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SECRETARIAT-GENERAL

Directorate B - Institutional and Administrative Policies
The Acting Director

Brussels,
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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Under Regulation 1049/2001 on access to documents of the European institutions you have lodged several confirmatory requests.

Your correspondence with the Commission contains several passages which the Commission considers to be of a defamatory character targeting the reputation of individual Commission officials. I am writing to inform you that, upon request of these officials, the Commission has decided to grant them assistance under Article 24 of the Staff Regulations. This provisions provides that "*[t]he Union shall assist any official, in particular in proceedings against any person perpetrating threats, insulting or defamatory acts or utterances [...] to which he or a member of his family is subjected by reason of his position or duties.*"

As a first step to follow up on this matter I request you to provide the European Commission with a valid postal address so that further correspondence on this matter can be carried out in an appropriate manner.

Furthermore, the Commission's Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Contents and Technology has recently drawn our attention to the fact that its efforts to send you two registered letters by regular post were unsuccessful since both were returned with the mention "addressee unknown" and "not claimed" respectively.

With an increasing number of applications for access to documents submitted to the Commission, the institution must be able to protect itself against abusive requests possibly submitted under false identities.

The Commission does not request *ex ante* any mandatory information from applicants which would allow it to verify that they are beneficiaries from the right under Regulation 1049/2001. However, in case of doubt requesting such information can be justified. Due to the situation mentioned above, such doubts exist in your particular case.

For this reason, besides asking you for a valid postal address, the European Commission also asks you to submit a copy of an identity document.

Please provide us with the requested information by 21/03/2014 at the latest. It should be addressed either to the mailbox: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu or be sent to: European Commission, Secretariat General, Unit SG.B.4, BERL 05/340, 1049 Brussels, Belgium. The Commission will be obliged to close your pending confirmatory requests if the deadline expires without results.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Klingbeil', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marianne Klingbeil