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My dear Raju,

For quite sometime I am not hearing anything from you. Perhaps you may be busy with your new assignment. I am enclosing herewith a report of my activities, since my return from Europe for your kind consideration and scrutiny.

A couple of days back I received a bundle of letters and a draft programme of the "New National Alternative". I have gone through the papers carefully and have grave misgivings about certain points raised by our president Mr. Piloo Mody. They are: (1) Our president has shown undue haste in forming the so called national alternative which was wholly unwarranted, since there was no threat of impending general elections. The national executive is not the competent authority to delegate the president to discuss with other parties on such important matters like dissolution of the party. While doing the same I suspect certain sinister motives behind it. They took the party to a point of no return.

(2) Let us come to his letter dated June 16, 1974 addressed to the workers of the party. "It implies a dissolution of all parties and creation of a new party which would evolve a programme from time to time on the basis of consensus. Naturally within the party all of us should and must fight to gain the predominance of our principles and policies". Our president exhorts our members to continue our fight within the new party. If that is the case my humble suggestion is that it is all the more better if we could dissolve ourselves and join ~~on~~ en masse to the Ruling Congress. It will have the multiple advantage of fighting for our ideology and enjoying the fruits of power!!

(3) "To day the Swatantra Party has 9 members in the parliament and 40 members in the State legislatures. Under the new formation, we would have 18 members in parliament and 174 members in the State legislatures." (Mr. Piloo Mody's letter dated 16th June, '74). But Mr. Mody conveniently forgets the fact that Swatantra Party had ~~44~~ 44 M.P's and 245 M.L.A's in 1967 and what was the earthly use of the motley crowd that had gathered around our flag.

I have gone through the draft programme of the proposed national alternative twice. By and large it is in tune with Swatantra policies. But what is the guarantee that the 'Combo' will follow the letter and spirit of the same. To prove my contention I would like to quote the resolution passed by B.K.D approving the dissolution of their party. "B.K.D decide to dissolve itself and join the National Alternative subject to the condition that our leader Choudhari Charansingh would be made the president of the new party".

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Sir, I honestly feel that what the country needs to day is a viable and credible opposition party consisting of the educated workers not a hotch-potch arrangement of certain state bosses. We the financially less fortunate sections of the society joined the Swatantra Party and spent our money and energy for a cause. But in the hands of our new leaders it seems we have lost everything.

Raju, I am sure you will excuse me if I had used some harsh words here and there against our present leadership. I have half a mind to write an open letter to our president Mr. Piloo Mody, but if only you permit.

Awaiting an early reply!

With regards,

Sincerely yours,

(BABU JOSEPH).

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