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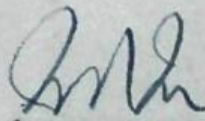
My Dear Bhailalbhai,

I was very glad, when I met you the other day, to know that you would be carrying on as leader of the Opposition in Gujarat till 1967, and that you would continue to be on the Central Organising Committee and Parliamentary Board of the Party.

In so far as the President of the State Unit is concerned, I thought I would drop you a line to state the formal position, which is that the nomination of the State President has been made and will for the present continue to be made by the Central Organising Committee until Party elections take place.

In view of this, I would suggest that on the 16th, when your State Executive meets, all that should be done is to recommend to the Centre the nomination of a Working President. I understand from you that you and your colleagues have the Raja of Baria in mind, and I have no doubt that if this suggestion is made, it will have the approval of the Central Organising Committee.

Yours sincerely,


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