Report of the Contact Party on the contact of Sentinelese and Jarawas on 12th 13th February, 1987 respecttively.

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The contact party headed by Lt. Governor sailed by MV Tarmugli on 11.2.1987. at 11.00.pm. in its mission of contacting Sentinelese and Jarawas. The other members of the party were.

1. Shri AC Kher, D.C.(Secretary TW)
2. Shri GK Dikshit, Secretary (Perl)
3. Shri RP Singh , S.P.(District)
4. Shri JK Sarkar, Superintending Anthropologist.
5. Shri RK Bhatia Dy. Director, Senses.
6. Shri VRU Menon , Executive Secretary AAJVS.
7. Shri Janardhan Shukla, Medical Department.
8. Shri Bhaktawar Singh, Retd. Dy.S.P.

In addition , we had the good company of Shri Tamal Kanti Ghosh , Managing Director, Northern India Patrika Amrita Prabhat, Shri A.P.Abdulla Kutty, Counsellor, and three members of Films Division headed by Shri Jagdish Banerjee, Producer Director, as guests. A programmee, our first contact was Sentinelese and we headed for North Sentinel Island. At 6.00 a.am. on 12.2.87 we reached North Sentinal and anchored off Bay. We set off to shore in two boats, one carrying the L.G. and other party members, and the other the film unitas it was decided to give coverage to the entire contact operation in the documentary film on Andaman and Nicobar Islands to be produced. At first we could not see any of the tribals on the shore but by the time we reached near the shore a group of about 50 including ladies and children were located inside a bush. They were carrying their tradtional weapon of bow and arrow. We proceeded towards western side on the cost and beached at a lonely place. The gift items like coconuts, Dahs etc. were placed on shore and waited for some time to see any of the tribals were coming to receive the gifts. After few minutes some four or five were found approaching us in running. One of them had bow and arrow in his hand. Seeing that the situation is not much safe to stay there we rushed to the boatto escape the arrows which was expected to be shot on us. By the time boarded the boat one arrow shot by them came and fell in water near our boat. We immediately speeded our boat. The same arrows was picked up by them and