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Dear Gabriel Webber

#### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REF: DEX000993 – Further information**

Further to our response of 10 May 2018 to your request for an internal review, and following your subsequent complaint to the Information Commissioner we have considered your request again.

In discussion with the Commissioner's Office we have concluded that some further information can be disclosed to you. This information is provided below, and for completeness a full redacted version of the document including the information originally disclosed is attached.

#### **Further Disclosure**

"All the documents have been provided by the Commission - agreed with the US - and we have no control over what documents furnish the room. There have been no reported leaks from any of the TTIP reading rooms.

There has been some criticism that documents are limited, out-of-date and their complex information is open to misinterpretation. The room has not been well attended - around 10 Parliamentarians have visited and only the Shadow SOS for International Trade has spent a considerable amount of time inside. It is worth making the point that the TTIP reading room was only opened at a point shortly before TTIP negotiations were put on hold as a result of the US election in November 2016. As such, it is likely that with any future reading room on an UK-EU deal, or another 'live' negotiation, there would be considerably more Parliamentary interest. This might mean that having a reading room open only for one afternoon a week would be insufficient to meet demand."

We maintain that the public interest favours withholding the remainder of the redacted information.

As the Information Commissioner is dealing with this case please make any further complaint direct to the Commissioner's Office.

Yours sincerely

J Millar

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