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I called [redacted] today to get an update and clarify the timing issue that had puzzled me. I again let him know that any contract for the detector systems would be worked through me if the University were involved.

There is no contract between MURR and Cerento (sp) Electronics (a subsidiary of GA) to build the systems. GA bid their contract to Thailand and Morocco based on the numbers [redacted] had provided months ago, so I could sense [redacted] getting nervous that he only had verbal commitment from [redacted] to provide the instruments.

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The confusion I had with the timing was my misunderstanding of the several terms. The clock started ticking for GA last July-a fixed contract to have a reactor completed in 48 months and equipment installed on a turnkey basis in 39 months. The construction has been delayed until the construction permit is approved by the government(s). GA is unable to cut loose any funds for other than design until the construction permit is signed.

The IAEA has sent consultants to each location to determine the safety of the reactor and site (you were right about the IAEA, [redacted]). GA is hoping the government will award contractors a grace period while the economic turmoil simmers down (in Thailand).

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Bottom line, unless the government gives GA some relief, GA is expected to have detector systems in Thailand in 27 months.

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