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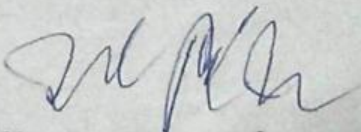
Dear Mr. President,

When I wrote to you on 5th August 1987 and you replied on August 27, you were good enough to say that the workability of my suggestions would depend on the situation and specifics of each contingency. The suggestion I had made was that when the Prime Minister asked for dissolution of Parliament, you should also ask for the resignation of the Cabinet and appoint a caretaker government till the date of new elections as suggested by Rajaji. This would undoubtedly ensure free and fair elections which are unlikely in the present context. I hope, therefore, that you will now agree that the contingency has now arisen and will take the necessary action.

In case, however, you do not agree or feel like carrying out my suggestion, may I suggest that the least you can do is to use your position as President and ensure that from the date Parliament is dissolved, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi and his Cabinet act as a caretaker government as is done in other democratic countries. That would mean that the Government cannot initiate any new policies, nor transfer any officers, nor misuse government transfer or facility, nor take any other action beyond seeing that the routine administration is carried out.

I shall look forward to the favour of a reply.

Yours sincerely,


(M. R. MASANI)

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