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4th November, 1974.

My dear Sudhan,

Your letter of 31st October, 1974, just came in. I had read about Mr. Erasmos de Sequiera making all kinds of wild claims from Kerala. I am glad you have decided to go back to the original idea of refusing to accept the dissolution of the Swatantra Party, and that you have convened a meeting of the State Council (do not call it erstwhile) on Sunday, 10th November, to formally declare that the Swatantra Party in Kerala continues to exist. The resolution should be somewhat like this:

" This meeting of the State Council of the Swatantra Party notes ~~its surprise~~ that some Office Bearers of the Party ~~claiming~~ to represent the State Unit have decided unilaterally to merge with the B.L.D. This State Council, formally declares that ~~any~~ action taken by such Office Bearers are totally unwarranted, apart from being undemocratic.

The State Council of the Kerala Swatantra Party reiterates that the Party will continue in Kerala and hereby expels from membership of the Party ~~Members~~.

for gross misuse of their official position, —
which position they hold because of their election by this State Council.

The Kerala Swatantra Party is convinced that the so-called national alternative which the B.L.D. claims to be is a misnomer and calculated to fool the people. It welcomes in this connection the decision of the Maharashtra and TamilNad units of the Party to keep the Flag of the Party aloft."

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I trust the above will be enough. You could add any local touches if you like. You mentioned that Babu Joseph met Sequiera. Does this mean that he also has joined BLD ? Personally, I doubt it. I shall reply to your other letters in due course.

Regarding Masani, he continues to be a member of the Swatantra Party, though because of his involvement with Citizens for Democracy, he will not be taking any active organisational role. He was in Patna earlier this week and had a meeting with J.P. He is out of Bombay presently and will not be back till after Diwali. On his return I will ask him what guidance he has for our friends in Kerala, both in regard to the Party and Citizens for Democracy.

Yours sincerely,

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