I cannot sufficiently thank you for your most interesting despatch No.236/15 dated the 8th June 1915 regarding the ethnic affinity between the Burmese on the one hand and the Li-so and Lo-lo on the other. I am happy to think that my theory has been amply confirmed by the evidence so kindly and laboriously collected by you.

2. Like you, I am an admirer of Mr. R.F. Johnston, M.A., F.R.G.S., the learned author of "From Peking to Mandalay." I am reading his book again so as to procure more materials for my researches.

3. Mr. Johnston makes a reference to the "Les Lolos", Shanghai, 1898, by M. Paul Vial, a Catholic missionary, and I have written to Shanghai for a copy of the work.

4. In your despatch, you make the following quotation from a Report by Mr. Archibald Rose, C.I.E.

"The Lolos are more advanced than most of their wild neighbours; unlike the Kachins and Lisus they have a written language, and some of their religious manuscripts bear evidence of art and skill." Through the kind assistance of your missionary friends in the interior of Yunnan and Ssu-ch'uan, would it be possible for me to procure a few specimens of such Lo-lo manuscripts? I shall be glad to bear their cost.

5. We are now engaged in deciphering and translating a particular epigraph in the Pyu language. Could your
missionary or Consular friends help me in procuring Li-so and Lo-lo equivalents of the enclosed list of words?

6. I hope I am not encroaching too much on your good nature; but I daresay you will appreciate my position, and bear in mind that outside assistance, especially from the frontier officials is essential in pushing home my theories and confirming my discoveries in the domain of Ethnology and Philology.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) Taw Sein Ko.

Supdt., Archaeological Survey

I cannot sufficiently thank you for your most interesting despatch No. 216/17 dated the 8th June 1912 regarding the ethnic affinity between the Han and Li-so and Lo-lo on the other. I am happy to think that my theory has been amply confirmed by the evidence so kindly and laboriously collected by you.

2. Like you, I am an admirer of Mr. H. F. Johnston, F.A.S., the learned author of "The Practice of Medicine" in an earlier period, I again read his book again as an encouragement for my researches.

3. Mr. Johnston makes a reference to the "Lo-Lo", Shanghai, 1898, by a Catholic missionary, and I have written to Shanghai for a copy of the work.

4. In your despatch, you make the following quotation from a Report by Mr. Archibald Ross, C.I.E.:

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