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Dear Sri Raju, Thank you very much for your letter. I have been trying to contact you over the phone from Madras, twice the news of the merger of Swatantra Party with a new one. I was trying your number 521852 over STD, almost every night around 8PM. All the time engaged tone came. Then I booked P.T. Trunk call to you, for that I was informed by the telephone dept. here that the line is not working and asked me to suggest alternate number. I cancelled the call. Then I chose to write this letter.

This cannot convey to you my mind in the real form. Phone would have helped me to hear you and provided an opportunity to discuss in detail.

Now I would like to know your reaction on the decision of merger taken at Delhi by our Party bosses. How Mr. Masani received it?

Madras Dt. Committee met for 2 days. Almost all except Dr. M. Santhosham, T. S. Santhanam and S. K. Srinivasan others opposed the move. The opinion was that it can be decided only National Convention. Many of the Tamil

Nad Party workers are very much agitated over this move. You might have seen the resolution of the Delhi State Unit.

You may know, the Party is without a General Secretary, an important executive, for the past six months. Can the Executive Committee take a decision under these circumstances?

The Party took a serious note of election debacle in 1971, for which a series of heart searching meetings of the General Council held in Bombay and Madras. Finally Mr. H.M. Patel became the unfortunate victim. He was brought down from the Presidency, ~~though the~~ which was not democratic. In the same way is it not proper and urgent for General Council to discuss the debacles in Sabarkantha (Gujarat), U.P. and in Orissa, before we think of merger issue? There are the points which are agitating my mind. Kindly enlighten me.

Is there any change in your personal telephone number. If it is so give me the changed number. Suggest some alternate numbers at which I can contact you in the evenings.

Excuse me for the trouble.

With kindest regards,
Yours truly,
Ranabhai