Dear Mr [REDACTED],

First of all let me wish you Happy New Year! Sincere apologies for a slow reaction to your message following our meeting with [REDACTED] but as you know [REDACTED] operates outside of Google, as a part of a broader [REDACTED] family.

I can now share the details of a colleague at [REDACTED] that will be able to respond to your queries. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], copied in this exchange will be keen to schedule a phone call with you and your team in the near future and of course based on your availability.

Thanks for your patience and wishing you all the best for the new year.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

On Thu, Oct 10, 2019 at 6:12 PM <[REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu> wrote:

Lieber Herr [REDACTED]

Thank you for our interesting meeting on liability for AI and your kind offer to provide more information on Google’s/ [REDACTED] experience with autonomous vehicles. As you already know, the
European Commission is looking into the effects of new technologies, such as AI and Internet of Things on the existing European and national civil liability frameworks. The European AI Strategy, which was adopted in 2018, is based on three pillars: boosting the uptake of AI, preparing the socio-economic changes and ensuring an appropriate ethical and legal framework. An expert group was set up to assess if the existing liability rules are fit to the challenges of the new technologies.

In this context, we would be very interested to learn about Google’s practical experience related to AI and potential liability issues.

We would like to understand better the regulatory environment with regard to liability for Google’s tests with self-driving cars. In particular, we would be interested in the following issues:

- Have specific rules on liability been enacted for the testing of self-driving cars? Who is liable in case of an eventual accident towards the victim? As to more detailed questions, could the victim choose between different claims (e.g. against the company which operates the car or the manufacturer of the car or the developer of the software which steers the self-driving function)? Which conditions apply for a successful claim? Is there any difference between claims for personal injury and claims for damage to property? Which defensives could the liable person invoke to defend himself against liability? Is the liability capped at a certain amount? If so, is this cap different from a cap for “traditional” cars?

- Do the rules provide for an insurance obligation? If so, which person has to acquire insurance coverage and who are the insured? Do insurance companies offer respective policies?

- Do you have any practical experience with the application of liability rules for self-driving cars?

We would be most grateful if you could share this information with us. For the benefit of sound policy-making, it is extremely valuable to exchange views with a business which has practical experience, in order to understand better market developments.

Thank you very much in advance

Mit besten Grüßen

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Sehr geehrter Herr

Vielen Dank für Ihre Bereitschaft zu einem Meeting. Als Ergebnis eines akademischen Nebenprojektes habe ich einen wissenschaftlichen Artikel veröffentlicht:


Ich freue mich auf unser Meeting und verbleibe mit den besten Grüßen
Thank you so much for your availability.

Looking forward to the meeting on the 9th.

All best,

[Signature]

On Mon, Sep 23, 2019 at 2:13 PM [Email Address] wrote:

From: [Email Address]@google.com
Date: 13 September 2019 at 10:35:50 GMT+2
To: <[Email Address]@ec.europa.eu>
Cc: [Email Address]@google.com
Subject: Meeting request Google

Dear Mr [Name],

I hope this email finds you well.

I'm reaching out to request a meeting with [Name], Google's [Title] on 9 October in Brussels. [Name] would be keen to continue the discussion with you following the meeting in April in particular in the context of the forthcoming EU AI regulation. He'll be in Brussels on 9 October to speak at VUB Seminar, and would be available to meet you anytime 9.30-11.00 or 15.00-18.00.

Thank you for considering.

Kind regards,

[Signature]

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