

Copy of D.O. letter No. F.53-I.A./44, dated the 7th November 1944, from Political Department, New Delhi, to the Hon'ble Lt. Col. W.F. Campbell, CIE. IA., Resident for Central India, Indore. 85

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Buddhist relics from Sanchi.

I am desired to refer to your demi official letter No. 6977-C, dated October 7, 1944, and to say that the Crown Representative and the Central Government do not feel that they would be justified in departing from the position stated in paragraph 3 of Col. Hancock's demi official letter No. F.49-I.A./40 dated the 10th July 1941. It is not clear whether as suggested there the Bhopal Government have made contact with the Maha Bodhi Society. If they have not perhaps they will now decide to do so. p-65

If you see no objection, the Bhopal Government may kindly be informed accordingly in suitable terms.

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Please refer to the correspondence resting with Thompson's demi official letter No. F.37-I.A./42, dated the 18th March 1942 to Fisher.

2. The Bhopal Government have represented that in view of the fact that the relics in question are now known to belong to Sanchi, it is His Highness's wish that they may be returned to Sanchi, on the termination of the War, for enshrinement with due ceremony. They stress the point that Sanchi is as much a sacred place as any other for the

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