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Copy of D.O.No.1-324/82-TW dated 21st May, 1984
from Lt.Governor, A&N Islands, Port Blair addressed
to Joint Secretary(UT), Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Please refer to your d.o.letter No.U.13015/17/82-ANL
dated 5-4-'84 regarding construction of the Andaman Trunk
Road and re-alignment of the portion passing through
the Jarawa reserve.

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 May, 1984
MHA's letter No.U.13015/17/82-ANL dated 19th August, 1983
and your d.o.letter under reference is as follows:-

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/3-20/88/83/656
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.
Accordingly, a preliminary survey in this regard
was carried out and it was found feasible to shift
the alignment eastwards from 84.5 Kms. Accordingly,
fresh tree cutting was done and action initiated to
mobilise labour, construct labour barracks,
re-organise the Bush Police establishment and set up
a dispensary.

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 been added to the Jarawa reserve.
A copy of the Notification dated 9th April, 1984
issued in this regard is enclosed.(Annexure 'A')

In pursuance of the guidelines contained
in Shri S.Varadan's d.o.letter dated 14th July, 1983
and the decision taken at the meeting of the Advisory
Committee on Primitive Tribes held on January, 21 and 22,
1984, a Watch Dog Committee has been constituted to
review and monitor the implementation of the safeguards
recommended by the team of Anthropologists on Jarawa
situation. This Committee of officers is headed by the
Chief Secretary, Deputy Director, Anthropological
Survey of India, Port Blair is also a Member of this
Committee. A copy of the order issued in this regard
is enclosed(Annexure 'B').

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