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Dear Mr Roberts,

Thank you for your enquiry of 9 August 2023 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), in which you asked the following:

“Wellcome (Now GSK)/MerieuxUK supplied the pertussis in 1990 that would be used in experimental combinations on our Gulf War troops from Jan 91.

Were these companies given immunity from claims/prosecution in any form?”

Your enquiry is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office.

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Yours sincerely,

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