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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2013-5404

Dear Madam,

We refer to your e-mail dated 04/11/2013 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 05/11/2013 under the above mentioned reference number.


Your request refers to "all documents which relate to the moves by "four senior European Union policy makers" to join Covington and Burling as detailed in this New York Times article: <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/19/world/europe/lobbying-bonanza-as-firms-try-to-influence-european-union.html>;" and states: "In particular, I request a note of all these officials' job titles including dates held; copies of any application(s) that they made under Article 16 of the Staff Regulations to undertake a new professional activity; and all correspondence or emails related to the authorisation of the new role or roles".

The description given in your application does not enable us to identify concrete documents which would correspond to your request as it stands. Notably because of the vague and at times non-nominative indications given in the press article you refer to, it is not possible for us to identify the four persons you mean and consequently not the documents to which you refer.

We therefore invite you, pursuant to Article 6(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, to provide us with more detailed information on the documents which you seek to obtain, by identifying the four persons you refer to.

The 15 working days the time limit for handling your application will start running when we receive the requested clarifications.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.


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Head of Unit