in the red for five months. Remember when Lt. Col. Drozd didn't pay the bills? That was bad.

I told Jackie about my talks with Chip re: 8570.1. I wonder if Lockheed is just going to ignore the problem until each programme's contracting officer writes 8570.1 language into the contract. How often does that contract language get amended? Every fiscal year? Every funding increment? Only every five years or so? I can see them getting squeezed at the next contract negotiation if the programme office gets hard-nosed about it and writes 8570.1 into the contract at the start of the next fiscal year. That could leave us exactly three months (October–December 2010) to have to get 40–60 people certified before the end of the calendar year. I can barely get a reservation to sit the exam in that time. And besides, with money so tight now, where are they going to come up with the money to train and examine 40–60 people? That could be a hundred thousand dollars, easily.

Olav is aware of 8570.1 because Kevin and I have been flying that banner for years.

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