

from 2 Tughlak Road,
New Delhi 11

15th November, 1967

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My dear Homi,

Thank you for your letter of 13th November.

I appreciate your concern at my not continuing as General Secretary as much I do the kind things you say I was able to do during the past few years. I would once again like to stress that this is in no way a withdrawal from Party activity but rather a diversion from administrative responsibility to activity of a slightly more extracurricular nature through which I feel I can make a better contribution to the future of the Party than by remaining as General Secretary.

These elections are only for two years and, if the Party wants me to be at the helm in an appropriate capacity at the end of 1969 in advance of the next General Elections, I assure you I shall not shirk the challenge.

Once again, I thank you for your kind thought.

Yours sincerely,

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My dear Basant Singh,

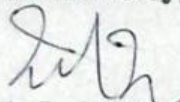
Thank you for your letter of November 12. I very much appreciate your ^{concern} at my not continuing as General Secretary of the Party.

I would like to assure you, first of all, that this has nothing to do with my being the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee which office comes to an end by March next year. The reason for this is that my continuing as General Secretary will have only a limited value for the Party in the present situation and with its present composition. If Mr. Dandekar will take over the administrative responsibilities, I may perhaps be able to do a little more for the future of the Party in a somewhat more extracurricular manner.

With reference to the last paragraph, I think that the functions of the General Secretary are predominantly of an administrative and disciplinary nature and not of providing overall guidance and direction as you suggest. This particular function I shall be very happy to perform even when I am not the General Secretary to the extent that the Party accepts my advice. It is the burden and shackles of the day to day administrative function from which I am seeking to disentangle myself for the time being.

These elections are only for two years and I would like to assure you that, when the next elections come at the end of 1969, if the Party wishes me to be at the helm in an appropriate capacity, I shall not shirk the challenge.

Yours sincerely,


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