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SUBJECT: Volunteer Scout Dog Program

TO: Commanding Officer
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1. In my experiences with the 58th Infantry Platoon Scout Dog, I have found that while in Viet Nam non-volunteer scout dog handlers do an excellent job. I had three volunteers in my platoon. They couldn't be considered any more outstanding than the non-volunteers. Once the men arrive in Viet Nam they realize what their job is and what they have to do to accomplish it and stay alive.
2. I feel that a volunteer program would be very advantageous for the Scout Dog Training Detachment at Fort Benning. The training program is a good one overall. One of the big problems is having to put up with students who could care less if scout dogs ever existed. If you have a good program why waste your efforts on uninterested people? All that means is morale and discipline problems.

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