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Report on contact of Jarawas on 13.12.67 by the Jarawa Contact Party.

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The Contact Party consisting of Shri ^{Titkari} ~~Potkari~~, Dy. S.P.(AP) Shri Subbu Krishna, of Anthropological Survey of India, Shri V.R.U.Menon, Executive Secretary, Shri Janardhan Sukhla, Compounder of Medical Department and Shri Bhaktawar Singh Retd. Dy.S.P, left Port Blair, by M.V.Tarmugli at 10.30 A.M. on 12.12.67 in thier mission of contacting Jarawas. This time no Medical Officer joined the party due to shortage of doctors in the G.B.Pant Hospital as ^{was} intimated by the Chief Medical Officer. The sea was calm and the voyage was pleasant. We reached Kadamtala at 5 P.M. We proceeded to the bazaar and was informed by some of the citizens that ^{was} there an incidence of some few M Jarawas entering ~~in~~ the garden of one Mr. Mondel in Utergig area and stealing the plantains, utensils etc. We met the Pradhan and some other citizens and had discussions on this. As per the statement of the Pradhan and others, some two or three Jarawas entered the garden of Shri Mondel in midnight on 11.12.67 and started cutting plaitain tree. Hearing the sound the inmates of the house woke up and shouted and lighted the area. Immediately the Jarawas ran away without doing any harm to anybody. This was reported to be the first ~~the~~ first incident after a pretty long period. The Pradhan and many of the villagers were of the view that the rumour of stealing the utensils etc and other damage ~~etc~~ are false and fabricated and they have not taken this particular incident as very serious. As a matter of fact they have no ~~complaints~~