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***By registered letter with
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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2020/4088

Dear Mr Fanta,

I refer to your e-mail dated 06/07/2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 06/07/2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to “*all communication, including e-mail, SMS and exchanges via instant messaging services such as WhatsApp, Signal, Telegram etc., within the Commission and between the Commission and external actors on the inception, planning and production of Commission President Von der Leyen's support message for the HDZ political party in Croatia. All communication in the run-up to the publication of the video by HDZ on July 3rd.*”

I regret to inform you that the Directorate-General Communication (DG COMM) does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

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 DG COMM holds no documents corresponding to the description given in your application, DG COMM is not in a position to handle your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
BERL 7/076
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Yours faithfully,

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