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via **Electronic Mail**

Dear Dr. Vijailakshmi Ji:

I am writing in reference to your message of June 18, 2021 to the Internet Archive regarding the posting of 67,969 items. I am responsible for posting these materials, which are part of a larger collection, the Public Library of India. You may view the full collection at the URL below:

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These collections include a full searchable mirror of 5,63,799 Official Gazettes of India, as well as 7,13,644 items of books from a variety of sources, including the Granth Sanjeevani, West Bengal Public Library, Tamil Virtual Academy, and the former government-run Digital Library of India. In addition to the larger collections, we have worked with organizations such as the Konkani World Centre, the Rojah Muthiah Research Library, and the Indian Academy of Sciences to scan additional materials.

By combining these materials together, and making them searchable in Indian languages using Optical Character Recognition, we are archiving these materials for preservation and in addition enabling students and the lifelong learners of India in their pursuit of an education so that they may better their status and their opportunities and to secure for themselves and for others justice, social, economic and political.

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I wish to respectfully submit to your attention that none of the works you have referenced in your note are subject to copyright, and even if they were still subject to copyright, you are not the copyright holder. While I understand your position, I therefore respectfully decline to remove these materials from public view.

If you would like, you are free to download any of the items which now have optical character recognition and use those materials. If you'd like, I can download all the items and put them on a disk drive for you and send it to Mumbai.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, I would be happy to do a Zoom, WhatsApp, or phone call with you. You may reach me on my email at [carl@media.org](mailto:carl@media.org). In normal times, I would request an audience with you and come see you in person to pay my respects, however I have not been able to come back to India since last March. I have many colleagues, friends, and associates in India, and my thoughts are with all of you during these troubled times of the pandemic.

With best regards,

DocuSigned by:

*Carl Malamud*

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