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Dear President,

Thank you for your letter of 4 May concerning the possible purchase of the Treves 1 building and your wish to hear from the Budget Committee concerning the use of appropriations in the 2009 budget.

I would draw your attention to the fact that, in the 2009 budget, there is a buildings reserve of EUR 20 million, not specifically earmarked at the time of adopting the budget, but intended for buildings policy in general, and to be considered on a case by case basis.

It is not possible, on the documentation provided, to currently indicate any more precise opinion concerning the use of appropriations for this purpose.

I assume that, according to the procedures in force, a consultation on this purchase according to Article. 179 of the Financial Regulation will be forthcoming as soon as possible, including a file for the project with a 'fiche financiere', external evaluations, and all other relevant documents concerning the budgetary and financial aspects.

Yours sincerely,


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