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Dear Mr Roberts,

Thank you for your email of 6 February 2020 requesting the following information:

"Where are Gulf War Veterans/Legal Team able to read the unsolicited reports of the Fact Finding Team and the original signals (Specifically signals in reference to vaccinations and information that a soldier would have been able to then give his/her INFORMED CONSENT to) during the Gulf war 90/91, again NOT MOD's past interpretation of these documents as in the corrupted countermeasure links? Thankyou."

Your email has been passed to the Defence People Secretariat within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for information has been conducted by the Department, and I can confirm that the entirety of your request is exempt under Section 21 of the (FOI) Act, "information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means". I refer you to the information contained in the letter sent to you by the Head of the MOD's Information Rights Team, dated 20 February 2020 (ref: FOI2019/13367). Specifically, paragraphs 18 and 19 of that letter dealt with the difficulties associated with locating, retrieving and reviewing material relevant to the Fact Finding Team, meaning that the information could not be provided without exceeding the cost limits stipulated by section 12(2) of FOIA. You may also wish to consult paragraph 25 of the same letter which provided advice and assistance under section 16 of FOIA as to how you may wish to refine your request so that it is less likely to exceed the usual cost limits.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [HYPERLINK "mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk"](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)}). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, [HYPERLINK "http://www.ico.org.uk"](http://www.ico.org.uk)}).

Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat - FOI