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Dear 

We apologize for the late response and we refer to our previous letter 2019/091-092.

I would like to inform you that despite several reminders, the EEAS has not received the response from the US counterpart to the consultation conducted on the basis of article 4(4) of the Regulation. Letters shared through the diplomatic channels are of a confidential nature and must be treated with the appropriate diplomatic and political sensibility. The unilateral disclosure of these documents would hamper EU's relations with the US and with other third states, as well as cause harm to the EU's interests in third countries.

Therefore, after a thorough assessment, we have concluded that the EEAS cannot unilaterally disclose the letters, since it would risk undermining EU's international relations with the United States of America, as per Article 4(1)(a)3rd indent of the Regulation 1049/2001.

Yours sincerely,



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