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My Dear Madhu,

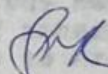
Thank you for your letter of March 14. At the outset let me apologise if I have hurt your feelings by the P.S. in my letter. The letter was zeroxed and the P.S. was meant for upcountry people who may or may not remember me. My mistake was in not cutting out the P.S. I am sorry.

Yes, I believe you when you say that you have no Party papers with you. As for the papers in the National Headquarters which Mr. Ratansinh Rajda is illegally occupying, the reports about his having destroyed the Party's papers are still to be verified. The cupboard with the Party's books is still inside. Any assistance you can give in persuading Mr. Rajda to let me look for various papers in the office would be appreciated.

I have collected all the papers from Mr. Masani including those that were given to him by Mr. Bhatia.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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My dear Raju:

I have received your letter of 28th February which I have gone through with interest. I am sorry I could not reply to you earlier as I was away on a long tour of Kerala/MP/UP/Bihar from where I have come back only three days ago. I hope you will understand.

I do not have any records, papers and other materials concerning the Swatantra Party with me. I hope you believe me when I say this. I spoke to Mr. Bhatia today with a view to find out whether he can help you in this regard. He has informed me that he has already told you how Mr. Rajda has destroyed everything after he took possession of the Swatantra Party premises. If this is true, then it is a serious matter. Mr. Bhatia has also informed me that a lot of materials regarding the Swatantra Party has been given to Mr. M.R. Masani.

You can always meet me any time and interview me if you so wish or give me that form which I can fill in.

I must admit that I was rather surprised to read the "PS" in your letter in which you have reminded me that you were the Executive Secretary of the Swatantra Party at the National Headquarters. Frankly, I felt sad reading this P.S. I do not know what prompted you to write this.

With warm regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely
Madhu Mehta
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