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Mr Walter Stanish

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Subject: Confirmatory application for access to a document under Regulation 1049/2001 - Gestdem 2012/5241

Dear Mr Stanish,

I refer to your e-mail of 28 February 2013, registered as a confirmatory application on 15 March 2013, in which you request, pursuant to Regulation 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹, a review of the position taken by the Directorate-General for Home Affairs, in reply to your initial application for access to documents generally concerning the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT).

I also refer to our letter of 10 April 2013, in which the time-limit for handling of your application was extended pursuant to Article 8(2) of Regulation 1049/2001. This extended time limit expires on 2 May 2013. Unfortunately, we are still not in a position to provide you with a final reply to your request as the internal consultations between the services concerning your application are still ongoing. I can assure you that we are doing our utmost to provide you with the final reply on your application as soon as possible. I regret this additional delay and sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours sincerely,

Gerard Legris
Head of Unit

¹ OJ L145, 31.05.2001, p.43.