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No. D. 6/6/1784  
NUTRITION RESEARCH LABORATORIES,  
INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH,  
TARNAKA, HYDERABAD-7 (DECCAN)

6th February, 1969

Dr. S. G. Srikantia, M.B.B.S., D.Sc.,  
Deputy Director

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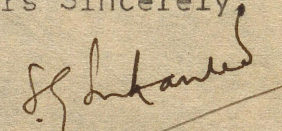
Dear Shri Sukumaran,

Nutrition Research Laboratories has been requested to undertake a health survey of one of the tribal populations of Andaman Islands. The team is leaving on 15th instant. Apart from the usual investigations it is felt that it would be worthwhile to undertake a study of the abnormal hemoglobins in the group. You have considerable experience in this field, and therefore we would like you to do the necessary analysis of the blood samples.

The most convenient and satisfactory way of collecting the blood specimen/s would seem to be soaking a strip of filter paper with the blood and drying. Since it is likely that an interval of 2-3 weeks may lapse before they may reach you, we would like to have your advise on the method/s of suitable preservation. ~~I~~ However ~~doubt~~ that ~~the~~ facilities to preserve these samples in cold may not be available in the field. Awaiting an early reply.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

  
(S.G. SRIKANTIA)

Shri Sukumaran,  
Indian Cancer Research Centre,  
Parel, BOMBAY.

P.S: After 15th February,  
please contact Dr. M.C. Swaminathan,  
C/o B.C. Achari,  
Asst. Secretary to the Commissioner  
of Andaman & Nicobar Islands,  
Port Blair.

ED/ 971 /69

February 12th, 1969

Dear Dr. Srikantia:

This has reference to your letter No. D6/6/1784 dated February 6th, 1969, and our telephonic conversation this morning. Thank you for your letter referred above and your desire that we should undertake the investigations for abnormal haemoglobins in collaboration with your team.

Your letter was received here on Saturday and I was planning to reply you on Monday (10th February, 1969), after consulting Dr. L.D. Sanghvi, Head of our Division. Meanwhile, as you are aware, Bombay was under the grip of some disturbances and I could not do anything in the matter. In order to avoid delay we contacted you by phone this morning.

I gather from our conversation this morning, that you also feel, as we do, that as far as possible we should have intravenous samples which would give us enough to do sickling, foetal haemoglobin estimation, Hb-electrophoresis and some other genetical parameters as well. If by any chance this is not possible, I suggest that you arrange to get two biggish drops of blood from finger prick on a thick filter on a thick filter paper, air dry and keep them properly labelled to be sent to us. When we are at this tribal group, we suggest that we study their colour blindness status, using Ishihara Chart and Taster Status using filter paper soaked with P.T.C. solution. As there is already a pathologist in the team, we feel that he should be able to do sickling test on the spot using metabisulphite solution.

Although you suggested that we should send the necessary tubes and syringes for I/V samples after we hear from Dr. M.C. Swaminathan, on second thought we felt that we would send some syringes and tubes for clotted blood along with the Ishihara Chart, filter paper strips for Blood Samples and P.T.C. impregnated strips as well as plain filter paper to be used as control in taste test. Accordingly we are despatching tomorrow (13th February, 1969) by Air Cargo the above items to Dr. M.C. Swaminathan address: C/o Mr. B.C. Achari, Asst. Secretary to the Commissioner of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Port Blair, to be picked-up by the party when they arrive at Port Blair on their way for field work. Unfortunately we have no vacutainers ready at hand and hence two dozens syringes and tubes are sent. Even if they do not make use of them, these may be kept with them to be brought back on their return.

In case they are able to collect I/V samples, they are to be despatched by Air Cargo and the freight charges involved shall be borne by this Institute.

Dr. Srikantia:

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The purpose of this letter is to confirm our conversation by telephone and to express our pleasure in collaborating in your study on ONGE tribe in Andaman Island by contributing our genetic study on limited parameters on the samples. I shall give detailed instructions to Dr. Swaminathan direct and whenever possible copies to you. Please request Dr. Swaminathan to pick-up the parcel at Port Blair before proceeding to his work.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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Scientific Officer,

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March 1st, 1969

Dear Dr. Srikantia:

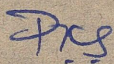
We have today received by Registered Post haemoglobin samples on filter paper from Dr. M.C. Swaminathan.

Alongwith it we find another packet containing serum samples on filter paper for Cholesterol to be given to Dr. S. N. J. As we are not aware as to whom these samples are to be handed over, I am sending them to you for necessary action.

Please acknowledge and also let me know whether you have received my previous letter.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
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Scientific Officer.

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Encl: Samples.

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March 10, 1969

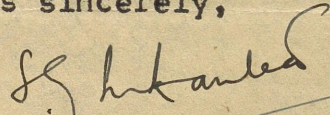
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Dear Mr. Sukumaran,

Thank you for your letter of the 1st March along with the filter paperstrips to be given to Dr. Jagannathan.


I did receive both your earlier letters and a couple of days after I received your second letter I had written to you. Obviously this must have been lost in transit. I have not heard from Dr. Swaminathan but as I can see from your letter the haemoglobin samples have been sent on filter paper and it would therefore appear that they have been unable to draw samples of venous blood. Any way I do hope that even these haemoglobin samples will be of some use to you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(S.G. Srikantia)

Mr. P.K. Sukumaran  
Scientific Officer  
Cancer Research Institute  
Tata Memorial Centre,  
Parel, Bombay-12.

  
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March 14th, 1969

Dear Dr. Srikantia:

I thank you for your letter No. 2982 of 10th March, 1969, which I received yesterday. I find that you have received both of my letters while one of your letters to me was lost in transit.

We have received the second lot of 15 samples on filter paper strips and also received the thermos flasks, syringes etc., sent to Dr. M.C. Swaminathan, by us. I understand from Dr. Krishnamurthi's letter dated March 5th, 1969 that venous samples were collected from some individuals but they could not be sent to us for want of preservation facilities. However, if you have the blood clots of these samples still preserved in cold in your laboratories, kindly arrange to send them by air freight if they are not badly lysed. Perhaps we may be able to make some limited use of that material.

Please inform Dr. Krishnamurthi of the safe arrival of samples and kit box.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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NUTRITION RESEARCH LABORATORIES  
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Tarnaka, Hyderabad-7. (A. P.)

March 18, 1969

Dear Mr. Sukumaran,

Thank you for your letter of 14th March, 1969.

I note from your letter that you have received the second set of 15 samples of filter paper strips containing the blood obtained from the Onge tribals. Dr. Swaminathan and the rest of the team have also now returned to Hyderabad and out of the 130 tribal people believed to be present, they were able to make out a study only on 69 people.

I had made enquiries both from Dr. Swaminathan and Dr. Krishnamurthy and I find that they have brought back with them only some samples of sera and no blood samples or blood clot samples were brought back. It is, therefore, not possible for us to send you any more material than what you have already received. I have informed Dr. Krishnaamurthy of the same arrival of samples and the kit box which he had sent you from Andamans.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

*S. G. Srikantia*  
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Parel, Bombay-12.

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May 2nd, 1969

Dear Dr. Srikantia:

I am enclosing a letter addressed to Dr. M.C. Swaminathan for necessary action. The letter went to Hyderabad first and came back to us after taking a trip to Madras.

Yours sincerely,

L.D.Sanghvi, M.Sc., Ph.D. (Columbia)  
Head, Epidemiology Division.

Dr. S.G. Srikantia,  
Deputy Director,  
Nutrition Research Laboratories,  
Indian Council of Medical Research,  
Tarnaka, Hyderabad-7, A.P.

Encl: As above.

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May 7, 1969

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Dear Dr. Sanghvi,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter  
No.ED/2936/69 of 2nd May, 1969 along with the report on  
the genetical study of the Onge Tribe. I passed on this  
to Dr.M.C.Swaminathan for his information.

May I take this opportunity to thank you and  
Dr.Sukumaran for all the help and co-operation that have  
been extended to the team in this connection?

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

*S. G. Srikantia*  
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