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Dear Sir

**Subject: Your application for access to documents Ref GestDem No 2015/6729**

We refer to to your e-mail dated 22/12/2015 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 28/12/2015 under the above mentioned reference number and to our earlier letter Ares(2016)356142 of 22 January 2016. Your request concerned all correspondence, internal notes; etc., from or related to Richard Armitage, when he was US deputy secretary of state, related to adoption, child protection - Romania.

Your application concerns the following documents:

- Letter dated 4 May 2004 from Mr R Armitage, Deputy Secretary of State of the United States of America, to Mr G Verheugen, Member of the European Commission
- Letter dated 9 June 2004 from G Verheugen, Member of the European Commission, to Mr R Armitage, Deputy Secretary of State of the United States of America
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Since the first document originates from a third party, the originator of the document has been consulted. The US authorities have not yet authorised the disclosure of their document and we will revert to you at a later stage on this.

Yours faithfully

  
Tiina Astola  
Director-General