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Dear Prof. Ranga,

I must bring a matter to the notice of the party, through you, which is causing simmering discontent in the minds of many members of our Group in the Parliament. It is being felt that decisions regarding nominations to Parliamentary Committees, Foreign Tour Teams, and also in regard to other matters are being made in a manner which partakes of arbitrariness and cliquism.

To give just a couple of instances, in the 1962, the Speaker consulted the leader for nominating a Swatantra member on a Parliamentary delegation to an African country and the then leader of the party promptly nominated himself without consulting the party. Recently, some members had to be nominated to a tour party to Andaman Islands and the leader nominated two members on his own, despite my request that the party might be consulted. Again, some of our Group members went in a team for touring in South East Asia, but their selection was made surreptitiously by a clique of members under the pretence that individual selections had been made by outside agency, and care was taken to keep those outside that clique ignorant of the whole matter. Some such thing was done in nominating members to the Parliamentary Committees, on Public Accounts and Estimates, where real decisions were taken by a few individuals and then a process of endorsement by party committee was gone through.

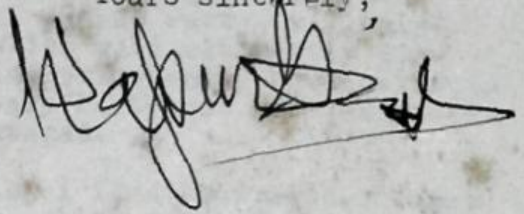
Only recently, one member's name was formally approved for nomination to a Select Committee through a procedure which, at the face of it, failed to inspire confidence in the genuineness of the process.

Many other things have also happened which, do not appear to me, as calculated to strengthen either the inner

cohesion of the party or full confidence in its leadership.

I request that copies of this letter may be circulated to the members with a view to facilitate an open discussion of the entire matter by a general meeting of the party.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'N.G. Ranga', written over a horizontal line.

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Leader,
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