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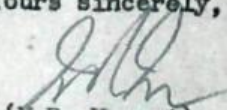
My dear Ranga,

I note that the session of Parliament has been cut short and may end on 23rd November. In that case what happens to the Bill to ~~Replace~~ the Defence of India Ordinance which was promulgated by the President on October 26? A perusal of the Ordinance makes one feel that there are many far reaching and some what extreme provisions taking away from the citizens individual liberty and fundamental rights. These need to be carefully scrutinised and suitably amended. Paragraph 12 of the Statement of our Parliamentary Board asks that these regulations be closely scrutinised so as to ensure that they do not involve greater curtailment of fundamental rights, democratic processes and the rule of law than is necessitated by the defence effort.

I do hope you will watch this matter and I shall be glad to know what the position is.

Your Secretary told me on the telephone yesterday that you had, in response to my telegram, sent a correction to the Times of India and also sent me a copy. No correction has appeared in the Times for the last two days and the copy which your Secretary told me has been sent to me has also not arrived yet.

Yours sincerely,


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P.S. Your two letters of the 13th have just come in as this was going out.

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