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Re.: Delay in the Institution's reply to my further inquiry on complaint  
2587/2009/JF

Dear Mr Swords,

On 29 October 2010, I asked the Commission to send a reply to my further inquiry on your complaint by 30 November 2010.

I regret that by letter of 29 November 2010, the Commission has informed me that it will not meet the above deadline and that it intends to send its reply by 31 January 2011.

I have informed the Commission that I will expect to receive its reply by no later than the new date indicated above.

Yours sincerely,

P. Nikiforos Diamandouros