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Subject: Subject: Your request for review of 14 September 2021 - registration details concerning a letter received in February 2016

Dear Mr Dohle,

I am writing to you in reply to your request for review of 14 September 2021, made under Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001¹ and the Ombudsman's Decision on the handling of requests for public access to documents².

You request access to *the registration details about the letter that Mrs [name] sent to you [the Ombudsman] in copy in February 2016. Either the ARES registration number, data, workflow – or the case registration number and any documents/correspondence related to it.*

You would like a reply as soon as possible.

The letter in question is a letter dated 15 February 2016. It was received by the Office on 19 February 2016. Attached to the letter to the Ombudsman was a letter to the President of the European Parliament. The letter to the Ombudsman reads: *In your function as European Ombudsman, I hereby forward you a copy of my letter dated 12 February 2016, which I sent to the President of the European Parliament [name].*

In February 2016 the Office did not use ARES, so I cannot provide you with ARES details. The letter was not a complaint and thus, it was not registered in the Office's complaint registry, cf. the attached internal email. No other registration was made of the letter which did not entail any further correspondence. In the attached email personal data has been redacted. As it

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/NL/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32001R1049&from=EN>.

² The Decision is available at: <https://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/letter/en/70670>.



does not transpire from your request that you want access to those data, I presume the redaction is not problematic. If I am mistaken, please let us know.

For your information I add: Later on, namely in 2017, a complaint was made to the Ombudsman, complaint 429/2017/AMF, against the European Commission, which related to the matter raised in the above letter to the President of the European Parliament. It appears from the case file that the letter was taken into consideration. We think that the documents at issue are outside the scope of your request, but if you would like us to consider those documents please let us know.

If you have any questions, please take contact with the officer handling your request whose contact details have already been communicated to you. For your recollection, it is

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You can bring an action against this decision before the General Court of the European Union. The time limit is two months.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General

Enclosure: Internal email regarding registration