#### Abbreviations

indic - indicative mode

poss - possession

pro - pronoun (ambiguous or indefinate pronoun)

loc - locative indicator

non 1 p - non first person indicator

exist - existance (in contrast to an event)

incomp - action incomplete

mom - momentaneous action

event - indicating an event (in contrast to the existance of something)

ben - benefactive voice

s.s. - subject actor indicator (indicates that the subject is

the actor)

an pro - animate pronoun

n sub - negative subjunctive mode

emph - emphatic

neg - negative

u dir - up river direction (from up river)

l incl com - first person inclusive command ("let's go")

inter int - interrogative intention

contin - continuative action

1 p pl incl - first person plural inclusive (including speaker)

1 excl com - first person exclusive command

instrument indicator

v pro - vegetable pronoun

class mark - class marker (noun classes not completely identified

as yot)

civil - civilized man

instru

dir s - direction toward speaker

de - dependent clause indicator

v nom - verb nominalizer an mark - animal marker

(D) Is it hi-ga-isal transmersay-potenta (2) and command.

(B) ha?

(A) ta. on motion vals?

Tape 2 Text 1

## Palha from the River Joqui

mild Command

Arlo

(l) quote opened

(potential?)

hi - Gai sai xao ho a bo hi - o xaa i - boi to pro. said River Joqui loc. palha cut Arlo pas ti / a - a b - a b1 - k - a ha - ga - ga i / go non 1 p. palha neg. neg. exist would be perhaps xas 1 - boi t- o pt - hai xao ho a boi - o / A ba si xaa 1 palha cut go incomp. River Joqui loc. Abagi palha hi - a b - a a ti / pi xi o - ai / hi - a b - is - a a ti pro. leave non 1 p. river mouth there pro. leave mom. non 1 p. xA ba gi hi - pi xi o'- hoa - xa a i - hi - a a - hai / Abagi pro. river mouth | bring palha event have incomp. ti - gal sai xa ba gi go xoi ba ga xaa i - to - a b- a a ti I said Abagi there down there palha ben. leave non 1 p. Sal ta soi hi - si ba / A ba si hi - sal sai ti - so Abagi pro. said I there Arlo pro. place at xaa'i'- to'- a ha-pi-ta'- i' pi xi'o / Koio hi'- gai sa s.a. river mouth Kolohoaxai pro. said palha ben. Ka boi ba gi xaa i - to - a ha pit - a a ti hi - gi ba ga Kaboibagi palha ben. go w non l p. pro. place at

Sai ta soi / hi - gai sai hi - o - ao g - abi - sai

pro. said pro. loc. delay n. sub.

xaa'1' + to' - 1' - si' xaa'p - a'a'ti' / xaa' - o'1'g - o'pti'palha ben. pro. rapidly non l.p. palha open go hat 2 / N Sai ta soi hi - sai sai hi - aa - hoi - xaa 1 incomp. Arlo pro. said pro. palha few palha boi'ti'- sai xa'a'- a'pa'ga'a'- a'a'ti'/ ka'i xo'gi'- o'i' cut n.sub. palha to pile non 1 p. house big emph. xaa - a b - o pii - sai - xa a sa / Boa i hi - ka xao / palha neg. go n.sub. have Boai pro. linel. com. xa a - a - ho i - saoa xaa i - boi xa a i - gi so xai ti - (hai) / palha ad go inter. palha cut palha carry int. I po gi hi - a i t - ii ga / A ba gi hi - o sii ba go gi I po gi pro. sleep contin. Abagi pro. shake (tok awaken) I po gi hi - a 1 ba a ai pi xa - xoa - ho i (hai) / I ti 1 I po gi pro. sharpen palha go after go incomp. I til hi - ka xao xa a - hoi xa ko xi o xa i - boi ti - hai pro. 1 incl. com. palha go la incomp.  $xo^2 - o^2 - a1'bo^2g1^2 / No10^2hoa^2 xa' a^2ga'1^2g1 - so^3$ jungle loc. rapidly Koichoaxai palha to tie around when xaa1 - ti- a a ti hi - xa a1 - boi ti - sa1 / go 13 palha cut non l p. pro. palha cut n.sub. l excl.com. xaai hi - a - hoa - gaa ti bi xa a - o //

palha pro. vipro. bring non l p. river bank loc.

### Ipogi Kills a Lontra

Sai ta soi hi - gai sai hi - a ho - a a ti hi - i' Arlo pro said pro speak non l p k- o'ba'a'i'- hai pi bao hoi / I po gi hi - ka pclass hunt fromp lontra Ipogi pro instru a o bi 1 - sai - hi - ai - pi bao hoi sai - hi - a ga ba o bi event lontra miss (shot) hit k- a bai 2 pi bac hoi / xao i xI po gi hi - pi bac hoi 2 exist neg lontra man Ipogi pro lontra  $xi'-s-a^2i^3$  /  $I0^3hoi'$   $hi^3-gai'sai^2$  /  $I^3po'gi^2$   $hi^3-i'$ pro class have Iohoi pro said Ipogi pro pro mark pi bao hoi  $xi^3 + s - a^2i^3 - xi^3 / Hoa gai xo xai hi - gai sai xo$ lontra pro class have mark Hoagaixoxai pro said  $hi^3 - 1'$  k- o ba 1 - pa 1 - hai / xa hoi gi o xaa 1 incomp evening palha pro pro class see boi t- o pai - taa //

cut go (afterward?)

#### A House to be Burned

Sai ta soi hi - gai sai hi - ka i hoai hi - a bo Arlo pro said pro house fire pro cause

ga a ti / koa ta xai hi - ka i hoai hi - a bo - ga a ti

non l p Coata pro house fire pro cause non l p

hi - gai sai 2 / ka 1 a ba xai gi - k - a - o pi - ta 
pro said house only you class make go afterward mark

ha a ti / hi - ka i hoai hi - a bo - ga a ti xao i //

non l p pro house fire pro cause non l p civil

## Ipogi Kills an Ariranha

I po gi hi - gai sai k- o bai - ga - o pi - i hai ka gai ai Ipogi pro said class see go incomp Beriti  $xi^3 - pi^3 ao^2 ai^3 / pi^3 baoi^2 i' - a - 1^3 gi' - a ha^3 xo' - a^3 ha^3 / a^3 / a^3$ pro creek there ariranha class near would be loc would be mark there (perhaps) (perhaps) A bi al h1 - gai sai h1 - xio1 xo p1 - hai / A bi al hi -Abiai pro said pro with go incomp Abiai pro gai'sai3 Kaboibagi xagacoa xig- abo- ga-pi3 Kaboibagi cance near cause come said hi - po ka p- a o bi i xi po gi pi bao - o gi - a i / Ipogi ariranha large is pro already instru hit I po gi hi - gai sai Sai ta soi hi - a bi - 1 sai xo - ai / Ipogi pro said Arlo pro neg n sub loc there ti - gai sai sai ta soi so xoa xa bai g- o pai - sai said Arlo already arrive n sub x0 - as gs //

loe has

### More Palha Needed

hi-gai sai sai ta soi xa - xo - a ha pi - hai ta sa pi gi to pro said Arlo v pro loc go incomp Terra Preta xo xa - a b - o pi - xi / Kaioa hi - gal sai Kaioa loc v pro neg arrive indic Kaioa pro said Kaioa hi - boi to hi - o xaa - xoa s- aa ga / hi - gai sai pro launch loc palha go sub poss pro said hi - o gi a gao xa b- a a ti ko xi o xa - ga i ga a - hoi pro everyone remain non 1 p 1 p pl incl v pro tie around vines hai2 xao i2 xa - a o pi - koi2 Kaioa3 xa - a o pi - koi2 incomp civil v pro also go emph Kaioa v pro also go emph Sai ta soi xa - a o pi - koi Boi ta ha hi i xa - a o pi -Arlo v pro also go emph Domingos v pro also go koi<sup>2</sup> Ka<sup>3</sup> kai hi<sup>3</sup> xaoi<sup>3</sup> pi<sup>3</sup> xa<sup>3</sup> - a<sup>3</sup>o' pi' - koi<sup>6</sup> hi - hoi' hi<sup>7</sup> emph JoZozinho v pro also go emph pro several pro oi xi gi al xa a ga / Bal ta sol hi - gal sal boi to hi - o Arlo pro said launch loc together enough xa - xo a - pi - i hai / xa - a b - o pi - xi / v pro go after incomp v pro neg arrive indic ti - gai sai Bo ai hi - a bi - saos xa i / Bo ai hi - gai sai I said Boai pro neg inter int Boai pro said

### Kaboibagi Nearly Dies

Sal ta soi hi - gal sal / Ka bol ba gi xi i gi xal Arlo pro said Kaboibagi tree you bai  $3-k-a^2ba^2-1^2sa1'$  xa1  $3h1'-a^3ba^3//^7$  I  $3ta1^3b1'$  ga1  $3ta1^3$ hit exist neg n sub to be event neg I taibigai xi - gai sai Sai ta soi hi - a bi ka a Ka boi ba gi hi pro said Arlo event neg distant Kaboibagi pro  $ba^{3}a^{2}bi^{3} - xi^{3}$  /  $Ka^{3}boi^{3}ba^{3}gi^{2}hi^{3} - oa^{3} - ba^{2}bai^{2}$  /  $kaa^{3}i^{2}$ sick indic Kabolbagi pro dead almost distant b- as ga - tai taisi / tistao bii baa xaa pi - tamy nose blood much has (come out) ground has axe axe pa / / Oa gai xo xai hi - gai sai hi - goo gi i / ti - gai sai Cagaixoxai pro said pro what happened I said On gal xo xai xi i / ti - teo i bai ta o ba ha xi i / Oagaixoxai tree my nose hit entered stick pi - a ba / xaoi hi - a ba - ha / hia xa ba xai water neg civil event neg brother only gi - 0 0 gai xo xai / ti 1 // near loc Osgaixoxai myself

## A Mishing Trip

\ Sai ta soi hi - gai sai hi xio i ka - o pi - hai Ho ai o Arlo pro said pro with distant go incomp Hosis pi xio i si - hoa - o pi - hai ka gi pai / pi xio river mouth an go after go incomp tucunaré river mouth 1 ba saí ta soi hi - gai saí hio i si - ga pat place there aslo pro said with an pro instru o pi - hai po hoi hi ai / si - hi - a a a boi - hai / go incomp sting ray an pro pro embark incomp To a bi xi - gai sai / Sai ta soi hi - po hoi hi ai Arlo pro sting ray Toabi pro said hoa - xi bo pi hi / Sai ta soi po hoi hi ai / hi - so sting ray pro an pro Arlo several aao ga - ha Sai ta soi hi - si - ga p- o pa - ha tai o / Arlo pro an pro instru go ti - gai sai hi - go gi so xi - ga a - b- o nai Sai ta soi / I said pro when pro bring u dir come Arlo I tai bi gai hi - gai sai sai ta soi hi - a hot gii - o Itaibigai pro said Arlo pro evening loc x1 - b1 p1 - i - ga a - b- o pa pa // pro return pro bring u dir come

## A Tapir Hunt

"I po gi2 hi - gal sai xai ta - hoi - xi-i hai Sai ta soi sleep go (2) incomp Arlo Ipogi pro said ko s- a ba - a ti / Sai ta soi hi - ai - k- a b- o awake remain non l p Arlo pro sleep exist neg awake aba a ti hi - a gi a ti - o i ka bi - so hi - gai sai remain non 1 p pro then I hand shake when pro said Ka boi ba gi xi - se -hos - b- o pai - koi ka ba ti i / Kaboibagi pro am to hear dir arrive emph tapir Sai ta soi hi - gai sai xI po gi ko sa - a bi - i - so pro said Ipogi awake neg pro an pro Arlo hoa - b- o pai - ko i ka ba ti i / Sai ta soi hi - sai sa to hear dir arrive emph tapir Arlo pro said. xaia hai / ti - xi - pi - a bii hi - a bi - si - ko - ai I pro water neg event neg an pro under 1s (know) ke ba ti i / Sai ta sot hi - sai sai ti - xi - pi - a bii

Arlo pro said I pro water nee (know) tapir

hi 3 a bi 3 si ko ai / ti - xi - kaai - pi - si - o event neg an under is I pro distant water an

xas ga - ha / s- o'i - ba - ka - o'pa - ba 2 / s- al bo'gi have comp an jungle far go an pro fast pro ka ba ti 1 / s- a paa - o'gi - a 1 - ka ba / Sai ta soi tapir an pro head big is tapir Arlo hi - gai sai ka ba ti i s- a paa - o'gi - a 1 / pro said tapir an pro head big is

### The Tapir that Escaped

Ho al o hi - gai sai XA ba gi xi - k- o ba o bi - ta xai Homio pro smid Abagi pro class see xi'-k-o'bai' go'i' xi'-k-o'ba'-bo'i'-ta'-hai''pro class see 1 excl com pro class see (14111s · mark xA ba gi hi - gai sai A pi pa ha pio s- a b- o - xa - o hoi Abagi pro said Apipaha too an lake loc v pro eat si - pi - o ho ai - xi / A ba gi hi - gai sai A pi pa an water in noise ind Abagi pro said Apipa hi - a gi i ta / A ba gi hi - gai sai hi - a pi sii - a ga / Abagi pro said pro ara pro cold hi - a gi a so i p- ao bi seo - a i ka ba ti i / ti - gai sai pro then skin instru hit an have there tapir A ba gi hi - k- oo - xi - hi hi - ab- o xoi hi / hi - ka p-Abagi pro class in ind inter pro neg inter pro instrument a1 - ga 3 - o b1 - ta - sa - xa a ga - ba1 / xi - b113 afterward an have (would) pro blood do 1f koi hi - hii 3 / bi - xi - bii - aa ga / xi - bii 3 xo i little pro ground pro blood have pro blood little hi = as sa / Ho ai o hi - gai sai / xi - s- a pi si pro have Hosio pro said pro an pro front leg

xa ga - ba o - boi - hi ga i / Ho ai o hi - gai sai xi

almost hit inter there Hoaio pro said pro

koa - ba o b - o xoi hi / A ba gi hi - gai sai k - a ha pi 
dead hit inter Abagi pro said class go away

mark

ta / s - o i - o ka - o pa - ha / A pi pa hi - gai sai

an pro jungle loc for go comp Apipa pro said

A ba gi gi - pi baa - o pa - pi xi / xi - s - o i

A bagi you to row go an an jungle

k- a ha pi - ta - baa i /
class go away almost
mark

## A Letter to my Parents

Sai ta soi hi - gai sai hi - o ba a a - hai ba i xi

Arlo pro said pro see incomp parents

hi - o bai - k - a bai / Sai ta soi xi i - o ga - ba - gai

pro see exist neg Arlo pro want

ba o sa i xi i - ga hoa ga - pa a ti ba i xi kao - xii 
cloth pro bring non l p parents distant pro

gi - ai / Sai ta soi hi - gai sai xi + si gi hi a ba o 
is Arlo pro said pro meat gone

ba a xi - si gi hi hi - o gi - ai xi / Sai ta soi hi - gai sai

almost pro meat pro big is ind Arlo pro said

ti - xi sa xai hi gai xi - k - a bai k - a pi o - xiai /

I pro catfish here pro exist neg class other mark

Sai ta soi hi - gai sai gi xa - bio kai - baa i - ko i /

Arlo pro said you clear (land) much emph

bio - s- aa ga ba a - hoa- ga a xi - pi xa i / Sai ta soi clear y almost becoming pro now Arlo

nom

hi - gai sai xac - a pi o - xiai hi - ka i - ai - s- o gi

pro said civil another pro house make de want

hi - gai sai bi o ka - o - pa a ti xao - ka i - a i - i 
pro said clear when non l p civil house make

pi - hai / ka ba ti 1 k- a bi - koi sa 1 / Sai ta soi incomp tapir exist neg emph here hi - ga kai ni - k- a bi - koi pa kai hi pa kai hi pro said that pro exist neg eaph chickens ko 1 / t1 - x1 - k - o bai k - a bai / pi xa 1 x1 - k emph I pro class see exist neg now pro class mark o bai mae i ti xi gi a bi sai / xi - s- ao - pi xi xi see cutia resembles pro an ears long  $xi' - s - aoi^3 / hi^3 - ba^3 gi^3 - ga^2 bai^3 xi^3 hi^3 - a^3 gi^2 i^3 k - o^3$ pro an ears pro many almost pro I los xa - a baa - ha - xa a / Sai ta soi hi - gai sai xi - a bai remain here Arlo pro said pro set ta' - boi' xi'' - s - a'xa' - a'xa' - hai' xi' - xo'ii'after pro new there is have incomp pro small hi - a ga ba - hoi - sai / Sai ta soi / hi - gai sai gi xa i pro complete become when Arlo p**ro** s**ai**d you  $pi^{3}ba^{3} - a^{3}bi^{3} - ka' - ha' / ga^{3}hi^{3}ao' xi^{2} - koo^{2} - xa^{3}b - a^{3}bo^{3} - 1^{3}$ to row neg distant airplane pro inside sit cause hal xa gaoa ba i hii xa bi - ka / xa gaoa xi - ta incomp canoe slowly neg distant canoe pro heavy a bi - ka / Sai ta soi hi - gai sai xa bo pa - o pi -

neg distant Arlo pro said arrive when water

o gi - o ga hi so xa bai pi - so xa g- a 12/ Sai ta soi big loc airplane to land when path make hi - gel sel be i xi - ge hoe s- si - hei hi - o bei pro said parents pro bring incomp pro see s- os- o hiai ti i hi / xi so hoso xai xi - si ka o' de want lee Piraha Vi pro you distant x1'- s1'- ga's- s- o'gi ko'xoa hal x1'- gai sal ba'i' pro an take do want alligator pro said parents  $hi^3 - i'$  k -  $o^3bai^3 - k$  -  $a^3bi^3 - si^3gi'ai^2$   $hi' - si^3 - i^3ga'a^3 - hai'$ pro pro class see exist neg this very pro an take incomp ko xoa hai  $\frac{3}{4}$  ti  $\frac{3}{4}$  xi  $\frac{1}{4}$  ke o bai hi  $\frac{3}{4}$  a bai xi  $\frac{1}{4}$  ke ba ti i alligator I pro class see event neg pro tapir xi gi a bi / Sai ta soi hi - gai sai ba i ti - ka i - ai resembles Arlo pro said parents I house make pi - hai ba ga o / Ka boi ba gi ho i hia ga o bi o kincomp Manaus Kaboibagi we two clear land a a ti xo - ai bo gi - hai / kai - a ga bi - s- ai bo gi non l p loc rapidly incomp house complete rapidly a - 0 pi - hai //

make go incomp

### Free translation of texts from Piraha

# Palha from the River Joqui

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Tape 2 Text 1

Arlo said. "Cut palha up on the River Joqui. There seems to be no palha here. Cut palha there on the River Joqui." Abagi left the palha at the river's mouth. He brought it and left it there temporarily. I said. "Abagi go down and leave the palha for Arlo at his place." Abagi said. "I left his palha at the river's mouth." Koichoaxai said. "Kaboibagi let's take away the palha to Arlo's place. He said not to delay. We'll rapidly open the palha." Arlo said, "Bon't cut a small amount of palha. Gut a pile of it or it won't do. The house is big." (I said). "Boai let's go. Are you going? Cut palha and carry it." Ipogi was still sleeping. Abagi awakened him, sharpened his tercado and went after palha. (I said), "Itii let's all together cut palha rapidly. Koichoaxai will tie up the palha we cut. Bring the palha to the river bank."

## Ipogi Kills a Lontra

Tape 2 Text 2

Arlo said, "Tell about the Lontra hunt." Ipogi shot at and missed a lontra. (There was) a civilized man. Ipogi had (killed) a lontra. Hohoi said, "Ipogi has a lontra." Hoagainonai said, "Let's see the lontra. We can cut palha in the evening."

# A House to be Burne d

Tape 2 Text 3

Arlo said, "Burn the house at Coata." He said, "Build your own house after (you've) burned the house of the civilized man."

# Ipogi Kills an Ariranha

Tape 2 Text 4

Ipogi said, "I'm going to hunt at Beriti creek. Perhaps there are ariranha around there." Abiai said, "I will go with you." (Later) Abiai called, "Kaboibagi bring the cance here. Ipogi has already shot a large ariranha." Ipogi said, "Arlo would not have yet arrived there (pre determined meeting place)." I said, "Arlo must have arrived there already."

# More Palina Needed

Tape 2 Text 5

Arlo said. "We'll go to Terra Preta. The palha we have will not do." Kaioa said. "In my launch we will go after palha." He said, "We'll all stay together and bundle the palha with vines."

The civilized men will go too. Kaio, Arlo, Domingos and Johosinho will go. A number of men together is enough." Arlo said. "In the motor we'll go after the palha. The palha we have will not do." I asked, "Boai, aren't you going?" Boai said, "I will remain." Ipogi and Itii you stay. I will go and that will be enough. Kaioa also is going. We and the palha returned in the boat.

### Kaboibagi Nearly Dies

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Tape 2 Text 6

Arlo said, "Would a tree have hit you?" Itaibigal said, "Arlo wasn't here. Kaboibagi was sick. Kaboibagi almost died. His ax was on the ground far from him." Much blood came out of my nose. Hoagaixoxai said, "What happened?" I said, "Hoagaixoxai, a tree. A stick hit and entered my nose." There was no water. There were no civilized men. My brother and I alone were there.

## A Mahina Trip

Tape 2 Text 7

Arlo said, "I will also go with Hosio. Up at the mouth of the river we will go after tucunare." Arlo said, "With a gaff he will kill sting ray fish and embark them in the cance." Toabi said, "Arlo brought several sting rays?" Arlo killed many sting rays with a gaff. I said, "When did Arlo return?" Italbigai mais. "Arlo returned in the evening."

#### A Tapir Hunt

Tage 2 Text 8

Ipogi said, "I'll go to sleep. Arlo stay awake." Arlo didn't sleep. Then he shock my hand and said, "Kaboibagi, I hear the noise of a tapir coming." Arlo said, "Ipogi, wake up, a tapir is coming." Arlo said, "I didn't know that tapir went under water." The tapir went far into the jungle. The tapir is fast. The tapir's head is big. Arlo said, "The tapir's head is big."

#### The Tapir that Escaped

Tape 2 Text 9

Hosio said, "Abagi I looked. Now you go see if there are tapir in the lake." Abagi and Apipaha said. "A tapir is eating and making noise in the water." Abagi said, "Apipa was cold and his arm shook when he shot, so he hit the tapir only in the hide." I said, "Abagi, didn't you put a shell in your gum? If you would have you could have shot after him." There was just a little blood on the ground. Hoaio said, "Did you almost hit the front leg? Is the tapir deed?" Abagi said, "The tapir ran

off. It was almost in the jungle when he shot it." Apipa said, "Ababi, you row. The tapir has almost gone into the jungle."

## A Le tter to My Parents

Tape 2 Text 10

(Reichoaxai sending the letter)
Arlos says that for a long time he has not seen his parents,
now he will see them. Arlo will bring cloth from where his
parents live. Arlo says that the meat is about gone and is
expensive here (in Belem). Where you are there are no saxaihicatfish. Arlo says to clear a lot. When it is clear a civilized
man wants to build a house. There are no tapir here. Arlo says
there is no meat, just chickens. I'd never seen a rabbit. The
ears are long. Now I've seen one. I will remain here several
days yet before I go. Arlo says that when the moon is small
fe'll go. Arlo says I can't go in a canoe. I have to sit in
an airplane. A canoe is slow because (my home) is distant.
Arlo says that when I arrive on the Marmelos River I am to make
a path. Arlo says he will bring him parents to see the Piraha.
Vi wants to take an alligator to her parents. She says they've
never seen one. I had never before seen a horse. It looks
like a tapir. Arlo says to his parents that he will make a
house in Manaus. Kaboibagi and I will quickly clear land.
He will quickly make a house.