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April 13, 2004

Dr. C. Sambhi Reddy, Secretary
Sundarayya Vignana Kendram
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Grant Number

Dear Dr. Reddy:

I am pleased to enclose the original and first copy of a letter dated April 13, 2004 from The Ford Foundation approving a grant of \$90,000 over a three-year period beginning April 15, 2004 to Sundarayya Vignana Kendram (SVK) for the first phase of an electronic South Asia Union Catalogue of books and periodicals including newspapers.

The specific activities to be undertaken under this grant include the following:

- Creation of on-line bibliographic records for books and periodicals published in south India and Sri Lanka during the period 1801-1959, including those in Persian and Arabic produced in the region.
- Distribution of these new bibliographic records to the US-based Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) and South Asian bibliographic databases such as INFLIBNET.
- Preparation of a new site on the World Wide Web containing bibliographic records for South Asian publications with imprints from 1556 through the present for use by scholars and librarians.
- Development of a mechanism for South Asian and other libraries to attach holding information to the bibliographic records and to upgrade the data on the new Web site.

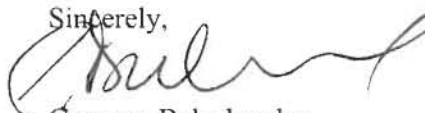
Also, given below are the indicators of success for this grant to the SVK:

- Creation of 100,000 new bibliographic and authority records made available through OCLC, INFLIBNET, and on the Web.
- Training of at least 30 junior and disadvantaged staff in the protocols of modern library and information science;
- Launch of a self-sustaining program that will eventually result in a comprehensive South Asian Union Catalogue of books and periodicals.

If the terms outlined in the attached grant notification letter meet with your approval, we would appreciate receiving a countersigned copy of the same. **May I draw your attention to the requirement that we must receive a payment request with an updated list of Board members from SVK before funds can be released.** The payment would take approximately two to three weeks to process.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Ganesan Balachander
Representative

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