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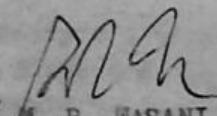
18th November, 1970

My dear Ranga,

I forward herewith extracts from the minutes of the meeting of the Central Parliamentary Board held in Delhi on November 7, 1970 regarding the business coming before the Winter Session of Parliament as I am not sure that the National Headquarters have sent this to you from Bombay.

Yours sincerely,

encl.


(M. R. MASANI)

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