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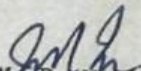
My dear Rajaji,

I hope your health is making steady progress and that you will definitely be able to attend the meeting of the General Council in Delhi on the 25th and 26th of November, as you had hoped to do when we last met in Madras.

I am sending out today a letter (copy attached) to our colleagues on the General Council of the Party in order to get their acceptance of my dropping out of the General Secretaryship. I hope this will help to forestall any embarrassing demonstration or pressure that might otherwise develop at the time of the General Council meeting in Delhi.

I have seen your letter of 30th October and the enclosure to Dandekar. If that is how you and Munshi feel, the best thing would be to forget about a change in the Presidentship and to let Ranga continue, since the purpose of the suggestion made by Dandekar to you was to rope me into official activity as opposed to the non-official activity to which I am looking forward. In fact, if Ranga were to withdraw from the Presidentship, my name is bound to be proposed and I shall not be able to resist those who wish me to be President because they would quite rightly point out that my not being elected President would be misunderstood in the country. Since the last thing I want is to contest the Presidentship against any of our colleagues, the only course would be to let Ranga continue. This will have the advantage of continuity and also avoid any situation developing which might be injurious to the Party.

Yours sincerely,


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