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My dear Maharajasaheb,

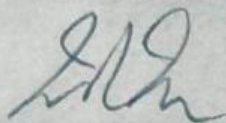
At the meeting of the Parliamentary Board in Madras on July 21 and 22, at which you were present, certain decisions were taken concerning the functioning of the Party in the Lok Sabha and I list them here, so that you may kindly give effect to them and also convey them to your colleagues:-

- (1) The Board decided that there should be no change in the nomination of office-bearers of the Party in the Lok Sabha for the coming session in August September 1962.
- (2) The Board decided that Mr. Yesh Pal Singh should be accepted in the Lok Sabha group of the Party as an Associate Member and that such of the three members of the Party from the Party as had been elected on a symbol other than that of the Party should, if they so desired, continue to be Associate Members of the Party. If any of them wished to become full Members of the Party, they are perfectly quite welcome to do so. In either event payment of the monthly subscription would be obligatory.
- (3) The Parliamentary Board noted with regret that contributions due from Members of the Party were in several instances in arrears, and it was decided that the Members of the Party should be requested to pay up the arrears and to make their monthly contributions regularly, so that the working of the Party Office and its activities may be facilitated.
- (4) The Board decided that the Central Office should arrange for the appointment of a Research Assistant to strengthen the office of the Parliamentary Group and that the appointment should carry a salary not exceeding Rs.500/- per month. The Treasurer has been requested to find the necessary funds for a period of one year commencing with the next session of Parliament.

I forward herewith a copy of an application and particulars which I have just received from Mr. A.P. Jain. I happen to know the young gentleman and think he is extremely alert and intelligent. He has also had the advantage of having worked with Pandit H.N. Kunzru for four years from 1956-60. May I suggest that you invite him for an interview when you and your colleagues on the Screening Committee may ascertain whether he will be suitable. You are also welcome to consider any other candidate for the job and let us have your recommendation.

- (5) In regard to foreign affairs and a possible discussion in Parliament, the Parliamentary Board felt that the Government's policy in regard to Chinese aggression continued to be weak and that greater firmness should be urged. The Party's Members should oppose the M.I.G. Deal on the ground that the economic advantage was illusory and dependance on Soviet Jet Planes and spare parts at a time when we are up against Chinese aggression on our territory was not in the interests of the country's security. The view that it was possible to drive a wedge between the Soviet and the Chinese was not favoured and it was felt that, despite divisions, the alliance between the two governments will hold good.
- (6) In response to an enquiry made by the Acting Leader of the Party in the Lok Sabha regarding the formation of a larger opposition bloc including members of the Swatantra Party, the Parliamentary Board decided that no such step should be taken for the present, although the de facto liaison that now exists between the Party and certain like minded groups and individuals should be maintained and developed and that exploratory discussions may continue in order to ensure that the fullest measure of cooperation ~~has~~ developed on the basis of opposition to statism, and the restoration of the fundamental rights contained in the original Constitution of 1950.

Yours sincerely,



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