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Dear & revered Sir

Your letter of March 17. I note that you have advised a different venue for the Entabara Party convention as Vesper is not suitable. I understand the difficulty and appreciate your advice.

About your joining the Entabara Party, I regret we acted on your last very clear letter and ~~now~~ feel embarrassed by your present hesitation.

The Entabara Party did not as a party give any support to the Akalis for the formation of a Pangali Euba. I personally ^{expressed} ~~took~~ the view that the claim was just. But throughout and up to date the Party is not committed to that view and ~~that~~ ^{this} has been made clear.

It is also wrong to suppose that the Party identified itself

with the DMK claim. The Party
 has never done or said anything
 to encourage ~~that~~ that claim. ~~Now~~
 we tried to get some adjustments
 of seats to be contested ^{in masses} so as to
 avoid triangular contests and
 which may lead to unearned
 advantage to the Congress
 candidates. But this attempt
 failed, and we opposed
 one another in many places.

[Even now we are trying
 to oppose the Congress and
 pooling our opposition on the
 floor of the Legislature but there
 is no support contemplated
 to be given to the separatist
 demand.] On this point
 you may rest completely
 satisfied.

[On the negotiable question, ~~you~~
~~can~~ you know the Luntanbury
 has so far not expressed
 any opinion ^{one way or the other} ~~has taken sides.~~
~~How can I go~~ It is open to you
 to convince our party in
 course of time to take a
 positive attitude. We are
 of course not against it, and
 we would permit individual
 members to hold ^{and express} any opinion
 and take any legitimate steps
 for promoting it. The condition
~~for doing so would be~~

It appears to me that
 taking all things into
 account and especially in
 view of the publicity given already
 to your joining us, it would
 be a misfortune if you now
 withdrew.

~~With it~~ I suggest respectfully
that you ~~you~~ may join us at
least as an associate
member (if not as a
full member) in the Parliamentary
Association party..

~~It would be an additional~~

Yours truly

C.R.

I suggest respectfully
that you join us. If you do
adfully.

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~~Long~~

We had thought of
asking our ~~Parliamentary~~
Group to nominate you
as its Leader. I would
not if you joined the
Party tonight. Even if
you don't do so, please
join the Parliamentary Group
at least as an Associate
Member.