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Dear Sir,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref Gestdem No 2017/158**

We refer to your e-mail dated 22/12/2016 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 23/12/2016 under the above mentioned reference number (following the splitting of your request Gestdem no 2016/7249 among several Directorates-General of the European Commission).

We regret to inform you that no documents were found in the Directorate-General Joint Research Centre that would correspond to the description given in your application.

Indeed, 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 Directorate-General Joint Research Centre is not in a position to handle 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,



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