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New Delhi,
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My dear Rajaji,

I hope you are keeping good health. May I wish you a happy New year. This is Telugu New Year day.

Our friends in Guzerat are busy with the Parliamentary by-election. I hope to go there in the next week end.

I am glad you have written about the absurd and partisan judgement about the election of our people in Guzerat. An appeal is likely to be preferred to the Supreme Court.

I am glad to learn that our Guzerat Unit is not likely to set up a Candidate in Bhavnagar against Balvantroy Mehta. I think it would not be a bad thing for the opposition if Balvantroy and the present Chief Minister face each other in their party.

Shri. Rajnarain of Socialist party has just now phoned to me to ask about our attitude regarding their candidate Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia. I said that we would certainly be glad if he were elected but wanted him to contact Paliwalji and Mankapur and make sure of their goodwill and cooperation. Some time ago Paliwalji wrote about his wish to stand in the Constituency but expected financial assistance from us. I replied that the centre would not be able to give any financial assistance and Masani also felt that it would be wrong for Paliwalji to risk again in that Constituency. *Just now Paliwalji's letter has come, so say that he has given up the idea of standing.*

The 'Patriot' of the Link cum Krishna Menon, Dr. Baliga and Malaviya combination is coming out on the 30th instant. You might have noted how Gopalareddy justified the sanction of Newsprint quota very much in advance of the publication contrary to all the previous practice. We should not be surprised if

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Government advertisements begin to be given from the very commencement of the Paper and take up the most of the 25% of its space to be reserved for advertisements.

Young Actually the whole attitude of the Delhi Press has veered down in support of the Government and so the 'Patriot' can only be the coping stone for it.

I am sending by separate post the relevant extracts from the debate which took place yesterday on the Ministry of Atomic energy which would indicate to you the questions raised by me and Jawahar's replies thereto regarding the Atomic power stations. They are self-explanatory. I am going to speak today on the Gulhati Commission report and on April 3rd I expect to speak on Defence. Rao Krishnapal Singh will also speak. I request you to indicate a few points that you feel we may make in that debate on Defence.

Good I think that Patnaick of Orissa seems to have done some good work in America in the direction of channelling more of their aid to India, that is, by suggesting that their second hand and so called outdated arms and Planes etc., could be given to us more or less as gifts in addition to what ever might be allotted to us on lease and lease basis etc., It is also possible that he might be more keen on Indo-American cooperation. We have to watch and see how things develop. That is why I do not propose to join the other Oppositionists in ragging him. *to have declined to support the British & privilege position against him.*

Some of our friends in Andhra have complained that we are not doing and saying enough against the new taxes. But what more could we do just now? I am sorry this have grown to be such a long letter. In a way it makes up for my long silence.

Yours affectionately,