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My dear Mariswamy,

I was delighted to read of your release and even more of your resignation from the DMK.

The Times of India quotes you as saying that your detention was "God's punishment for deserting Rajaji". This one sentence has driven out any feeling of disappointment that I may have had when you resigned from the Party.

The Swatantra Party of Rajaji lies mortally wounded, not by its foes, but by those who claimed to be its votaries. Merely to let you have an idea of what transpired at the last so-called National Convention of the Party, I enclose an article I wrote in Freedom First. Let me hasten to add that I am not suggesting that you join the Swatantra Party again ! I am only keeping you posted.

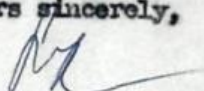
As for me I realise the mistake I made in trying to build up Hande.

We all live and learn !

Do reply when you get the time.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


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