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Dear Tom:

Reference is made to your teletype, DEF 915886, DTG 212142Z June 1962 which discussed Dog Breeding Program and "Chief" MSgt Pate. If you will look back through our Periodic Reports for the past four months you will see that the program has not actually gotten underway to date. Our efforts so far have been devoted to trying to keep as many dogs as possible alive. It is expected that the Training Center will move to their new location soon after 1 July and then we can start on a program for renovating kennels, kitchen, clinic and building new kennels for the puppies.

There have been some doubts here whether the MA Program for dogs would be continued. General Harkins was not happy with the justifications submitted by MAAG for the support required for the Dog Program in FY 1963. They must have satisfied him because a large amount of MAP funds was included in the program that will be submitted to CINCPAC beginning 25 June. Because of the uncertainty of the future of the MAP supported dog program we were reluctant to take any major steps in the Breeding Program. As of this date we have no firm figures on the funds that will be required to buy local breed dogs, renovate existing facilities and build new kennels. Our present rough estimate is about \$35,000.00. This is based upon our estimate of what has to be done and based on the contract costs of renovating the new office area and Villa. If you will submit to us the authorization for expenditure of \$35,000.00 to support Task 19, we will start getting our plans firmed-up. We had hoped to get most of the renovation and new kennels built through Colonel Trach's contacts, but this appears to be an impossibility. Our efforts since last November to have an adequate water and electric system installed at Go Vap have been unsuccessful.

With regard to Sgt Pate's extension, I can say definitely that he has no desire to stay any longer than is necessary. Sgt Pate has considered retiring, but as of 23 June, he had decided to stay in the service and remain over here until his rotation date. With Pate staying here until December (provided the 14 month tour stays in effect) I feel sure that we can get by with 120 day TDY people until we prove the worth of a Dog Breeding Program. Because of the initial slippages (February to at least July) it will probably take more than one year to complete the task. We should have a better feel for this in the next three to four months.

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In one of your recent letters you stressed the need for concentrating the dogs that are in the field. I believe that everything that can be done, is being done. One of the major objectives of the Army Section program is to concentrate as many dogs as possible into one location to provide for better utilization, supervisions and medical care. At the present time there are about one hundred (100) dogs assigned to field units. As more dogs are trained and sent to the field, and as more U.S. Vet and training Advisors are assigned, the situation will definitely improve. In the meantime, I feel that we cannot do more.

Best regards,

Bill

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