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My dear Sri Sudhan,

Our colleague and mutual friend, Sri Girish Munshi, General Secretary of the All India Swatantra party has been kind enough to send me a copy of his letter to you dated 2nd January and a copy of your letter dated 18-12-75 addressed to our colleague and friend, Sri S.V. Raju.

As Sri Munshi has observed in his letter we need a lot of mutual understanding and forbearance and it is also necessary that we should maintain mutual good faith.

I very well understand your deep feelings that it was not possible to discuss the resolutions in depth and that opportunity for members to express their views on the resolutions was not provided. In this connection I shall bring to your notice that we had originally programmed to have a two days session- the first day being devoted entirely to a meeting of the National Executive for discussion and drafting and preparation of resolutions for placing before the National General Council meeting which was to be held on the following day. But unfortunately it was not possible to allot two days for the meetings of the National Executive and the National General Council. Not only that. We were put to the necessity of combining both the meetings simply for the sake of saving time. Inspite of that as the forenoon session was fully taken up by the representatives of States to give a picture of the political situation in their respective states we had no time for detailed discussion on the resolutions in the afternoon when the combined meeting of the National Executive and the National General Council assembled at about 3 p.m.

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Our President, Mr. G.K. Sundaram is always interested in hearing the views of each and everyone of the members and would have gone to any length to provide such opportunity in case it had been possible on that day. But unfortunately we had to adopt 8 resolutions within the limited time of two hours and as some of our friends were keenly interested in improving the wording of the resolutions and the punctuation etc there was practically no discussion on the contents of the resolutions. Since no contrary voice was raised to the contents of the resolutions when read out, the President and myself thought that the entire house was in agreement with the substance of the resolutions, though many wanted minor changes to be made here and there. It was nobody's intention to shut out discussion or to have "a conformist Cabinet meeting". I have already sent a copy of your correspondence with Mr. Raju and Mr. Girish Munshi to our President and I am sure that our President will very much like to have a two-day meeting of the National General Council next time, so that our friends may speak out their mind on all subjects that interest them.

With due respect and regard to your views I have to mention that far from being "a funeral gathering" most of the members who attended the last meeting were enthusiastic and were anxious to carry forward the message of greatly Revered Rajaji and promised whole-hearted mutual cooperation. It was only our friend, Mr. Babu Joseph who painted a very pessimistic picture of the case in Kerala and suggested it would be better for some persons if they joined Indira Congress. With your experience and knowledge of politics I am sure that you will not agree with this suggestion of our friend and that is why you have taken the steps for forming a Janata Front of Jan Sangh, B.L.D and Swatantra. Of course Sarvodaya is not a political party but they will definitely support the Janata Front idea as Sri Jayaprakash Narain is very keen on forming Janata Fronts. I wish all success in your efforts and request you to send to the National Headquarters a detailed letter about your meetings with the leaders of Jan Sangh and B.L.D and the formation of the Janata Front with all available details. I assure you once again on behalf of the party that we want all important subjects to be discussed in detail and proper decisions are arrived at.

I am sending a copy of this letter to our friend, Sri Girish Munshi, Sri S.V. Raju and to the President of the All India Swatantra party, Mr. G.K. Sundaram.

Thanking you once again and with my regards,

Yours truly,

c.c: Mr. S.V. Raju, Bombay.

(V.S. Srikanth)
Jt. Secretary.