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REPORT ON JARAWA CONTACT BY THE CONTACT PARTY

ON 24.5.97 to 25.5.97

In the continuation of the ongoing process of friendly contact with aborigines of Middle Andaman & South Andaman, under the Pilot project, once again a successful contact was made with Jarawa on 25th May'97. The visiting group consisted of personnel of Anthropological Survey of India along with that of A & N Administration, other Central government and semi government organization. The team consists of Shri A. Lal, RO, AAJVS, Dr. Rao. Scientist, ZSI; Shri K.M. Sinha Roy, RA(C), An.S.I.; Shri Baktawar Singh Retd., Dy. SP along with some Police personnel. Besides there were three person who were also take photograph and prepared a documentary film. The team started for Middle Andaman at about 2300 hrs. by M.V. Tarmugli on May 24, 1997.

On 25th at 7 a.m. we proceed to Foul Bay, where normally Jarawa awaiting the contact party. But we could not seen Jarawa in this area. After some time we proceeded towarded Yadita Point, on the way we could find Jarawa are gather on the shore if far way of spike Island. The sea was rough with high wind and waves and it was not possible to anchor the ship. We then returned to spike Island, showing the Jarawa the sign to follow us by walk to Spike Island. By the time we reached Spike Island they also reached this place. The Jarawa in large number were awaiting our arrival. We reached shore by life Boat with a full of gift articles like coconuts, Banana, red cloth and large number of iron pieces. After collecting the