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On one of my debriefs in the Pentagon I was critical of an organization called GEEIA, which was the Air Force source of new construction and maintenance of all ground based communications and electronics systems world wide.

GEEIA, Ground Electronics Engineering Installation Agency, had three regions in the U.S., one in the Pacific, and one in Europe. My next assignment, upon return from Hawaii, was as Vice Commander of the Eastern GEEIA Region located at Brookley AFB in Mobile, Alabama.

I became commander after several months and again faced a significant challenge. A particular job was called a scheme, and we were several hundred schemes behind scheduled completion. A number of factors were involved in the delays. I instituted a daily session with the staff to examine each over due project and by focusing on solving the reason for delay we gradually started to catch up.

Brookley AFB was scheduled to close, and we had to move about 60 miles to the west to Keesler AFB in Mississippi. In September of 1968 we made the move. Our new management approach continued, and the number of over due schemes dropped significantly. The GEEIA HQ located at Griffis AFB in Rome, New York started using our approach to management world wide and had the same favorable results.

In the fall of 1969 the European Region was terminated and the entire European area of responsibility was added to the Eastern Region. This occurred as we were recovering from a most destructive hurricane Camile that damaged our HQ complex. Again we had to take on a number of late schemes.

In the Spring of 1970 Air Force HQ decided to consolidate GEEIA with the Air Force Communications Service. I decided that with a big new reorganization ahead and a likely move of the family to contend with, and since I had completed a full 30 years of active duty it was time to retire and return to our home in Alexandria.