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I discussed chapter two with Dr Martin in our meeting Friday. It was not as far along as the first chapter because the grounded theory methodology is not something I have spent years thinking about. I received advice to clarify my rationale for the methodology and to improve the organisation of the chapter. The methodology varies across cases because the type of evidence I have available is completely different for each. I argue in my introduction to the methodology chapter that having three different perspectives on a single object of study is both necessary and sufficient for scientific justifiability of my thesis. We further discussed LaTeX formatting, presentation, and how to estimate a good length for chapters. This week's meeting was particularly productive, judging from the length of the notes I typed up afterwards.

Dr Martin gave me a pointer to a possible source for the GCHQ story related by Prof. Anderson in his seminar last week. I will track that down.

I submitted an invention disclosure on one aspect of the problem this week. Not sure if the application will go anywhere, but it establishes priority. I found a very interesting report from the director of operational test and evaluation in the Pentagon and the Under Secretary of Defence for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics. The summary of the report disputes the opinion of system developers that procurement delays are the direct result of testing requirements, and finds that delays are the result of problems identified by testing, not the testing itself. I think the full report, if I can get a copy from DOT&E, will have some good quotes in it.

We had another meeting scheduled this week when Dr Martin was in Germany, but network problems reduced our communication channel to email-only. I was asked where my chapter two draft was and I promised to get it back to him shortly.

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## References