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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/5449

Dear Mr Huxley,

We refer to your application of 14/10/2019, registered on the same day under the above mentioned reference number, by which you made a request pursuant to Regulation 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹.

You requested “*correspondence (including emails) between: Michel Barnier and/or his office and/or staff Sabine Weyand and/or her office and/or staff and any of the following individuals: Tony Blair; Peter Mandelson; Roland Rudd; between September 2017 and September 2019.*”

We identified the following documents in relation to your application:

1. Letter from Lord Mandelson to Mr Barnier, 3 November 2017;
2. E-mail from Mr Barnier’s office to the Global Counsel, 17 November 2017.

There was no direct correspondence between Michel Barnier and/or his office and/or staff, Sabine Weyand and/or her office and/or staff and Tony Blair and Roland Rudd.

After consultation of third parties in accordance with Article 4(4) of Regulation 1049/2001, wide partial access is granted to the above listed documents, subject to the redaction of personal data (the names of the officials who do not occupy any senior management position and the handwritten signature) on the basis of the exception of

¹ Official Journal L145 of 31.05.2001, p.43.

Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation 1049/2001 related to the protection of the privacy and integrity of the individual.

In case you would disagree with this assessment, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, to introduce 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

Secretariat-General

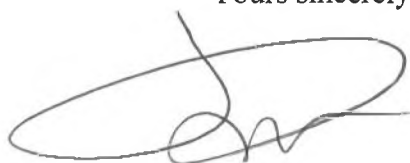
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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by a series of loops and a horizontal stroke at the end.

Stefaan De Rynck