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Mr Kenneth Haar  
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**Subject: your application for access to documents: reference number  
GESTDEM 2017/3531**

Dear Mr Haar,

We refer to your e-mail dated 12 June 2017 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered under the above mentioned reference number. Your request is as follows:

"Under the right of access to documents in the EU treaties, as developed in Regulation 1049/2001, I am requesting documents which contain the following:

- Minutes of meetings between representatives for financial companies AND respectively the Commissioner for financial services and his cabinet, the chief negotiator and his staff, the President of the Commission and his cabinet on the topic of the Brexit negotiations.
- Any written communication, including emails, between representatives for financial companies AND respectively the Commissioner for financial services and his cabinet, the chief negotiator and his staff, the President of the Commission and his cabinet on the topic of the Brexit negotiations.

In all cases, the request covers communication in 2017 only".

Our answer will concern only the Commissioner for financial services and his cabinet.

We regret to inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application. In any event any document on this matter would in all likelihood have been covered by the exception, at Article 4(3) of the Regulation (EC) 1049/2001, for ongoing negotiations.

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 meet your request.

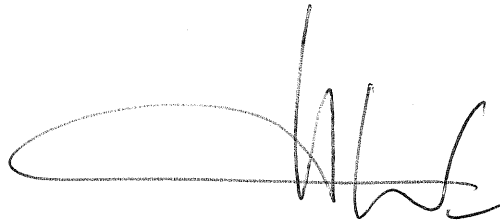
In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

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:

European Commission  
Secretary-General  
Transparency unit SG-B-4  
BERL 5/282  
B-1049 Bruxelles

or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping loop on the left and several vertical strokes on the right, ending in a horizontal line.

Olivier Guersent