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Dear Mr Roberts,

Thank you for your enquiry of 23 November 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), in which you asked the following:

“Through our recent further investigations, following speaking with medics administrating the vaccines in the Gulf War 1991, they have stated that there was zero manufacturers safety information (pil) that came with the vaccines themselves. Our particular interest lies with the pertussis vaccines supplied by companies Wellcome & MerieuxUK.

Who is at fault here?

1, Were the companies instructed to leave them out?

(If so please provide the data)

2, Or did MOD receive the supplies and organise the manpower to remove them from approximately 70,000 + doses, which would be a huge task & a substantial paper trail. We have searched through the Background into countermeasures/immunisation /FFT links erc many many times to find an explanation to this unfortunately without success.

Is there data? Or are the 2 companies at fault here?”

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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