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Dear Dr. Awaradhi,

This is with reference to the Jawaharlal Nehru University project *Vanishing Voices of Great Andamanese* that began on scheduled date of November 1<sup>st</sup> 2004. As you are aware that it is time for the second field trip, my team members, names given below, will be arriving Port Blair on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2005. This is to request you to extend all possible help, especially the visit and stay at Strait Island [for which you have already given us permission vide letter No. 1-272/2003-TW/456 dated 16<sup>th</sup> July 2004] and communicate Ms. Shabnam, Tribal Welfare Officer [or any other officer deputed for our work] of our intended visit.

As you are aware that my team visited the islands in March 2005 but could not make as much progress as was expected due to Tsunami that hit the Andaman Islands in December 2004. Though our team collected as much data as could be possible in odd circumstances, we are far away from our goal. My team members are also carrying with them the audio-video material and other linguistic work especially in the area of dictionary, to show you. I hope we can expect similar help and cooperation from you and your office as were extended during our earlier visit.

I will be joining the team as soon as the semester is over and my responsibilities towards teaching are over.