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My dear Budhi Prakash,

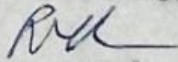
I have your letters of 7th and 23rd April. While I apologise for the delay in replying, when you first wrote I was not really certain what to write. I therefore decided to wait till the Madras meeting of the National Executive of the Swatantra Party. At that meeting two decisions were taken 1) to form a Rajaji Trust and to transfer to it the assets and property of the Party, and 2) so far as the political entity was concerned to merge with the Janata Party. I know your anxiety to join the Janata Party. I hope your enthusiasm will not be dampened by the fact that for the present I have no such intention. I suggest that you write to Mr. Bhamu Pratap Singh formally of our Party at 206, Vithalbhai Patel House, New Delhi, requesting him to put you in touch with the local Janata Party people in Himachal Pradesh. I am sure a person like you would be welcome in the Janata Party in that State. Since Mr. B.P. Singh knows you well I am sure he will help you in your desire to work for Janata.

About your coming to Bombay while of course it would be a pleasure to meet you after all these years I personally feel that it would be cheaper and more effective for your purpose if you were to meet Mr. B.P. Singh in Delhi. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. B.P. Singh.

We have just heard from Mr. Asoka Mehta who has invited us to send our Representatives. I have sent you a telegram which I hope you have received.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(S. V. Raju)

Mr. Budhi Prakash
Advocate
Dalhousie
District Chamba
(Himachal Pradesh)

CC: Mr. Bhamu Pratap Singh — Do please entertain Mr. Budhi Prakash
New Delhi. who has been an old and faithful member
of the Swatantra Party as and when he
approaches you.