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Dear Mr Pritchard,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 1 February 2013, in which you asked for the following information:

- **the names of all adjuvants used in the drug cocktail that were given to British service personnel of the 1st Gulf War of 1990-1.**

Under section 21 of the FOI Act, information is exempt from release if it is reasonably accessible to the applicant by another means. The information that you request is already in the public domain, in a 1997 paper entitled "Background to the use of Medical Countermeasures to protect British forces during the Gulf War (Operation Granby)". This is available in the National Archive, and can be accessed online at:

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20051114233904/http://mod.uk/issues/gulfwar/info/medical/mcm.htm>

I would draw your attention in particular to Paragraphs 48-73, which describe the use of the pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine as an adjuvant to the anthrax vaccine.

Yours sincerely,

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