

File 20120119.1659: Susan McNeil gave me a hard time about some documents I wanted to take out of Lockheed today. A file of old versions of the RM security policy, network security policy, and security CONOPS that I think are valuable historical documents that should be in a museum. I reluctantly left them in her care, noting that Larry Brown wrote most of them and could be a good steward of the file.

Leaving was weird. Juilfs walked me up to the roof and helped load boxes into the car. I took something like eight large boxes of books home, representing thirteen years of dragging books into that place. It is reasonable, since I must assume I will never set foot back in the place. I left nothing behind but some old X11 books owned by the programme and two boxes of cables that I will email Jackie about. Kevin Miller inspected my cubicle; Jackie was out today, but Mike Vanportfliet and Raquel Hunter and Susan McNeil were all most helpful and willing to talk.

They gave me a framed photo of a B-2 bomber yesterday at lunch. Some of my code is running on that aeroplane, in the Center Instrument Display Subsystem (CIDS) console, between the pilots, handling Link 16 radio communications. Kevin Miller wanted me to look up EEstor, a battery company that is developing an ultracapacitor with amazing properties, like a three-minute full charge for an EV. Some people are sceptical of those claims, however. We talked at lunch about a friend of Kevin's who drives around in a big truck with a three-gallon water tank, electrolysing the water to hydrogen that he claims gives him better gas mileage. John Juilfs, Eric Chiu, and I gave him a hard time about the thermodynamics of it, but we thought there might be some beneficial effect in power or torque. Just not better gas mileage. Then we talked about the Walking Dead, and zombie countermeasures. It was a good lunchtime discussion for engineers.

In the meeting with Mr Vanportfliet and Ms Hunter, everything went as expected; I left my corporate credit card and AT&T calling card, laptop, charger, and docking station. I received a copy of the supplemental severance agreement. I am to call COBRA and the ESC both to request COBRA sign-up information.

In the meeting with Susan McNeil, she cautioned specifically about the most common mistake people make: they talk about linkage of places and products that are SI or TK. Just don't talk. I left my CAC and other badges with Susan; she walked me up to the roof for the last time and bid me goodbye. Susan asked me questions about the patent app—I should have run it past her for public release—I completely forgot about that, and apologised. She asked all sorts of questions about my thesis. I reassured her when I told her how the patent application was reviewed by at least Olav, Marso, and Savage, plus other reviewers, and the IPRB. I showed her my Export Control letters and how I have successfully juggled LMPI, export controlled, and classified information for years. She said she's not worried about me, because I was on my own for years without problems.

She asked if the University will have a claim on my results. I said I wasn't sure whether the University or Lockheed would; a few years ago I tried to find out, and was discouraged from digging deeper. If I keep my head down, I'll stay under their radar and I can finish.

Both Susan McNeil and Mike Vanportfliet asked if I had received any Lockheed Martin tuition assistance. (No.)

For my CV or résumé (grep bait: resume), I have a TS/SCI clearance that can be reactivated any time in the next 24 months with very little hassle. My last investigation date was 5th August 2009 SSBI PR. Reinvestigation due every five years, so mine is not due again until 2014. Single scope background investigation, periodic reinvestigation.

Juilfs has a master's degree. Who knew?

I am to send chapters one at a time to Susan McNeil and Barry Hennegan. Susan didn't think it would have to be reviewed beyond her, like to the programme office. Interesting...

I need to do the following tasks:

- Read the Supplemental Severance Agreement documentation.
- Call *both* the ESC and COBRA (the numbers are in my packet) to ask them for the COBRA sign-up packet. Have to call both of them.
- When I call ESC, ask them to transfer me to Payroll to find out the amount of my vacation cheque, which will be mailed in a separate cheque.
- I have forty days to sign the Release of Claims form and *mail it to Raquel Hunter* at the address given on page 6 or 7.

- Set up catastrophic medical insurance with a \$10,000 deductible, and prescription drug insurance (cheap) through ACM. Get a 30% discount from doctors for not making the process payment through insurance company.

I will get my patent awards. Interestingly, I think what forced the issue was the Assignment letter from the lawyer that starts off, ‘for value received...’.

I described my thesis as ‘certification and accreditation of cross domain systems’ and shortening the certification Beta I/Beta II process from a year to three months, and using SCAP to automatically extract all the information and test results that the NSA pen testers and certification authority testers want to see, and something about the accreditor model and economics.

I emailed Tom Flaherty last thing. I got a nice email from Jeff Dutoit wishing me well. Marso, Larry Brown, Kevin, Susan McNeil, Jackie, Eric Richardson, Hawk, and Juilfs all saw me off.

Yesterday was harder, driving away from Deer Creek after the luncheon, than today was. Today I didn’t feel like crying. It is still a very weird feeling, though. I have no safety net and I *have* to finish and graduate now.

References