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D.O.No.1-324/82-TW

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My dear Pillai,

P.U.C.

Please refer to your D.O. letter No.U: 13015/17/82-ANL dated 5/4/1984 regarding construction of the Andaman Trunk Road and re-alignment of the portion passing through the Jarawa reserve.

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You do not seem to have received our letter No.1-324/82-TW dated 29th March, 1984 addressed to the Director(ANL), Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs. Anyway, the position in regard to various points raised in Shri S Varadan, Additional Secretary, MHA's D. O. letter No.13015/17/82-ANL dated 14th July, 1984, MHA's letter No.U.13015/17/82-ANL dated 19th August, 1983 and your D.O. letter under reference is as follows:-

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It is a fact that the work on the Andaman Trunk Road was resumed on 14th March, 1984 as mentioned in our Principal Engineer's letter No.WS/3-20/SE/83/656 dated 19th March, 1984. Though clearance for resumption of work on the Andaman Trunk Road was conveyed vide Shri S Varadan's D.O. letter dated 14th July, 1983 aforesaid, we thought it appropriate to explore the possibilities of keeping the alignment of the road as much away from the Jarawa reserve as possible.

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Accordingly a preliminary survey in this regard was carried out and it was found feasible to shift the alignment eastward, from 84.5 Kms. *Accordingly fresh tree cutting was done and* Action was then initiated to mobilise labour, construct labour barracks, re-organise the Bush Police establishment, *and* to set up a dispensary, etc.

The area of the Jarawa reserve has been extended so as to include the entire area on the eastern side of the Andaman Trunk Road alignment from Putatang creek upto 110 Kms of Andaman Trunk Road extending upto the sea on eastern side. Thus an area of ^{*about*} 90 Sq. Kms. has