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Meeting w/ Ministry

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B. Gayden, P. Buche, L. Briggs, + [redacted] + EPJ
Emrani, Ahari, Ahmadi, Booragh-zadeh, Min-Bashian of ~~SSO~~ ^{SSO}

1. Emrani - opened pleasantly - glad to meet, sorry he had been so busy; explained he was not Managing Director, just manager, + did not have authority to do anything; he

was aware of non-payment - Mr. Ahari had advised them to look for approval.

2. P. Buche - EPJ is process of going to court - wanted to proper ~~lines~~ lines of communication (we think they misunderstood our intent, going to court - they said they didn't take this to court (i.e. the Inspector for Div. of Justice) - court case to us).

Emrani:

4. ~~check~~ the checkbook with Board.

(a) Ahmadi - Said needed to get all parts of Ministry together, SSO is only part of Ministry; SSO Board of Director doesn't have authority.

- Two levels - Investigations going on - to higher levels of government + we just have to wait, i.e. it's too hot to handle now.

- Whether Project is appropriate or too ambitious - this can be discussed - but to felt computer and system was necessary.

5. P. Buche - Let's not get involved in technical; let's get relationship straightened out so your investment is not wasted.

6. Emrani - ^{relatively} investment will not be wasted, Iran will get money's worth.

5. Ahari - Very long discourse on his meeting with Bill Gaylord - said Gaylord told him nothing was done in 1st two years - no schedule so he doesn't know what we are supposed to do - very detailed, organized discourse on exactly what had been or not been accomplished

- when did communication break down - when Dr. Shick left? - 3 months? - add 3 months to contract and pay you if you complete project.

P. Bucha - Sorry you choose to attack Mr. Gaylord who is not here; we must say you are wrong, but cannot respond for Mr. Gaylord.

Ahari - Apologized for attack on Gaylord; elaborated on 3 month proposal - none all we have seen 102 guarantees, which are nothing.

W. Hayden - SSD signed contract; in 24 months never rejected an invoice as provided in contract; contract never contemplated user approval; If SSD was not authorized to deal with us, is contract invalid and all prior payments invalid; If my contract is with SSD and SSD cannot deal with this, what is your advice as to how I should proceed.

Ahari - How can we review these in such a short period of time.

W. Hayden - CES set up to monitor daily.

Question - You give up invoice in middle of month, how are we to know ~~if~~ if you have done work for month

Emrani - No, No. - Isn't it that the payment and service are separate? The payment is to be done on a payment schedule, which

is separate from the service which you are supposed to evaluate as it goes along."

Booragh-Zadeh - basically agreed with Aheri

Begin to run out of time before conference.

SSO agreed these matters could be talked out - asked that authority of L. Briggs can be confirmed in writing.

SSO then discussed internally meeting schedule

Two main BPS points - ① Must have discussions or go to court


② In 24 months, you have never ~~given~~ any written ~~complaint~~ ^{complaint}

SSO - Have you done ~~with~~ what you should have in 24 months.

EDS - You haven't worked in 3 months, so we haven't been able to progress; but up to 3 months ago (nos. 15, 16, 20) we were ahead of what contract contemplated.

- One more ~~year~~ won't finish project because for last year we have been working on assumption that we have a 5 yr plan as SSO requested a year ago but never confirm.

At end of meeting: Abolhasan

Aheri - told  in Farsi - I don't have anything personal against EDS - the Government will pay when work is done - not - prove you have done work and we will pay

At one point in time,

A P. Busher EnLoud Aheri of voluminous reports produced by EDS to enable SSO to evaluate progress of projects

At one point - Ahmedi said this must be resolved very quickly -

UKC - Net - Not very good meeting - but SSO doesn't want to take responsibility for project dying

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SSO's ^{main} problem is confirming that Contract is clean, so they can safely deal with it.

[Ahmedi has told us that Ministry of Justice has prepared report on contract which is going to Prime Minister for final decision.]

Net: They want to keep talking because they have no choice in because they don't want the thing to fall apart until somebody ~~is~~ takes them of responsibility.

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We offered to continue authority of Lloyd and [redacted] to negotiate business and relationship issues (not necessarily technical side)