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Dean Colleague

I am very much looking forward to seeing you at the IEPG in Gleneagles this month and again in London at the beginning of March. I know that we will have much to discuss on both occasions.

I particularly hope that while you are in London we will have an opportunity to discuss ways in which we can expand collaboration between our respective defence industries. This is an area in which I believe our countries have much to offer each other, and I was delighted when the Turkish Armed Forces recently chose to buy Marconi radios under a contract in which Turkish and British Industry have an equal share. I know that there are other similar collaborative proposals such as the Racal fire control system for your air defence guns - currently under consideration, and I hope that you will feel, as I do, that these will provide an ideal opportunity to develop further UK/Turkish collaboration in this field.

With hidest regards

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