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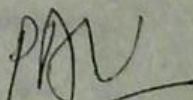
Dear Mr. Gunawardena,

Mr. Masani has received your letter of the 18th instant and has passed it on to me for acknowledgement.

It is surprising that you say that the Swatantra Party adopted the slogan of 'oust Indira'. As it happens the Swatantra Party has never been in favour of ~~the~~ slogan of /such a I send herewith a little material which will explain the Swatantra Party's position.

All that has happened is very sad and the Party leadership is currently engaged in drawing appropriate lessons from it, and re-examining its strategy.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Masani,

I was very sorry to hear of your defeat at the elections. There are nevertheless some Swantantra members who have got in and if they are people of calibre and intelligence it can mean a lot.

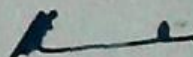
In Ceylon the last Government of Dudley Senanayake was defeated in spite of good work done because prices rose as a result of devaluation. The new Government has condoned the high prices in order not to antagonise the trade unions and financial interests have tried other means such as demonetization and state trading to bring down prices but has been the least successful in checking the high prices that way. Dudley Senanayake seems to be regretting his indiscretions of devaluation and not pressing the question of regional government when he should have.

I feel the Swantantra party made a mistake in bringing out an empty slogan like 'oust Indira' without promising something tangible and hopeful. The correct policy for both Ceylon and India is revaluation of currency to correct norms relative to the real economic conditions prevalent. American assistance or devaluation is only a subterfuge to get the poor Eastern nations into stride with their extravagance. Our policy should be friendship with the Western countries on ~~prior~~ condition that economic equilibrium is not tampered with.

I shall be most grateful for any new literature you may have on the situation in India.

With my sincere regards,

Yours sincerely,


A.E. Gunawardena.

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