

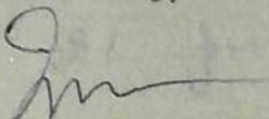
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23rd March, 1974

Dear Mr. Patel,

I have your letter of the 19th. I agree that it was a mistake on our part to have joined with certain other parties without their being prepared to join with us in committing themselves to an agreed programme. That was the line I took on 3rd January but a little later our National Executive decided that we should the alliance in any event. I agree this was a mistake. I also agree that from now on we must stand on our own legs and stick to our principles.

Yours truly,



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