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Dear Mr Teffer,

Subject: Your request for access to documents
Our ref: 2020/069

Thank you for your confirmatory application of 28 April 2021, following your request for access to documents.

I have re-examined your initial request, dated 9 April 2021, where you requested access to documents relating to "*application from Mr Kasper Zeuthen to take up employment by the US Chamber of Commerce; The European Commission's decision regarding Mr Zeuthen's application; communication between Mr Zeuthen and the European Commission about his employment.*"

In our reply of 28 April 2021 with the reference 2021/064, we informed you that on the basis of information you provided, a search for documents had been conducted in the European External Action Service (EEAS) filing systems and document management databases. However, not any documents matching your request has been identified.

I hereby confirm that the EEAS does not hold any document matching your request.

However, I would like to inform you that Mr Zeuthen was employed at the Delegation of the European Union to the United States of America as a member of local staff. Local agents of the EU are employed in line with local law and are subject to the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (CEOS) and not to Staff Regulations applicable to EU Staff. Whereas specific obligations under the Staff Regulations you may be referring to are not applicable to local staff, they are likewise subject to a set of ethics rules as well as respective obligations under local law.

Please find annexed for information the "Guide on Ethics and Conduct for Local Agents in Delegations" communicated and applicable to Mr Zeuthen during his employment as a local agent by the Delegation of the European Union to the United States of America.

I would like to precise that the EEAS, as a separate administrative entity from the European Commission, does not hold documents of the European Commission such as *"the European Commission's decision regarding Mr Zeuthen's application; communication between Mr Zeuthen and the European Commission about his employment."*

I hope this information will clarify your concerns. If not, you have a right, in accordance with Article 8 of the Regulation, to institute court proceedings against the European External Action Service or make a complaint to the Ombudsman, under the conditions laid down in Articles 263 and 228 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU respectively.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gianmarco Di Vita', written in a cursive style.

Gianmarco Di Vita

Encl. Guide on Ethics and Conduct for Local Agents in Delegations