BY AIR MAIL

Marina Hotel,
New Delhi.
29th April, 1942.

Dear Mr. Glover,

When Mr. Galvin left Delhi he took with him a box of recordings made in Malaya by the mobile recording unit of the M.B.C., for delivery to you. These recordings were made at Grik in Upper Perak on 3rd/4th December, 1941, by a group of Ple-Temiar aborigines collected for the purpose by H.D. Noone, the Government ethnologist. The recordings are unique, and copies of them will be of considerable value to scientific research institutes throughout the world. Accordingly, it has been decided that these "Presto" discs should be processed, and "master" discs prepared from which copies can be made as required.

I understand that the only place in India at which this work can be carried out is the Dum-Dum gramophone record factory near Calcutta. I should be most grateful if you could arrange to have the box of records forwarded to the factory, and ask the factory to commence processing as soon as possible. Instructions as to the sequence in which the various items are to be cut on the final records are contained in an envelope enclosed in the box along with the records. Should the recording engineers be in any doubt on any point, they should communicate direct with me.

If you obtain from the factory an estimate of the cost of preparing the "master" discs and making copies therefrom, and advise me of these figures, I can then let you know how many copies should be made of the full set of records.

In view of the uniqueness of these records, I would suggest that the originals be returned immediately to Delhi in the event of an attack on Calcutta developing before they have been processed.

Yours faithfully,

(E.D. Robertson.)

Mr. Glover,
Calcutta Office,
British Ministry of Information.