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Dear Sri Ganapaih,

I have been thinking seriously for some time especially after your return from the General Council of our Party at Lucknow in December 1973 (to which only you were able to attend) about the way the Party is functioning. I have come to the conclusion that I should tender my resignation as Joint Secretary in charge of State Office along with all the other Party posts which I am holding at present, but not for the Life Membership of the Party.

I find that after the formation of the Farmers' Federation of India you have given up hope for the Swatantra Party in Karnataka and your interest has waned greatly. You had placed most of the burden of the Party on my shoulders. This applies to Sri R.Y.Ghorpade also. Both of you kept away from the State Headquarters and remained in your Estates supremely confident that I was holding all the posts here on your behalf. Both of you knew me intimately as honest, dedicated and wedded to Swatantra ideology and that I would never let you down and also that somehow I would pull on with the Party work and maintain the office. Every time you came to Bangalore, you were in a ~~grr~~ hurry to get back instead of staying here for a few days each time and helping me to build the Party here in the State Capital. You suddenly appear from somewhere when Messrs. Piloo Mody, Madhu Mehta and Manubhai Amersey visited Bangalore on Party work giving them an impression that all is well in Karnataka State.

I came to the Party at a critical time as every one knows and have done my best till to-day, thanks to the help of Sri C.L.Rao (whose place I had to take). As you know I managed the State Elections (Sri C.L.Rao helped me greatly) in an atmosphere of tension and impending violence when you and Sri R.Y.Ghorpade conveniently kept away from Bangalore. On December 2, 1973 out of the full strength of 65 State Council members only 27 attended. It may be noted that 12 were from Bangalore District. I did not shirk from my duty or dedication to discipline an orderly Party Elections inspite of threats from certain persons of which you are well aware. You can imagine the considerable mental strain a person undergoes when one's own party men give unending trouble. Somehow we pulled through the State Council meeting to elect a new Executive and Office Bearers on 2nd December, 1973 even though attendance was very poor.

We had plenty of other troubles from many quarters, especially from the Lobo Prabhus who have written nasty letters to the Party Office and also paralysed our Party Election programme in Coorg and South Kanara Districts. In spite of this sort of behaviour of Sri Lobo Prabhu (who is not a member of the Party today on technical grounds, he doesn't believe in being a Life Member of the Party). We lionise him and look upto him, I do not know for what reason. His wife seems to be ashamed of contesting on the Swatantra ticket to the Mysore South West Graduates' Seat. I was shocked to hear on your return from Lucknow in December 1973 that you had got them elected to the National Executive along with Sri R.Y.Ghorpade. I do not know why the Party cannot find better persons than the Lobo Prabhus, and why this husband and wife's combination in the National Executive has become a ritual. Why should our Party carry this dead-wood or spent force all the

time. Did the Lobo Prabhus attend the General Council at Lucknow in December 1973 though elected to the National Executive? They did not bother even to do this, in fact Sri Lobo Prabhu wrote a mis-leading article in his Insight Magazine that our Party was planning of merger with the Congress (o) (issue dated 17-12-1973). I had to refute it in the papers and advised him accordingly requesting him to issue a rejoinder denying such plans of merger. I had written a very polite letter in this matter but inspite of it this arrogant gentleman discontinued sending me the Insight Magazine although I am a Life Subscriber and had contributed Rs.2,000/- to his Election Funds in 1967 and 1971. You may have noticed his nasty behaviour on October 1, 1973 at the F.F.I. Convention in Bangalore. What has this arrogant man contributed to our Party except by becoming an M.P. (by fluke in 1967). While the Congress Party was split wide open on the selection of their candidate in the Udupi Parliamentary Constituency. Here is a family (Lobo Prabhus) who is disliked by their own neighbours and are unapproachable by most of the people. Their own neighbours work against them (with great enthusiasm) during their elections. What kind of an image we are giving of the Party with such people in the National Executive. The other day the Lobo Prabhus were in Bangalore for a few days but were too mighty to bother about the Party.

Unfortunately our other National Executive member Sri R.Y.Ghorpade is dis-illusioned with the Party High Command and is drifting away from us. As you know he had made financial requests to the National Headquarters but since he did not succeed there, he deliberately avoided attending in time our State Council meeting on 2nd December, 1973.

During your recent visit to Bangalore you did not take much interest in the Party affairs but were again in a hurry to rush back to the Estate. This seems to have become a chronic habit with you. You are probably expecting God to look after the Party finances etc. Since my silent and sincere work all these months were not really appreciated by the Centre as well as in our own State and since I am being used as a cannon-fodder for keeping people like Lobo Prabhus at the helm of the Swatantra Party and since ~~the~~ younger people like me (not too young) are not noticed, not wanted, and not appreciated by our National Leaders, I might as well detach myself as much as possible from the day-to-day affairs of the Party, and pay more attention to my own social and family life and also to my property (which gets neglected by this sort of Party work). So in this context, please accept my resignation to all the elective Party posts of the Swatantra Party and relieve me forthwith.

I will however remain Life Member of the Party and render maximum service in that capacity. My resignation has nothing to do with the expected poor showing of the Party in U.P. and Orissa Elections, or with my health and my personal financial capacity.

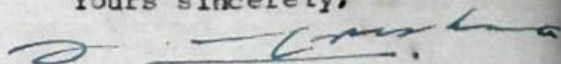
Since the F.F.I. is inter-linked with our Party I am tendering my resignation to the Joint Secretaryship of that body also. I felt that you are luke warm towards my entering the Educational Trust. My father appreciates and feels that I should step into his shoes in the Trust. Since he is not keeping very good health. My only ambition in being a Trustee was to make the Trust stronger and more helpful to the Party interests. I feel my getting in to the Trust will also strengthen the Party.

Since you have not listened to me many times in many matters regarding the Swatantra Party and the F.F.I. and since you have

hurt my finer feelings of which you may not be aware, I feel that I should not continue anymore as mentioned above. Kindly accept my resignation and intimate to me without delay.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


G.M. GOPAL KRISHNA.

Dear Raja,

I am in receipt of your letter. you don't have to pay for "The Roses in December" not by Chagla, but by "me".
Our Party here is slowly dwindling. We have a Charan Singh here, called ganapiah. His single point formula is "I should be President for life" in the Swatantra party. We have may not have party elections as in 1975! I realise now that the modesty, simplicity and other qualities of the N.K. ganpiah are nothing but his CLOWNISHNESS. His unrelatable desire to be party President for all times have lost us a "FUTURE" here. We do not have even 800 members today. The great impression the Nat. leaders have of him is casting us the future for the party. Sincere, hard work and sloggging for the party behind the scenes at the cost of ones own family life, social life, seems to have no value in our Party today. No wonder we were booted in U.P. elections! I have been found un-fit to run my Party in the National Ex.

I should have been born
 an arrogant setd. I.C.S.
 officer or a discarded
 -Raykumar or Raykumari
 to be noticed by the
 leadership of the party
 or a "Show Boy" like
 Ganapathi who attends
 all meetings somehow,
 but does no party work
 in his own state. I
 wonder when our party
 will give up snobbishness
 and wake up to
 realities of the day.

I can write much
 more, but my eye is
 in the wilderness. Please
 read my letter and
 give me your opinion
 and be frank about
 it.

Yours truly
J. C. C.