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Dear Mr. Sundaram,

Following on the meeting we had at the Centaur Hotel on 6th November 1976, I sounded Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal, Mr. Girish Munshi and Mr. K.H. Subramaniam in regard to the matter we discussed. All of us agreed that in the event of a new party emerging from a merger of the existing parties, the Swatantra Party in that event should dissolve itself so as to enable its members to join the new party.

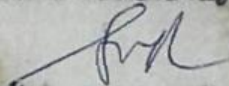
In regard to the special circumstances obtaining in Tamil Nadu we felt that should the TNCC(O) decide to function as a regional party by declining to endorse the AICC(O)'s decision to merge, members of the Swatantra Party would be free to join such a regional party.

Insofar as Maharashtra is concerned, for the purpose of continuing to propagate Rajaji's liberal ideals a new platform in the name of Swatantra Sewa Sangh will be brought into being and will make use of our existing facilities. This new organisation will eschew party politics and devote itself entirely to propagate liberal values and impart liberal political education.

I might add in this connection that Mr. Girish Munshi disagreed with the proposal relating to the Maharashtra Swatantra Party which however has the support of Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal, Mr. K.H. Subramaniam and myself. Mr. Masani too sees merit in the proposal.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


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