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My dear Mr. Raju,

Your letter was received in Lucknow while I was away from there; hence the delay in reply. I am also sorry for having miss^{ed} the opportunity of meeting Mr. Masani during his visit to Delhi. I am glad to note that you have shown interest in the merger of the Opposition parties. I am looking forward to the day when we shall be in a position to invite Mr. Masani and other friends who did not join the BLD in the first instance, to join the new party. However, I am not very hopeful, that that day is very close^d. We are trying our best, but success depends on the attitude of other parties. The recalcitrance of the Congress (O) leaders is the greatest hurdle. The BLD attitude will be clear from a resolution which we passed on 31st May and copy of a letter which I have written to Mr. Ganapiah, ^{to} Both of which are enclosed herewith. I am also enclosing herewith a copy of the alternative draft policy statement for the Janata Party prepared by us. Please go through this and let me have your comments.

Sincerely yours,

Bt Singh
(BHANU PRATAP SINGH)