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My dear respected Sri Mody,

Kindly accept my sincere and heart-felt congratulations on your election as the Treasurer of the Swatantra Party. I as one of your many admirers wish to convey my sense of appreciation of your valuable association in the timely formation of the new Party. I might remind you of my little association with you when you were the Governor of Uttar Pradesh. Then I was a student in the University of Allahabad. I had an opportunity to come in your close contact as the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee of the 1st All India Diplomatic Studies Convention which was held at Allahabad in February 1950. It was only under your guidance and patronage that we had successfully made efforts to further the cause of the study of International Affairs. I again came in contact with you as a member of the Toastmasters at Allahabad. After finishing my academic career at Allahabad, I joined the Bar at Saharanpur which is my home district in 1952 and am since practising here. I am working for the publication of a Hindi weekly 'Loksatta' which is running in the fifth year of its publication. We had started a daily 'Jansatta' (Hindi) also but had to give it up for lack of requisite help.

All these years I as one of the several thousands of youth of this country have been a spectator of what has been going on under the Congress regime. People were losing all faith in democracy as they saw the Congress and other parties working. Almost all of them had been working quite contrary to the principles they profess. The news of the formation of the Swatantra Party under the able guidance of Sri C. Rajgopalachari in cooperation with men of your calibre has risen a ray of hope. People everywhere are welcoming the formation of this party. It will not be too much for the people to expect the right kind of lead from the new party. The Party with all its programme and policies offers the only alternative to the Congress and it is hoped it will ~~surely~~ surely guide the countrymen in the present distressing conditions. I personally feel you have done a great service by extending your active cooperation in the formation of the much needed party. We are already mobilising support for the party here. I am in touch with many of my friends in the several districts in Western U.P. and am thinking of devoting some more time for the organization of the Party in these districts. How do I wish I could attend the Party Convention also so that I could enlighten myself with the Party ideology and establish new contacts and renew some old ones.

Let me assure you of my most active cooperation in the organisation of the Party in this part of the country. In this I shall surely need your blessings and guidance.

Sri Homy P. Mody

Cordially yours,

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