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Subject: Your access to information request of 20 June 2013

Dear Mr. Nicholson,

I refer to your e-mail of 20 June 2013 which was addressed to the Secretary General of the European Commission requesting information, *inter alia*, "on the 4 cases opened and closed by OLAF at FRA and the content of the findings (Reports)".

The delay in responding to your request has been due to a decision on OLAF's part to await the finalising of responses to numerous other requests on the same or related matters as well as a reply to a Question from the European Parliament which was addressed to Commissioner Reding. The answer was given recently (October 15). I am attaching a link to both the question and answer which I hope you will find informative.

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=WQ&reference=E-2013-007475&language=EN>

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getAllAnswers.do?reference=E-2013-007475&language=EN>

You have directed OLAF's attention to a website where information on the matters you raise is published. As it had been made available following a request by another individual and is now in the public domain it would be otiose to send you the same information.

You further ask for "details if Mrs. Reding was informed about the situation existing in FRA and if there was scrutiny on what happens there (if OLAF findings ref. to 4 cases, were brought into attention of Mrs. Viviane Reding for follow up, recommendations or similar)."

In this regard OLAF advises that it has had no contact with Mrs. Reding or her Cabinet in relation to these cases before, during or after the four matters cited were considered by OLAF, save and except as was needed to assist the Commission in drafting its response to the abovementioned Parliamentary Question.

Finally allow me respectfully to point out that contrary to what you assert, Mr. Thierry Cretin, a former Director at OLAF, is not "currently working in Mrs Reding's Cabinet" nor to the best of OLAF's knowledge has he even done so.

I trust you find the above responsive to your questions.

Yours sincerely,

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