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RE: LIYIR KARSO, 2017 Fellow, Albert Bates Lord Fellowship in Oral Tradition

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to report that LIYIR KARSO has satisfied all of the requirements and discharged all of the duties associated with her tenure of the 2017 Albert Bates Lord Fellowship in Oral Tradition sponsored by the Center for Studies in Oral Tradition. During her residence August 21, 2017 through February 27, 2018 she has carried out research in the libraries of the University of Missouri, and studied and consulted with faculty in the Department of English, the Department of Religious Studies, the School of Law, and the director of the Center for Studies in Oral Tradition working toward completion of her project "The Customary Laws of Arunachal Pradesh: A Historical Study of Traditional Galo Society." In connection with this work she also visited the Smithsonian-National Museum of the American Indian, New York, N.Y., formerly the George Gustav Heye Center established in 1922.

LIYIR KARSO gave the 7th Albert Bates Lord Fellow's public lecture Monday, December 4, 2017 on this university's campus "The Customary Law of the Galo of Arunachal Pradesh: A Social Construction of Oral Tradition, which was well received by the students, faculty, and members of the public in attendance. Her lecture brought attention to the complexities of reconciling traditional practices and mores with modern policies and economics demands.

In closing, it has been a great pleasure personally and rewarding academically to host LIYIR KARSO during the period of her fellowship, here. She has contributed to enriching the intellectual life of the campus. Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, can justifiably congratulate itself on her accomplishments, and I wish her success in all of her future endeavors.

Sincerely,