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Dear Bhamu babu,

I ^{we} am glad to find that you are in the same rank ^{once more} though we may belong to different parties. I am enclosing a copy of the resolution that was adopted by a meeting of the Bombay Party workers hld on Monday the 17th instant as also a Note listing the position we have taken vis-a-vis the elections.

There is one concrete way in which we in Bombay can cooperate and that is by providing what could be described as a Research Cell which will analyse statements that will be made from time to time by the Ruling Party and which we shall go into and prepare rebuttals which could be used by candidates of the Janta Party. Some of us are prepared to do this without commitments of any kind if you will only be good enough to make sure that candidates names and addresses are sent to us from time to time. We are also hoping to prepare background material on various topical issues which could be used by candidates.

Insofar as Bombay City is concerned, ^{we are} ~~is~~ getting our "flock" together again and asking them to offer whole-hearted cooperation to candidates put up by the Janta Party; this again without any commitments whatsoever. I am sure you will agree that all this is in the true Swatantra tradition.

I wonder if you are planning a visit to Bombay in the near future, if so, do please let me know. Mr. Masani sends his regards to you. I am sure he too will be glad to have the opportunity of meeting you when you visit Bombay.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Encls: As above.

P.S. I note with amusement that former Swatantraites in the BLD are trying their damndest to prevent me doing exist. This does not worry me but it does (I think needlessly) some others. I wonder if you could atleast ask Janata constituents to keep us informed.