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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Combat Development Test Center, RVNAF

SUBJECT: Additional Efforts Under CDTC Task 19

1. Reference is made to Colonel Chilson's memorandum to you, subject as above, dated 24 November 1961. In this memorandum it pointed out that OSD/ARPA (Mr. Godel) would be requested to provide breeding dogs and other limited support to a dog breeding program if DOD and RVNAF were in favor of this undertaking and would support such a program as they are now doing in regard to the training of dogs and handlers. It is understood that this proposed breeding program has been approved by JCS.

2. OSD/ARPA has been requested to furnish CDTC with eleven (11) dogs in order to initiate this program. If OSD approves this request it is planned to purchase eight (8) additional breeding dogs from the local market.

3. Although OSD has not approved this program to date, this approval is expected in the near future. In order to be prepared to accept the dogs from the United States and also to initiate the breeding program with a minimum of delay certain actions by RVNAF will be necessary. The assignment of qualified personnel is of utmost importance to this program. It is planned to request the permanent assignment of SM/SOT Pate or another qualified enlisted man from Lackland to work with the assigned VN personnel. The following is considered the minimum number of permanently assigned VN personnel which will be required:

a. One (1) veterinarian as Officer in Charge of Breeding Project. It is recommended that LtCol Ham be assigned this position.

b. One (1) Assistant to Veterinarian to serve as NCOIC. It is recommended that MSOT Be or W/O Phat be assigned to this position.

c. One (1) Interpreter (NCO).

d. Two (2) Veterinary Technicians.

e. One (1) cook and two (2) assistants for operation and cleaning of kitchen.

f. Ten (10) enlisted men to serve as kennel support personnel for handling, grooming, kennel care and maintenance.

g. Twelve (12) enlisted men (to include at least 2 NCO) for securing entire area. Two (2) security guards should be on duty at all times.

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4. Attached is an additional listing of requirements for the dog breeding project. It is recommended that action be initiated as soon as possible to satisfy these requirements based upon the following priorities: personnel assignment, renovation of kitchen, kennels, other.

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Requirements for Dog  
Breeding Project

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Requirements for Dog Breeding Project

1. The present forty (40) kennels being utilized for Task 19 are deemed adequate with the addition of the following:

a. Refurnishing of the kennel kitchen to include modern stoves; vent fan; tile floor and improved drain; tile walls to height of 4 feet; additional counter space for mixing and preparing food; additional lighting fixtures; additional mixing and cooking utensils, and general sanitary improvement of the entire kitchen area, e.g. closed drains, floors and walls. A hot water heater of not less than 30 gallon capacity is also needed in the kitchen.

b. Food: In general a more nourishing diet is needed for breed dogs. The present ration must be supplemented with additional meat of a better quality, vitamins (vitamin or pervanal), canned strained meats and vegetables for special diets, reconstructed milk and a minimum supply of commercial dog food containing cereal (Purina).

c. Water: The present water supply is deemed adequate; however, it is too heavily contaminated for breed dogs and a method of purification such as use of chlorination must be used.

d. Kennels: Sanitation in the present kennels must be improved. Use of hay or straw which must be changed daily or other suitable sanitary bedding for young dogs. Complete disinfectant of the entire kennels must be accomplished weekly through use of liquid DDT or other suitable disinfectant. Installation of one 1" mesh wire, two feet high, around the bottom of each of the present forty kennels to confine small dogs and protect from rats.

e. Medical: The present veterinarian office is suitable with the following added:

(1) Improve electrical system and install additional wall electrical outlets.

(2) One (1) additional examining table is needed with installation of regular operating surgical lamps.

(3) Surgical packs and blood transfusion equipment.

(4) Antibiotics and vitamins.

(5) Vaccines for rabies, leptospirosis, distemper, hepatitis, coccidia, and other infectious diseases common to this area.

(6) Tile floor and replace water sink with one of metal.

(7) Installation of additional medical cabinet.

(8) Install hot water heater.

(9) Improve source of needed expendable medical supplies.

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f. Transportation: At least one jeep and one 3/4 ton truck with assigned drivers will be needed on a full time basis.

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