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My dear Maharaja Sahab,

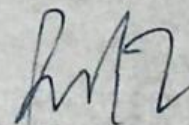
Some weeks back I had spoken to Harihar Patel about a feeling that Messrs. Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd. have about not receiving a fair deal from the Orissa Government. He had promised to look into the matter and let me know but I have not heard from him.

I am, therefore, forwarding to you herewith a copy of the note prepared by this company who are at present engaged in litigation with the Orissa Government. While they are confident of winning the case against the Orissa Government in due course, there would be delay in the execution of leases and prospecting licence in their favour and they are naturally keen that this litigation should be settled by the Orissa Government's petition and their counterpetition being withdrawn through a settlement arrived at in an amicable manner.

I shall be glad if you will kindly ask for the papers and see if a way can be found out of the present litigation without in any way adversely affecting the interests of the State. If so desired, I can arrange for Mr. Umashankar Agrawal, a Director of Ferro Alloys Corporation, Shreeram Bhawan, Tumsar (Maharashtra) to call on you and Harihar Patel in Bhubaneswar to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely,

encl.


(M. R. MASANI)

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Government of Orissa,
Bhubaneswar.