

**How many times have you met with Dr Andrew Martin since your last report?**

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**Has the Student raised any concerns about the progress of their course over the last reporting period?** No

I am delivering complete chapters to my supervisor now and working on something that feels like a dissertation. I am on track to confirm status this summer and to submit early in the new year. I travelled to Oxford this term from the U.S., where I am residing and doing field research, for face-to-face meetings with my supervisor and senior tutor. I received advice and feedback on writing. I met with other researchers in Oxford the same week for discussions on grounded theory methodology. Besides chapters, I wrote a contribution on solid-state drive forensics for Lockheed and filed two invention disclosures this term on 'Detecting Data Exfiltration with an Application to Insider Trading' and 'nested digital signatures'. Coding and categorising of the first case study is almost complete; this will be the subject of chapter three. I continued to observe my first case study participants through post-certification patch and first accreditation activities in Washington, D.C., San Diego, and Colorado. I reviewed the requirements for confirmation of status in the departmental handbook, MPLS handbook, and university regulations. Application for confirmation of status was made to MPLS on time. The MPLS division graduate office did request could I please re-file the GSO.14b form from last term, as the first deferral of confirmation did not 'take' for some reason. The paper letter I ultimately received from them had the wrong term (Hilary rather than Trinity as agreed) printed on it. I re-filed the form. Everyone is clear that I intend to confirm status this summer, and submit in January.

**Training attended:**

I have read a number of books and articles this term on grounded theory methodology and phenomenological research, ranging from current books and articles to some of the original sources they were based on from the 1940s and 50s. I attended several lectures (and audited recordings of several more) on thesis-relevant topics. I will be attending the 5th UCDMO Conference in Chicago in August, demonstrating my Air Force funding sponsor's R&D results to the certification and accreditation community. I have finally calibrated the exact academic writing style that my supervisor and assessors wanted to see.

**Training required:**

None. I am delivering chapters in anticipation of confirmation of status and lack time for more training at this time. I need the assessors' feedback on the grounded theory methodology of my first case study to validate my approach and presentation of results.

## References