

ARRANGEMENT FOR STORAGE AND HANDLING OF REMAINS BETWEEN
THE DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY
AND
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CULTURE'S
ANTHROPOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA

This Arrangement for Storage and Handling of Remains between the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) and the Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI), hereinafter referred to as the "Institutions", provides guidance for the storage and handling of remains recovered by DPAA, its designated representatives, or that were unilaterally turned over to DPAA representatives, and believed to be associated with U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) personnel unaccounted-for from World War II.

1. AnSI, through the Ministry of Culture, intends to provide space in the AnSI ancient skeletal repository, or another location as mutually determined, to conduct a Joint Forensic Review of human remains recovered during DPAA missions in India.
2. DPAA, including designated partners working on its behalf, intends to:
 - a. Investigate and excavate/recover remains and material evidence at specified locations and
 - b. Obtain permission of the local people/government in the area where human remains are recovered as this is a necessary part of the accepted ethical guidelines.
3. DPAA intends to provide the following technical details of planned excavations and their results to AnSI:
 - a. Recordings of artifacts;
 - b. Mappings of the location of the artifacts found;
 - c. Layers/strata, which are planned for excavation and preparation of the layer;
 - d. Types of materials being collected;
 - e. Identification of artifacts and skeletal remains;
 - f. Documentation of the excavation;
 - g. Site photographs; and
 - h. Excavation logs.
4. The remains and associated artifacts are intended to be brought to AnSI's Kolkata facility, or another location as mutually determined, by DPAA representatives for analysis and conservation.
5. Both Institutions intend to maintain chain of custody documentation for all items.



6. DPAA and AnSI intend these remains be stored at AnSI's Kolkata facility, or another location as mutually determined, until a Joint Forensics Review is conducted, and if warranted, repatriation of the remains from the Republic of India to the United States.
7. Forensic scientists from DPAA and AnSI intend to conduct a Joint Forensic Review on remains recovered. AnSI intends to constitute a committee of experts ("Committee") who examine and document the remains jointly with the DPAA team.
8. DPAA and AnSI intend that during the examination of the remains, necessary documentation of the remains be made (photography, dimensions, qualitative descriptions, etc.), as per accepted forensic science norms, and copies of which remain with DPAA and AnSI.
9. Once the Committee recommends the transfer of the remains to the DPAA Laboratory in Hawaii, the DPAA team intends to transport those remains to the United States. In instances of unclear forensic determinations for an uncorrelated case, a sample of the material(s) may be made available for DPAA to conduct advanced forensic analysis, including isotope or mtDNA analysis, in the United States. Once results are obtained, an additional evaluation of the remains with the Committee and DPAA representatives may determine a proper course of action.
10. After the forensic and DNA analysis, if it is determined that the remains do not belong to DoD personnel, the DPAA team intends to arrange to return the remains to AnSI as soon as possible, and AnSI intends to store the material in its repository with full documentation while it notifies the Government of India (Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Culture, and Ministry of Defence) and the government of the applicable Indian state.
11. The Institutions intend operations be accomplished within mutually determined timeframes and intend for all expenses related to the transfer and return of material be paid for by DPAA.
12. As a measure of a capacity building program, DPAA intends to fund and provide a periodic training program (at least twice during the 5 years period of this arrangement) for at least four scientific officials of AnSI in each training program at DPAA's Laboratory in Hawaii so that the scientific officials can better assist with DPAA operations in India.
13. DPAA, or its representatives, intend to fund the cost of travel, accommodations, and food allowance of the AnSI scientific staff accompanying any contracted or partnered team during excavation missions in accordance with Government of India entitlements.



14. The Institutions intend to protect information received from the other Institution from disclosure in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Institutions.
15. It is intended that the appropriate members of the Institutions discuss and exchange relevant information in support of the activities referenced in this arrangement.

This Arrangement becomes operative upon signing by the official representatives of the Institutions and remains operational for a period of five (5) years. This Arrangement may be renewed in writing for a further period of five (5) years by mutual understanding prior to the expiration of the original. This Arrangement may be modified in writing by mutual understanding of the Institutions.

Signed in two originals in the English language.

For AnSI

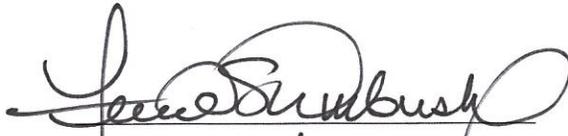


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