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My dear Dahyabhai,

I notice that Mr. Morarji Desai, the Finance Minister is to make a statement in the Lok Sabha on Monday the 6th on the European Common Market. It is possible that a discussion will follow then or a little later in both houses.

As you know, the E.C.M. is a great step forward in human progress and all who wish to see a world order develop welcome it. Naturally the Communists led by Mr. Khrushchev are ranting against it, because it comes in the way of their world conquest and keeping the democratic world divided meanwhile. While the Prime Minister has as usual followed the international Communist line, we are to be careful not to fall into their hands. Failure of our Plans and our adverse trade balance are the responsibility of the Congress Government and their attempt to make the E.C.M. a scapegoat should be exposed by us.

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India can only export if she can produce efficiently and be in a position to compete in the world's markets. Surely hiding behind tariff preference lines would not help in the end. These are some of the considerations that flow out of the Swatantra Party's basic philosophy of free competition and international division of labour. I thought you would not mind my placing these thoughts before you in this connection.

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