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I met with Dr Martin over Skype while he was in Turin, 1500 GMT Tuesday. I told him I was stressed, but persevering. I am trying to balance all the calls for my time; I knew this would be hard, but I never knew it would be this hard. Further to that, I have been taking some specific measures to minimise the impact of other work on my school work, and I described some of the specific measures.

I am continuing to work on the grounded theory of the R” case study. It is frustrating, primarily because I do not know what the grounded theory is yet. I am following the methodology, coding and categorising and interpreting the written records from conference call after conference call, but the underlying grounded theory has not emerged yet. It may be a result of trying too hard not to let preconceived notions influence the development of the theory—something the literature warns about; all the methodology books say that a theory will emerge when the analysis is sufficient. Dr Martin asked a question about the methodology; is it expected that that is the way the methodology behaves? Answer: yes, all the methodological discussions I have read say it works this way; you analyse the data for a long time, then a theory suddenly crystallises. I am waiting for the crystallisation to occur.

Still working on detailed outlines of Chapters 2, 3, 4. My funding sponsor in the Air Force has been asking for more time again.

I asked whether Monday’s seminar (on ‘Defining CyberWarfare’, Prof. Peter Sommer, LSE/The Open University) had been recorded; Cornelius captured HD video of the seminar but the file is too large to transfer. I talked with Cornelius but decided to wait until Dr Martin gets back and can strip off the audio to MP3 for me. I will listen to the seminar when I can get the audio file.

Per last week’s guidance, I am trying to limit reading and do more writing. This past week has been a bad week for getting writing done, because of worrying about finances. I have had to be in a number of meetings related to the specific measures I mentioned above, but hopefully those measures will take effect soon, and the funding crisis will be past. I should know more by next week.

I asked for another meeting as early as possible next week; Dr Martin offered one Monday morning. I will try to have those chapter outlines done by then.

Dr Martin said I sounded stressed. He asked if there were anything he could do to help. I said, just be there for me. I will talk with him again on Monday at 0800 MST (1500 GMT), not so stressed.

## References