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My dear Raja,

Thanks for the cutting
you have sent me of the
article on Trusteeship as
conceived by Gandhiji. I
hope we shall measure up to
the concept!

Yours sincerely,

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My Dear Mr. Hume,

I suppose you read the
article on Trusteeship published in
the Indian Express on Saturday 15th -
The article contained the enumeration
of the Doctrine by Gandhi. It
was originally published in the
"Last Phase" by Pyarelal. pages
622-634. Vol. II. I thought
you might like to see the
main principles - so I enclose
in herewith

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1. Trusteeship provides a means of transforming the present capitalistic order of society into an egalitarian one. It gives no quarter to the capitalists, but gives the present owning class a chance of reforming itself. It is based on the faith that human nature is never beyond redemption.
2. It does not recognize any right of private ownership except so far as it may be permitted by society for its own welfare.
3. Thus, under state-regulated trusteeship, an individual will not be free to hold or use his wealth for selfish satisfaction or in disregard of the interest of society.
4. Just as it is proposed to fix a decent minimum living wage, even so a limit should be fixed for the maximum income that could be allowed to any person in society. The difference between such minimum and maximum incomes should be reasonable and equitable and variable from time to time so much so that the tendency would be towards obliteration of the difference.
5. Under the Gandhian economic order, the character of production will be determined by social necessity and not by personal whim or greed.

"The Last phase" by Pyarelal. Vol II.