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on the part of Jarawas to take out anything from the boat which interest them. They also, some time, tend to handle the visiting party roughly. The reaction of the Jarawas to a landing party on the shore to live with them therefore, is unpredictable. The Chairman also observed that some of the settlers who happen to stray into Jarawas reserves, are reported not to have returned. Therefore the time did not appear to be ripe to open a venture.

20. In view of the fact that a landing expedition cannot be contemplated immediately, the possibility of keeping the boat ashore for a longer period was considered. The continued presence of the boat for a couple of days may give better opportunity to the visiting team for establishing a closer contact and give better results in learning their language compared to brief contacts as at present. The Chairman cautioned against the possibility of Jarawas Women continuing on board during the night if the boat is anchored there. He felt that any single wrong step at this crucial juncture on the part of anyone may undo whatever has been achieved through cautious contacts over a long period. It was agreed that any stay over for a longer period even in the boat has to be under the guidance of a very high powered team comprising a senior civilian, an anthropologist and perhaps a doctor. It cannot be left to the care of junior officers in any case. The Chairman agreed that these boat-based longer contacts may pave the way for landing of a team on the shore for a longer contact in course of year or so.

21. The Bush Police establishment is also being re-organised. The Chairman informed the Committee that the administration is contemplating that the re-organised force should take care of the land frontier as well as the sea shore. With greater attention to the Jarawas now it is possible that unauthorised persons may attempt to enter the area from the sea side. Orientation briefing is now given to such policemen by the anthropologist.

Sentinelese

22. Sentineles have not been contacted so far. They are located on an isolated island. The Chairman was of the view that more attention will need to be given to this island. It is not impossible that some of the unauthorised elements may try to sneak into these islands in search of corals or even for shikar. The coastal guard which the administration is planning is expected to make effective checking of such intrusions. It was agreed that attempts may be made to contact the Sentinelese at an opportune time in future.