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Reference is made to our discussion of the 13th of January at your office. Following is a summary of progress report on the points discussed:-

1. The new version of the Saturn-T system which is called Saturn-Compact is indeed compact because all the units are in a single aluminium box 70cm x 60cm x 30cm with a total weight of only 34 kgs. Like the Saturn-T it provides alternate line for telephone, telefax or telex. A QWINT Telex is included in the package. Total system price including QWINT is 272.000 NOK. Without QWINT it costs 251.000 NOK. Brochure sent by separate mail.
2. The new version of the old model Saturn-3S.90 (land based) is also available in the market. The system consists of just two electronics packages - the Above Decks Equipment (ADE) and the Below Decks Equipment (BDE) with a single cable between them. The antenna electronics package features a computer designed resonant reflector that outperforms conventional parabolic antenna. (a quality that you were interested in). It can be adjusted and permanently installed on the roof. The whole system costs 232.000 NOK. The interface unit provides multiple plug-in for the telephone, telex and computer connections. The telephone can be installed anywhere in the building. Since it is plug-connectible additional wall sockets may be installed in several locations to allow more than one telephone on the same line. Brochure sent by separate mail.
3. Concerning license for using data transmission via modem, both EB and TBK (the marketing branch of the Norwegian Telecommunication Authorities) have confirmed that there is no need of application for license. But there are types of modems (qualitywise) approved by the authorities to be used in the telecommunication network of the country. It can more correctly be said that they have a list of recommended products. It is also impractical to enforce a law that would forbid certain products.
4. I have raised to EB our interest to send an expert to Asmara to give training of the INMARSAT terminals. There was unexpected good news for us. WFP has purchased SATURN-C equipments and they have asked EB to send an expert to install and train the operators both in Massaua and Djibuti. This is a good coincidence because it will be less costly for us. You will be informed when the experts travel schedule is made known.
5. The technical manual for the Saturn-C terminals is not yet published. EB says that printing of the manual will be completed in three weeks time. They have promised to send to Asmara one copy for each terminal.
6. Message to Tsegai: The spare parts requested i.e. three Synthesizer board and three Digital board cards will be sent with the trainer. So will the technical manuals if they are ready by the time of his departure.
7. When and if decision is made to purchase the Saturn-Compact or/and the Saturn-3S.90 terminals let me know the soonest possible time in order to make an early purchase order to shorten the delivery time. We can as well send it with the expert who can at the same time install and demonstrate the new equipments in Asmara.
8. Have you tried the Gheez software programme developed in Stavanger? We will appreciate any comment you may have to improve or extend the functions. The copies I had in Asmara were protected for demonstration purposes. I will send you unprotected copies to avoid hindrance. To make quick and best use of the programme one should first copy it in the hard disc.

Best regards