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Capt. Adam E. McKee, USAF (VC)
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Dear Capt. McKee;

A letter dated 19 March 1962 was received here at MAAG, Research and Development Section. The subject was "Incorrect Routing of a Letter Concerning Canine Distemper Infection in a Bloodhound." Since this is an R&D problem we can give some of the information requested. Address future correspondence on this subject to MAAG, Research and Development, ATTN: Veterinarian, Box 41, APO 143, San Francisco, California.

Please refer to confidential message MAGRD 1321, MILITINGEN, Lackland AFB for Capt. Husted, Sentry Dog School. None of the animals mentioned have died to date, but continual observation and care have been required. At present the male Bloodhound is much improved, no symptoms of nerve tissue damage are apparent and he is regaining weight lost during the first month after arrival. The female bloodhound is also regaining weight lost, but is still thin. Her metritis and conjunctivitis have responded to treatment and her general condition has improved. One Dobermann, female, Mary, whelped eight puppies four of which were lost within the first forty-eight hours of life. The remaining four are apparently in good health. Crowded conditions and other factors contributed to the loss of these puppies.

Buddy, Hilda and Greta have received treatment for enteritis or gastroenteritis with Greta passing blood in her stool today. She was positive for both whipworms and hookworms, but vermifuge treatments do not control the symptom of bloody stools.

A male Dobermann, Tiger, has recovered nicely from the canine tooth extraction. Some of the weight lost as a result of the viral infection previously reported has been regained. He is still in poor condition, but apparently recovering.

Brandy (G.S.) and her seven puppies are active today. The puppies are over seven weeks of age, no distemper protection has been given them because no serum or vaccine is available. Reference letter 21 Feb 62, Subject: Support for GDTC Task 19, copy furnished CMDR, LMTC, Lackland, ATTN: Capt. Paul W. Husted. This support has been approved and the items; especially distemper serum and vaccine, are urgently needed.

One puppy, a female, has a lymphadenitis of external inguinal lymph nodes. Yesterday her temperature was 105.1, she had little appetite and consumed large quantities of water. These may be initial symptoms of canine distemper. Ky, a Dobermann female, remains in good health and is active and alert.

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Medical care of the ten animals arriving in Saigon on 28 Jan has been a continuing process. Lack of facilities, assistance, medicine and equipment are a few of the handicaps encountered. However, since the arrival of the ten dogs the number has more than doubled with two litters whelped. Twenty-one dogs are now involved. Numerous other problems which affect housing, sanitation and general care are being examined. Help on expediting shipment of requested items is needed.

Sincerely,

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