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These events happened between 6 November and the first evacuation. There are probably some new names for you.

Mr. Marozz - government employee for the Ministry; responsibilities included the new data center and the Ministry's employees who worked in the data center.

Don Norworthy - EDS employee, good friend of Ralph, manager of technical support for the new data center

Jim Travis - EDS employee responsible for operating the new data center and supervising all production work in the center

After 6 November the data center was closed. Because the Ministry had not paid EDS in about 10 months and there did not appear to be any let up of rioting in the streets, Ralph and I began considering what EDS should do with the systems we had developed. The systems were not being used at the moment and the Ministry hadn't paid for them. Ralph found out that Ron Davis had access to

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a strong magnet used to erase data from tapes. The magnet was located in the Bank Omran data center. At Bank Omran, the computer center was still operational and in use. Ralph and I visited Ron and tested the magnet on a disk pack. It worked. We then borrowed the magnet. We didn't know when or if we would use it.

Some days later, Ralph decided that there were certain very important programs that EDS should safeguard. These programs were the operating programs to run the computers; they were written by IBM but heavily modified by EDS. Ralph convinced Marooz that because of the situation in the streets, the data center was vulnerable and all back-up tapes should be stored in another location. The Ministry had another suitable location in Tehran on Jafaraghi Street. Marooz dispatched a certain number of tapes, which included all files and all programs in the new center, to Ralph to transport to Jafaraghi. On the way to Jafaraghi Ralph selected the tapes with the operating programs and replaced them with blank tapes he had concealed.

In this way Ralph was able to show the guards at Jakarazi the right number of tapes. Ralph gave the operating programs to Jim Travis to store at his apartment.

As the situation at the Ministry worsened, it became apparent we would be forced to cancel the contract. The decision was made to recover all EDS programs from the Ministry. If EDS were to have a legal case to obtain the money owed, the programs must be intact. If the Ministry destroyed the programs, EDS would have no case. Ralph returned to Jakarazi and convinced the guards he was instructed by Marooy to return the tapes to the data center. Don Norworthy was with Ralph. They took the tapes to Jim Travis' apartment.

EDS was now in possession of copies of the programs to operate the computer, of programs to run the system, and of the files for the systems. The Ministry also had a copy of all of this in their data center. In the data center, this information was on disk packs and on tape, the data being on tape and disk, and the programs on disk.

Several days later Ralph received instructions (from whom I don't know) to erase the data files and programs in the new data center. Ralph needed a reason to return to the data center. When Ralph had removed the tapes from the data center, he and Jim Travis had placed the disk packs under the raised floor. This was just a safety measure against vandalism. Ralph now told Marooy that to leave the disk packs under the floor any longer might cause damage to them because of the dust. He suggested that the pack be placed back on the disk drives. Ralph, Jim and I went to the data center with Marooy. There were 32 disk drives. Jim kept Marooy distracted as Ralph remount the disk packs and passed the magnet over them. I went through computer reports and selected those that listed what information was on which reel of tape. I also found the deck of cards used to perform initial program load of the computer. EDS now had in its possession everything necessary to run the Ministry's systems and the Ministry have the technical expertise to even know they couldn't run the system.

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From what I know, the Ministry never tried to run the new systems. Across the street in their old data center was the payroll system. They did ask us to run that system for them prior to pay days and we did for the 15 Nov, 30 Nov, and 15 Dec payrolls. This system was written before EDS had a contract with the Ministry.

Opening programmes to run the computer - Ralph moved & switched some.

Then took all to apartment

Then moved Ministry's office in data center.