



AMC/CD/316
STAFF/CD: Military Dog Breeding

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relates the following:

SUBJECT: Military Dog Breeding

That the military dog population of the Republic of Vietnam
should be turned over to the Dog Training
Center at Tan Thuy Ha
TO: Chief, Organisation and Training Division
Military Assistance Advisory Group, Vietnam
APO 143, San Francisco, California
request arrangements be made to receive and support subject dogs
at the Dog Training Center at Tan Thuy Ha.

1. The original intention of the Dog Breeding Program was as follows:

"Problem: To provide a regular source of acclimatized dogs at low cost to replace and augment the military dogs which are performing patrol, tracking and sentry duties in the Republic of Vietnam.

2. The Military Dog Breeding Center now consists of six Dobermans, six Shepherds, and two Bloodhounds, all adult dogs. Since the inception of the program in June 1961 to the present, it has cost the Department of Defense approximately \$35,000 to \$40,000.

3. As per discussions with Colonel Jacobson, Chief, Organization and Training Division, the MAAG, the U. S. Advisors at the Dog Training Center at Tan Thuy Ha are of the opinion that dogs should be 18 to 20 months old before being placed in the training program. Some dogs of approximately one year old have been transferred to the Training Center. It was the general observation on the part of the U. S. Advisors that it would have been better if these dogs had not been transferred until they were 18 months old.

4. As it was agreed in conference held with Colonel Pedone, Chief, OSD/ARPA R&D Field Unit, and Colonel Jacobson, on 27 May 1963, the OSD/ARPA Field Unit intends to recommend to higher

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authorities the following:

- a. That the Dog Breeding Center be terminated by 1 July 1963;
 - b. That the adult dog population as given above (6 Dobermans, 6 Shepherds, 2 Bloodhounds) be turned over to the Dog Training Center at Tan Thuy Ha.
5. Request your coordination on this proposal. It is further requested arrangements be made to receive and support subject dogs at the Dog Training Center at Tan Thuy Ha.

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Colonel, USAF
Chief