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(d) Closure of the existing camps will mean that the entire expenditure incurred on establishment of the camps, and laying of tramlines, roads etc amounting to several lakhs of rupees will become infrucuous apart from the gross amount of revenue accrued annually.

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(e) The material i.e., Trucks, tractors, Locomotives, elephants, motor boats etc detailed for working in these areas will become surplus.

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Incidentally it may be mentioned that because of the strict instructions to our staff and labourers, not to intrude into the Jarawa Reserve, the occurrence of Jarawa incident in the area is bare minimum.

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The Forest Department fully appreciate the importance being attached to protection of the tribe and we feel that instead of simply banning forestry activities in the areas adjoining the Jarawa Reserves, we should rather concentrate more on effective maintenance of the sanctity of the Jarawa Reserve by resorting to regular patrolling and taking drastic action against the intruders, for which the Andaman Administration is having a separate Bush Police Force.

Secy (T.W.)

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dt 24.6.82

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Spoken to Secy(TW). As desired by him a draft reply to the Ministry of Home Affairs containing our comments on the alternatives suggested by the Committee of Anthropologist in regard to the construction of A.T. Road from 87 Km to 110 Km, based on the comments furnished by the P.E., APWD is put up for approval.

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Also two draft letters to IGP, DC, PE and CCF to furnish their comments on the suggestions of the Committee with which they are concerned are also put up for approval.

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After issue of the drafts put up, the file may kindly refer^{to} the J.S. for comments on the