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Subject: *Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/4895*

Dear Ms Pelo,

We refer to your application dated 04/08/2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 20/08/2019 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request documents containing information as to whether it is allowed for Mr Giovanni Kessler to get involved in OLAF investigations or participate in OLAF investigative missions, since the moment when he became DG BUGD Adviser Hors Classe.

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application. Such arrangements would not be of a general nature and made at the time of the appointment, but rather would be made if and when necessary due to the involvement in a specific investigation or mission.

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.

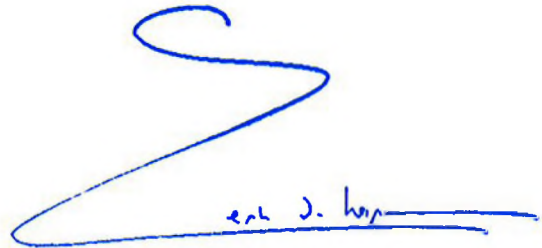
Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' shape followed by the name 'Gert J. Koopman' written in a cursive script.

Gert Jan KOOPMAN