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FAX MESSAGE

Attn: Mr. Aasheash Pittie

From: Jonathan C Eames

Fax: 9140 314064

Fax: 844 8352562

Date: 11/10/96

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RE: PERMIT TO VISIT CUDDAPAH TO LOOK JERDON'S COURSER

Dear Mr. Pittie

Our mutual friend Mr. Richard Grimmett gave me your address and I am writing to you to ask for your assistance on a matter of some importance to me.

Like Richard, I too work for BirdLife International but I live in Hanoi, Vietnam from where I manage a conservation programme. This November I will travel to Coimbatore in order to attend the Pan Asian Othnithological Congress (PAOC) and the BirdLife Asia Conference. After the conference I would very much like to visit Cuddapah to look for Jerdon's Courser for a few days.

I am writing to ask if you could obtain a permit from the Andhra Pradesh Forest Department to enable me to visit Cuddapah during the week 18-24 November 1996. Because of limited time I would like to travel to Cuddapah from Coimbatore and not travel via Hyderabad. I could perhaps receive the permit when I see you at the PAOC. I would be most grateful if you could please help me with this matter.

I now enclose some personal details which you find useful:

Full name: Jonathan Charles Eames; Nationality: British; Date of Birth: 19 April 1958, Passport No: B444 728; Date of issue: 28 November 1990; Date of expiry: 27 November 2000. Planned dates of visit to Cuddapah: 18-24 November 1996.

Please let me know by fax if you have received this fax and would be able to help me.

I once again thank you for your help in anticipation and look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Eames

Aashesh Pittie

8-2-545 "Prem Parvat", Road No.7, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad - 500 034. India.

Phone: Off:040-~~591991~~ Res: 040-315683 Fax: 91 40 314064
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12th October 1996

FAX: 844 8352562

Mr Jonathan C Eames
BirdLife International Vietnam Programme
17M 13 Lang Trung
Dong Da
Hanoi

KIND ATTN: Mr JONATHAN C EAMES

Dear Mr. Eames,

Thank you for your Fax Message on 11.10.96.

I will try for the permission to visit Cuddapah, only on Monday as it is a holiday for the Forest Department today.

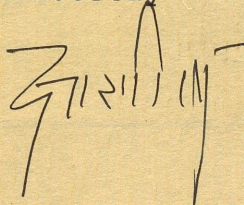
In the mean time I need to know whether you are going alone or with some other people, if so how many of you will go to Cuddapah?

This is for the permission. I will inform you no sooner I hear from the Department above the permission.

Looking forward to meeting you in Coimbatore.

With best wishes,

Sincerely



Aasheesh Pittie

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14th October 1996

The Chief Wildlife Warden
O/o PCCF
A.P. Forest Department
HYDERABAD

Dear Sir,

A British friend of mine, working for BirdLife International and residing in Hanoi, Vietnam, is interested in visiting the Jerdon's Courser area in Cuddapah along with 3-4 other foreign birdwatchers from 18-24 November 1996.

As he is an experienced birdwatcher whose first priority is the safety of the bird, I request you to kindly grant him and his group permission to visit the Sanctuary from 18-24 November 1996. It would be extremely kind if Mr. Aitanaa could be deputed to escort the group.

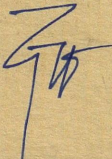
The permission may be given to me, as I will meet him in Coimbatore around 12-16 November 1996 where I will hand it over. Due to time constraints they will travel directly from Coimbatore to Cuddapah.

PERSONAL DETAILS OF Mr. JONATHAN C EAMES

FULL NAME: Jonathan Charles; NATIONALITY: British; DATE OF BIRTH: 19 April 1958; PASSPORT No: B444 728; DATE OF ISSUE: 28 November 1990; DATE OF EXPIRY: 27 November 2000.

Thanking You

Sincerely



Copy to: Mr Jonathan C Eames
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Dong Da
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For your file



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FAX OUT

Oct 15, 96

FAX MESSAGE

Attn: Mr. Aasheash Pittie

From: Jonathan C Eames

Fax: 9140 314064

Fax: 844 8352562

Date: 15/10/96

Page: 01

RE : PERMIT TO VISIT CUDDAPAH

Dear Mr. Pittie

Thank you for your fax of 12 October and your very prompt attention to my request. I was initially planning to visit Cuddapah alone but knowing that some of my other colleagues attending the PAOC may also be interested, it may be prudent to add their names to the latter of permission:

Jonathan C. Eames
Francis R. Lambert
Nigel J. Collar
Adrian Long

I hope this will not cause any problem and I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Jonathan C. Eames
Coordinator BirdLife Vietnam Programme

29/10/96

Dear Mr Pittie

*I called this morning to talk with you about this but missed you! I would be grateful if you could let me know whether you received this fax on 15/10 and have been able to secure a permit. With many thanks and best wishes
Jonathan Eames*

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3320269

Fax: 314064

15th October 1996

The Chief Wildlife Warden
O/o PCCF
A.P.Forest Department
HYDERABAD

Dear Sir,

Further to mine of 14.10.96, I give below the names of
3 persons who might accompany Mr. Jonathan C. Eames on
his visit to Cuddapah.

Francis R. Lambert
Nigel J. Collar
Adrian Long

Thanking You

Sincerely



GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

Re.No. 41281/96/WL3,
Dated: 29.10.96.

Office of the Prl.Chief Conservator
of Forests, Aranya Bhavan, A.P.,Hyd

Sri M.Kamal Naidu, IFS.,
Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Sub: Permission to visit the Lankamalleswara
Sanctuary during third week of November 1996.

Ref: Your letter dt. 15.10.96.

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Permission is hereby accorded to the Ornithologists
Mr. Jonathan C. Eames, Mr. Francis R. Lambert, Mr. Nigel
J. Coller and Mr. Adrian Long to visit the Lankamalleswara
Sanctuary during third week of November 1996. They are
further informed that they may approach the Dy. Conservator
of Forests Sri Venkateshwara Nallapati for
guidance. Photography in this sanctuary area is prohi-
bited as it will involve disturbance to the birds.

Sd/-K.Jagan Mohan Rao
for Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests.

To,

Aashesh Pittle,
8-2-545 "Prem Parvat"
Road No. 7, Banjara Hills,
Hyderabad - 34.

Copy to the Dy. Conservator of Forests, Sri Venkateshwara
National Park, Tirupathi for information and
necessary action.

/t.c.c.o./

A. Anandhu
Superintendent. 31/10/96

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31/10/96

Dear Mr Eames,

It was nice talking to you this morning. You will have to stop
at Tirupathi, on your way to Cuddapah from Coimbatore, &
meet the gentleman mentioned above, a Mr VENKATESHWARLU
who will either accompany you, or give you a responsible person
as escort. The A.P. Forest Dept. office in Tirupathi is quite easily
reached by asking 'anybody' on the road!

Best Wishes

Aashesh Pittle
1/11/96

Aashesh Pittle.

To Mr J Nathan Eames

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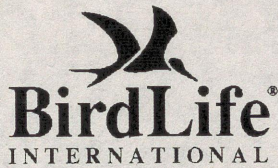
Dear Aasheesh

Having arrived back in Vietnam earlier this week, it gives me the chance to write to you and let you know how we fared on our birdwatching trip to Andra Pradesh. The visit to Sri Lankamalleswara Wildlife Sanctuary went very smoothly thanks to the kind help of the reserve director and the skills of the local guide, Mr. Aitanna. We saw a single Jerdon's Courser on the evening of 19 November at about 1 o'clock in the morning. The other highlight during our two-day visit was a pack of nine Dhole on the track one afternoon. We later moved on to Rollapadu and saw no more than six Great Indian Bustards in any day and had good views of two males displaying just outside the reserve. In addition, we had very good views of a female Lesser Florican and saw groups of up to four Wolves daily. The harrier roost was magnificent with up to 500 birds roosting daily. They included mainly Montague's Harriers but also included Pallid and few Marsh Harriers.

Both Frank and I were a little concerned by numbers of livestock, particularly sheep, grazing in the reserve area, including, at times, the core zone. The guards were very diligent in expelling the shepards and their flocks but I worry that it would be quite easy for such a small reserve to be over-run and degraded by livestock. During our visit we added a number of new species to the list of birds of the Rollapadu area including, Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*, Lesser Sotted Engle *Aquila pomarina*, Long-billed Vulture *Gyps indicus*, Dunlin *Calidris alpina*, Little Pratincole *Glareola lactea*, Indian Nightjar *Caprimulgus asiaticus* and Wryneck *Jynx torquilla*.

We finished off our trip at Horsley Hills, finally catching - up with Yellow-throated Bulbul.

One final point, given our lack of knowledge of Jerdon's Courser and the rarity of Great Indian Bustard and Lesser Florican, I wondered whether at BSAP, you had considered undertaking a survey of the Jerdon's Courser (as I suspect it is not as rare as is imagined) or a project to



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monitor the status of the bustards at Rollopadu? It may be that such activities are already in progress but if not I would have thought such projects were well within the capacity of BSAP.

Lastly, once again many thanks to you for helping to make our trip so very rewarding and successful and I look forward to corresponding with you in the future.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jonathan C Eames".

Jonathan C Eames
Coordinator BirdLife Vietnam Programme

Ref: Yours of 2-12-96 + encl.

24 December, 1996

Mr. Jonathan C Eames
Coordinator
BirdLife International Vietnam Programme
17M 13 Lang Trung
Dong Da
Hanoi
VIETNAM

Dear Jonathan

I am glad that your trip was fruitful (though I don't know what happened about Riyazuddin !). I am also sending a copy of your letter (to me) to Mr. Jagan Mohan Rao, so that he is informed of what is going on.

But I want more information about your trip, and would be extremely glad if you could send it for 2 reasons.

- I could use it as a small insert ("Additions to Rollapadu list") in the *Pitta*, and acknowledge you for it.
- I will enter your sightings into a database which I am preparing, along with a distribution mapping software, for what I hope will be a distribution atlas of the birds of A.P.

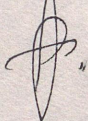
Could you send me the precise dates, places and list of birds (with numbers if possible) which you saw in Andhra Pradesh ?

Regarding the study of the Jerdon's Courser and also the Great Indian Bustard, though the BSAP has not given the subject serious thought as a project, the A.P. Forest Department are pretty jumpy about such things for the courser - perhaps in good measure. But in Rollapadu, the BNHS has had quite a longish study done by Ranjit Manakadan, who I am sure has a good deal of data on the status of the G.I.B. and hopefully other bird species of the area. However, the BSAP should work in this directions and I will discuss the point with other members in our next meeting !

I hope your trip to India was enjoyable on the whole and you left enriched with the experience (the Madras-Coimbatore trip notwithstanding !).

With warm greetings for Christmas and a very happy and bird-filled New Year !

Yours sincerely



encl: *Pitta* 67-68.

24-12-1996

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Asian Paradise-flycatcher; *Terpsiphona viridis*

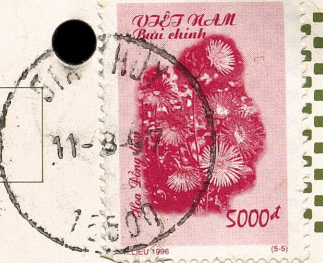
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รูปถ้วยอยู่ตามง่ามไม้ พบได้ตามป่าทั่วประเทศ

Photo : อู๋หยี ตริสกันธ์
Uthai Treesucon

5 August



By air mail
Par avion



Dear Asheesh
Hope all is well with
you. I've not forgotten
your request for details
of our records regarding
Rollapadu and will
renew Frank Lambert
again to forward his records to
me. With all best wishes

Asheesh Pitte
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Bird Conservation Society of Thailand

B e n g a l F l o r i c a n
Houbaropsis bengalensis



6/5/97


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Global Partnership for Conservation

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Dear Aasheesh

Hope you are well. Just to let you know I haven't forgotten to pass on my records from AP. Frank was back in the UK sick so I'm still waiting to hear from him. Saw one of Vietnam's last Bengal Floricans on April 19 in the Mekong Delta.

Best wishes Jonathan

Bengal Florican *Houbaropsis bengalensis* has suffered from chronic loss of its wet grassland habitat so that it now survives almost exclusively in very small, fragmented populations (totalling as few as 300-400 birds) in protected areas on the border of Nepal and India and in north-eastern India and a virtually unknown population (blandini) in southern Cambodia, and southern Vietnam. Work on this species over many years by the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) has led to greatly enhanced protection measures in India.

• IUCN Threat Status: ENDANGERED

Aasheesh Kittle
Managing Director
Pittie Alcast Private Ltd.
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The BirdLife Asia Partnership is currently working on the Avian Red Data Book. This vitally important project, which is being funded by the Japanese Environment Agency and managed by the Wild Bird Society of Japan (WBSJ), will identify the conservation action needed to save Asia's threatened species into the next millennium.

For more information or donations to BirdLife's work in Asia please contact:
BirdLife Asia Representative Office, PO Box B10/300, Bogor 16003, Indonesia.
BirdLife Asia Homepage <http://www.kt.rim.or.jp/~birdinfo/>



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Red-headed Trogon / *Harpactes erythrocephalus*

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23/1/97

Dear Asheesh
Thanks for you letter of 24 December
and Pittie 67/68. I would be happy
to provide you with further details of
sightings on my recent trip to India.

The embarrassing truth is however,
that I don't have any notes and
must obtain copies of Frank Lambert
notes so I can reconstruct my own.

Unfortunately Frank is currently in
Laos so this could take some time.
I have just returned from an excellent
2 weeks birdwatching in Japan.

Diversity in the notes is not great
but saw some nice birds including
Blakiston's Fish Owl, Copper Pheasant
and five species of Crane (including
Siberian). Very Happy New Year

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POSTCARD



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Handwritten blue ink scribbles and numbers, including "12/2" and "97".



Aasheesh Pittie

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Tanjan. Jonathan James



Kind Attn: Jonathan Eames

Subject: Kind Attn: Jonathan Eames

Date: Sat, 06 Feb 1999 07:35:19 +0530

From: Aasheesh Pittie <AASHEESH@HD1.VSNL.NET.IN>

To: "Jonathan C. Eames" <birdlife@netnam.org.vn>

Dear Jonathan,

Congratulations on the new species and thank you very much for a copy of your paper in IBIS. I received it yesterday.

I hope all is well at your end. Things are tops here!

Please note my address, as given below, for future correspondence.

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Best wishes and regards!

Aasheesh Pittie

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