

**DAY 2**

(At the office)

Foreign Advisor: Hi, I'm Bill Parker. I have an appointment with Jag-Dish New...

Receptionist: Neupane. Yes, sir. Please sit down for a few minutes. *Yesterday "William," today "Bill" Parker; I must have misunderstood him.*

Foreign Advisor: *Hell, even a set time can't be kept!*

**(15 minutes later)**

Nepalese Counterpart: Please come in Mr. Parker. *He looks impatient, like most of them. Little does he know I've been seeing people at home since 5:30 a.m. and that his project is not our only one.*

Foreign Advisor: *Well, it's about time. Are they serious about this project or not?* So, finally, Jag, it's good to see ya!

Nepalese Counterpart: *Incredible informality! We've never met before, yet he addresses me as I address my son!* Yes, Mr. Parker, I'm so sorry for making you wait.

Foreign Advisor: *Sure you are.* Ah, no problem, don't worry. So how's everything? I understand the draft technical report is finished.

Nepalese Counterpart: *Isn't he interested in my family or telling me about his home? They're all so direct.* Yes, yes it just needs a few modifications.

Foreign Advisor: *Either it's ready or it's not. What's this crap about modifications?* You know this is now the second draft, and in order to stick to our agreed schedule we can't afford further delays.

Nepalese Counterpart: *Easy for him to say. English is his first (perhaps only)*