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Your Ref:

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Dear Mr John

Freedom of Information case 09/0807– Internal Review

Thank you for your e-mail of 13 July 2009 requesting an internal review following Patrick Balchin's reply to you dated 10 July 2009.

I have reviewed the original material that was considered and I am satisfied that the exemptions applied under the Freedom of Information Act have been properly applied and that the reasons given in our letter to you of 10 July 2009 are still appropriate and valid. It is my belief that were the information you have asked for, be released, that this would adversely affect relations between the UK and the EC. This is clearly not in the public interest. Consequently, I am upholding the original decision not to disclose the information.

My review paid particular attention to the exemptions applied under Sections 27(1)(b) and Section 35 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act. I have concluded that these have been applied properly and that the reasons given to you for withholding disclosure are still valid and appropriate. Therefore, I am satisfied that the public interest is still best served by not disclosing the information requested.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip Rutnam', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Philip Rutnam
Director General, Business Group