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Swatantra Party Parliamentary Office

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Dear Sir,

Apropos our discussion on Tuesday last when you were in Delhi. As desired by you I am enclosing herewith a draft circular letter to be sent to Presidents/ Secretaries of State Units for your approval and further necessary action.

I hope you remember that I mentioned to you about Mr. Norman D. Palmer's book titled "The Indian - Political System" published recently in London. I have taken relevant extracts pertaining to our Party and are enclosed for your information. Mr. Palmer, I understand, wrote an article on the subject in the Current History in 1960. In that he pronounces our Party as a "communal, conservative, (and) reactionary." While writing his book, however, we find that some good counsel has prevailed upon him and he has dropped, both prefix and suffix. In the book we don't find any reference of communalism in-so-far as our Party is concerned.

He has, however, categorised Jan Sangh under "Communal Parties". He calls it as "the most important of the Hindu Communal parties." Further, according to him, Jan Sangh "is an orthodox Hindu grouping, with a strong Brahmin influence."

With sincerest regards,

Yours faithfully,

A.P. Jain
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Secretary.