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Dear Sardar Swaran Singh,

I am sorry to see that you have not cared to reply to my telegram or letter particularly after my talk with you on the telephone a few days ago. I did receive your Secretary's acknowledgement. That takes me nowhere nor the talk with you thereafter. You have unnecessarily and without any justification or reason put me and the friends who are coming with me on this delegation to a lot of inconveniences. You would not listen to reason and my pointing out to you the Govt. of India's policy as per their pressnote issued in June when I was in Taiwan. Will you please tell me what you mean by doing all this? Even after the clearance was sent from the External Affairs, it took us two full days to chase the papers before we could get all the clearance and the foreign exchange that was necessary for this visit, all of which is your fault. Why did not you think about all these difficulties when we wrote to you about this a month ago and why did you raise all this at the last minute? The least you can do is to apologise for such behaviour and the inconvenience that you have caused to me and to my colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

Sardar Swaran Singh,
Minister for External Affairs,
New Delhi.