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Letter dated 6 November 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you, and, through you, to the members of the Security Council the text of an e-mail* sent to the International Atomic Energy Agency on 31 October 2013 by a representative of the Libyan Atomic Energy Establishment (LAEE) conveying the reaction of LAEE to the article “Al-Qaeda eyes Gaddafi’s uranium and missiles”, by Anthony Loyd, published by *The Times* on 22 October 2013.

The e-mail conveyed the following information:

- (i) Bharuddin Arifi and his group are not the ones assigned to guard the yellowcake storage house;
- (ii) The site is being guarded officially by armed soldiers under the command of Ministry of Defence;
- (iii) The force referred to in (ii) above is residing in a permanent residence in 24-hour attendance shifts inside the compound;
- (iv) The site has belonged to the 10th battalion of the Libya air defence since the end of the old regime;
- (v) The compound contains three storage houses (two for the yellowcake and one for obsolete surface-to-air missiles not in working condition). There are not the alleged heat-seeking missiles referred to in the article, which could be at another site;
- (vi) The dry nature of the southern part of Libya makes it a more suitable environment for the storage of steel barrels;
- (vii) The process is under way to contain the few damaged barrels in new barrels;
- (viii) Quarterly visits to the site are carried out by the Libyan Atomic Energy Establishment (LAEE) staff;
- (ix) The site will be visited by a team of LAEE staff to carry out maintenance in November and another team from the LAEE regulatory office in November or December.

* The text referred to is on file with the Secretariat and is available for consultation.



I kindly request that the present letter be issued as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ibrahim O. **Dabbashi**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
