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section was awaiting the arrival of SMSGT Virgil K. Hendrix, who was to arrive from Tuy Hoa on 2 April 1969.

(U) Weapons Systems Security continued to enforce traffic rules on the Flight Line and perimeter roads, issuing 184 traffic citations for various violations during the quarter. The paving of the perimeter roads on the east and west sides of the base added to the speeding problem.

(U) Vegetation control continued to be inadequate. The commercial herbicide which was ordered by the base civil engineer during the previous historical period had not arrived and was nowhere in sight as of 31 March.

(U) Despairing of success through official channels, the section looked into its bootleg sources once again. They obtained five 55-gallon drums of herbicide from the Tan Son Nhut Sensitive Area and were seeking additional supplies from Bien Hoa and other areas as the historical period came to a close.

(U) According to Captain William D. Saban, Weapons Systems Security Officer, the lack of rain during the period decreased the magnitude of the program. However, he said vegetation growth would become a real problem when the monsoons came in May or June.<sup>13</sup>

(U) The Sentry Dog Section reported one death—sentry dog Fritz A903 on 12 February 1969—of a new blood disease, Idiopathic Hemorrhagic Syndrome (IHS). According to Dr. Larry Coen, Veterinarian for the 377th USAF Dispensary, IHS was first noticed by U.S. Army veterinarians in Vietnam in November 1968. Since then, he said, the Army in Vietnam has lost over 70 dogs to the disease, which is believed to be caused by a virus-type organism transmitted by ticks.<sup>14</sup> Two other

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This document shows that it was a common thing for Tan Son Nhut to bootleg herbicides prior to this 3rd Quarter 1968.

To my knowledge, Security Police are the ones to spray it.