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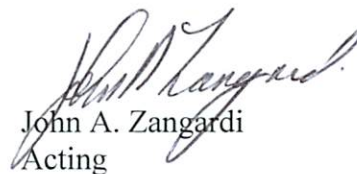
Dear Admiral Slaght,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with the senior information technology leaders from the Department of Defense and our various partner-nation Ministries of Defense, and for the superb support you and your team provided during the visit. The insights you provided on which companies to focus our efforts as well as the networking event helped achieve the essential objectives of this engagement.

Our time with the Cyber Center of Excellence contributed significantly to an exceptionally productive visit. The delegation gathered some great perspectives on leveraging partnerships with industry to support Secretary Mattis' focus on innovation in the Department of Defense. The contributions of our industry partners remain critical to our nation's defense and offer us an enormous strategic advantage.

Admiral Slaght, please accept my thanks for a very productive visit.

Warm regards,


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