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The following documents were exchanged.

- A letter of congratulations to Mr Lizo NJENJE, EM10, congratulating him for his appointment as the Head of NIA. A meeting to discuss the status of the relationship between the two services was proposed by SIS. A courtesy call was requested, seeing that [REDACTED] Controller for Africa and Americas, would be in Pretoria on 11 – 12 November 2009.
- Further information on ERFCO was provided. ERFCO visited Iran in 2008 and deals for up to \$ 1 million with LMI a front company for the make of missiles was done.

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Mr Lizo Gibson Njenje
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Dear Director General,

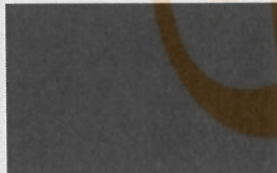
On behalf of the British security and intelligence community, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Director General.

I am aware that you have previously been directly involved in the long-standing co-operation that exists between NIA and British intelligence. I very much hope that we will be able to build on these foundations and establish productive and effective co-operation. In particular, I am keen to ensure that you and your colleagues receive all necessary support to guarantee that the World Cup in 2010 is a great success and free of security threats.

As you may know, I have only recently arrived in South Africa and have not yet had the opportunity to meet many senior staff from NIA. I would very much welcome an early opportunity to meet with you, introduce myself and discuss how we can work together to improve our operational co-operation.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I have asked [REDACTED] SIS Controller for Africa and Americas, to visit as soon as possible in order to meet you and the other members of the South African intelligence community, in order to discuss our relationship. [REDACTED] has proposed to come to Pretoria on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November, and I very much hope we can arrange a suitable time for him to call on you.

Best wishes,



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FURTHER BACKGROUND ON ERFCO

1. Further to our note 678 and our meeting on 10 September 2009, please find below further information on ERFCO and their Iranian business dealings.
2. According to reliable reporting, LMI is a front company set up by the Iranian Shahid Sattari Ground Equipment Industries (SSGEI) organisation, which is responsible for the production of missile launchers and ground support equipment and is involved in the development of rocket bodies. SSGEI is subordinate to the Shahid Bakhtiari Industrial Group (SBIG), which is responsible for Iran's solid-propelled ballistic missile programme and was designated under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1737.
3. During a visit to Iran by a representative of the South African company Electric Resistance Furnaces SA (ERFCO) in June 2008, SSGEI went to great lengths to pretend that LMI is a genuine company and to hide the fact that it is related to the missile industry.
4. According to reporting from a separate source, Iranian entities associated with the Iranian Defence Industries Organisation (DIO) made payments to ERFCO totalling between \$50,000 and one million US dollars and/or Euros between late 2007 and early 2009. The DIO too was designated under UNSCR 1737.
5. We would be grateful if you could ensure that if an approach is made to ERFCO [REDACTED] the above information is not imparted to them.
6. Grateful for a convenient date/time to meet to discuss the above further. Many thanks.

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