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It has been a long time since I have written to you. I hope you are well.

You will recall that some time in the late sixties Mr. Howard Erdman of Harvard University wrote a doctoral thesis on the Swatantra Party. He had covered the period from 1959 to 1966 with an epilogue on the Swatantra Party's performance in 1967. I have now decided to do my doctorate from the Bombay University on the Swatantra Party for the period 1967 to 1974 and thus complete the Story. My guide is Dr. S.P. Aiyar of the Department of Civics and Politics, Bombay University.

I would consider it a great favour if you were to let me have whatever records, papers and other material concerning the Swatantra Party that may still be with you. I would also be troubling you later either for an interview or to fill in a questionnaire.

Mr. Minoo Masani who knows about this, has wholeheartedly welcomed the idea and has in fact handed over to me all the files and documents that were with him.

I am not able to secure any material from the old National Headquarters of the Party because it is illegally occupied by the former Janata M.P. Ratansinh Rajda and I am not able to get even an entry to know if the files are in fact still there !

I shall be glad to return the papers to you or hand them over to the Bombay University as part of their archives if you so desire.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(S. V. Raju)

P.S.

Just in case you have forgotten, I was Executive Secretary at the National Headquarters of the Party for fourteen long years !