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To S. F. Dorrance, Livestock Specialist, Dog Tax Division, Agriculture  
From Abraham Breitbard, Deputy Attorney General

Coast Guard Dogs

The town clerk of Freedom inquired whether a "Coast Guard Dog," #2607, listed by the selectmen, was to be licensed. If the dog in question is owned by the Federal Government, it need not be inventoried or licensed.

Mr. Ireland, selectman at Trenton, inquired relative to poultry damage by a dog kept at the Government Airport in that town.

The person suffering damage, of course, would be entitled to be compensated by the department, notwithstanding the fact that the dog may have been owned by the Federal Government; but whether or not the dog is to be licensed and included in the inventory depends on whether the dog is privately owned or whether it belongs to the Federal Government. If the latter, then the dog cannot be taxed. If owned by an inhabitant of the town, then he should be inventoried and licensed.

Abraham Breitbard  
Deputy Attorney General

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(Letter from Commodore W. N. Derby, dated 13 May 1944, is filed with the correspondence.)