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Dear Dr. D. Mardi,

Thank you for your letter dated November 12, 2002. Please forgive my lengthy delay in responding; I was away at two conferences and am at last catching up with mail correspondence.

Your comments on behalf of AISWACS have been duly noted and I have sent on your opinion to the Unicode Technical Committee for their consideration, one of the two committees responsible for the actual decision to include a script. As a representative for the Script Encoding Initiative at UC Berkeley, I wish to acknowledge your point of view regarding the use of Roman script for Santali and your endorsement of the views put forward by the Santali Literary and Cultural Society in Kolkata.

Thank you for including the Latin alphabet usage charts for Roman Santali. (Because Unicode does not enter into the realm of any kind of orthographic standardization, however, it does not publish or endorse any "Roman Script Santali" mappings.)

Sincerely,

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