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To,

1) ✓ Shri. Arun Gupta  
Director, Tribal Welfare  
Secretariat Complex, Port Blair

2) Shri B.K. Tiwari  
Executive Secretary,  
AAJVS  
Secretariat Complex, Port Blair

Dear Sir,

**SUB: VISIT TO GREAT ANDAMANESE SETTLEMENT IN STRAIT ISLAND**

I wish to introduce myself as Nikhil Pandhi. I am a Rhodes Scholar from India and am currently reading for an MPhil in Archaeology at the University of Oxford. I earlier graduated with a B.A. (Honours) in History from St Stephen's College, University of Delhi, India. I am doing my graduate research on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. In connection with my research, I had submitted a proposal to ANTRI on 23/03/2015. My proposal was thereafter accepted in the 7<sup>th</sup> RAB Meeting which was held on 11/05/2015 and I have now been called for doing research regarding the ANTRI Museum Project.

In connection with the above please find enclosed a copy of the email from ANTRI confirming the acceptance of my proposal. I have been granted permission to work with members of the Great Andamanese Tribe.

I am also in direct correspondence with Prof Vishvajit Pandya about my involvement in the project. Prof Pandya has suggested that I begin by visiting Strait Island in connection with the above mentioned project.

I am writing to you to seek your support in facilitating my visit to Strait Island and to interact with the Great Andamanese tribe.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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