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To,

11/9/08

The Head of Office
Anthropological Survey of India
Port Blair.

Sir,

With reference to your letter number 6-23/2007/TC dated 3rd September 2008, I am to say that the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India vide letter no: 19013/2/2005-Schemes dated 9th June 2005 addressed to the Chief Secretary *had categorically stressed that there will be no interference in the lives of the Primitive Tribal Groups. They should be left on their own. Un-necessary interferences in their lives in the name of studying should not be encouraged. It should be ensured that no such undue interference in the lives of the Primitive Tribal Groups takes place without the permission of the Ministry.*

Further, during the Executive Council meeting held on 12/08/2008, it was decided that the basic policy of the Government of India about "no intervention" to the lives of the Jarawas should be followed in respect of Sentinelese also and no contact programmes may be organized to North Sentinel Island. No research on the life, culture or language of Primitive Tribal Groups activities should be allowed by any Agency or individual researchers unless the Ministry of Tribal Affairs clears the proposal.

In view of the above facts, it is requested to kindly take up the matter with Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India for necessary permission to visit Dugong Creek and conduct the proposed research.

This issues with the approval Special Secretary-cum-Director (TW).

Yours faithfully

Sd.

(Govind Ram)
Executive Secretary

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1. All Primitive Tribal Settlement In-charges for information and necessary action
2. File concerned

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