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Dear Bob:

Reference your letter VI 61 of 7 May 63, Dog Breeding Center.

Bill Lynch was correct in his report that there is a lack of enthusiasm in MAAG concerning the activity result of the Military Dog Breeding Center. Not to bore you with a great deal of background, I have taken the "bull by the horns" and had a formal meeting with Colonel Jacobson, Chief O&T, MAAG, on 27 May concerning the Military Dog Breeding Center. I informed him that I thought:

- a. the Dog Breeding Center should be terminated by 15 July 63;
- b. that the adult dog population (6 Dobermans, 6 Shepherds, 2 Bloodhounds) should be turned over to the Dog Training Center at Tan Thuy Ha.

I further called to Colonel Jacobson's attention that in following through the action indicated above, he (MAAG) would have to make the necessary arrangements to receive and support such dogs and the Dog Training Center at Tan Thuy Ha. On 1 June, by formal correspondence from this office, MAAG was officially informed of the above contemplated action. I hope to get their response in the next few days. In the meantime, I coordinated the above action with Colonel Trach and he agrees that the CDTC-V should get out of running the Dog Breeding Center, but he felt that the Center should be turned over to RVNAF to serve as a replacement center for dogs. I informed him this would have to be worked out with RVNAF and MAAG. Trach now has the ball on the RVNAF side and Colonel Jacobson on the MAAG side.

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In the meantime, in order to avoid a "population explosion" no more breeding. It is hoped that we will be out of the dog business by the end of June and Kothmann can be sent home at the end of his TDY in the middle of July, and lastly, the final report can be written and published between now and then.

Respectfully,



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