

20014

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

B SECTION  
B-6642

31 DEC 1990

CONFIDENTIAL

E39

2/22/14

18.05.

21.12.90..

To \_\_\_\_\_

Dear

We have previously discussed the anxieties my experts have about the simultaneous administration of antivax and pertussis vaccine.

There are no such studies in humans that I am aware of, but you may wish to see the enclosed FAX which I have just received from the National Institute for Biological Standards and Control which reports on animal studies they have carried out.

I think your Medical department needs to be aware of these preliminary results.

Yours sincerely

Jeremy

Dr J.S. METTER

Sorry for manuscript but our typing pool has closed for Xmas.

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR BIOLOGICAL STANDARDS AND CONTROL**  
**Blanche Lane, South Mimms, Potters Bar**  
**Hertfordshire, EN8 3QG**

VAL BIOLOGICAL  
STANDARDS BOARD

International  
Laboratory for  
Biological Standards

telegrams Nibsec Potters Bar  
telex 21811 Nibsec G  
fax no:- 0707 48854  
telephone Potters Bar (0707) 54783 & 54783

*From the Director*

21 December 1990

FAX: IN CONFIDENCE :

TO DR JEFFREY METTERS

U R G E N T

Dear Dr Metters

at single human dose level

As you will know, we have recently carried out abnormal toxicity testing in laboratory animals on certain batches of B. anthracis and postvaccinum vaccine. When each of the two vaccines were tested alone they were not associated with any unusual degree of toxicity. However, when combined there was evidence of severe loss of condition and weight loss in animals.

I would emphasise that these findings are preliminary but they do suggest that if used in man as a combined preparation an enhanced degree of reactivities could occur. The users of the vaccines may wish to take these findings in consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jeremy Metters  
Department of Health  
Richmond House  
Whitehall  
LONDON SW1