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By registred mail:

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Subject: Your application for access to documents pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents – Ref. GestDem 2016/6388

Dear Ms. Seppe,

I refer to your e-mail of 31 October 2016, registered on the same day, by which you make a request pursuant to Regulation No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹. Your request, relating to documents regarding the *Greek-government-debt* crisis, required clarification in order to enable us to identify the documents covered by it.

Following your reply dated 10 November 2016 to our request for clarification, we informed you on 14 November 2016 that your request would be split into five batches, with the following Gestdem references (2016/6157, 6383, 6385, 6387, 6388).

This letter replies to your request registered under reference Gestdem 2016/6388, where you request access to documents originating from 47 specific individuals. By email dated 14 November 2016 we proposed that, in line with Article 6(3) of Regulations 1049/2001, you specify the reason why you are interested in obtaining access to these documents, and which (type of) documents you are interested in in particular, or as a matter of priority. If, on the contrary, you wished to maintain your wide-scope request, we proposed to reduce the list of authors to a maximum of ten of your choice.

¹ Official Journal L145 of 31.05.2001, p.43.

In the absence of a reply from your side within the set deadline (three working days, expiring on 17 November 2016), we have, in accordance with the procedure set out in the Court's judgment in case C-127/13, *Strack v Commission*², limited the scope of your application to the ten first names of your list, which covers:

- *all correspondence (including letters, emails, phone logs), agendas, minutes of meetings and any other reports of such meetings between former Commission President José Manuel Barroso and members of his Cabinet and the following individuals: Lloyd C. Blankfein, M. Michele Burns, Gary D. Cohn, William W. George, James A. Johnson, Lakshmi N. Mittall, Adebayo O. Ogunlesi, Peter Oppenheimer, Debora L. Spar, Mark E. Tucker concerning the Greek-government-debt crisis.*

We regret to inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application.

Indeed, as specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents have been identified, the Commission is not in a position to handle your request.

In case you would disagree with the above assessment, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, to introduce a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Transparency unit SG-B4
BERL 5/282
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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu.

Yours sincerely,



Pascal Leardini

² Judgment in *Strack v Commission*, case C-127/13 P, EU:C:2014:2250, paragraphs 24-28.