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for personal
June 16, 1973

Dear Yedidia,

Many thanks for your letter of June 3. Yes, we did receive greetings from your Party Chairman, Dr. E. Rimalt and the greetings were read out to the National Convention.

The Convention was a success with over 900 delegates participating from 14 States of India. I am happy to say that not only did we not succumb to populist pressures to giving the Party's policies a leftist slant, but we reiterated our faith in liberal values and policies by adopting a document entitled "Swatantra Restated".

Mr. Masani inaugurated the Convention and made an excellent speech. We also issued a Souvenir on the occasion. Under separate cover, I have sent you a set of literature published on the occasion. I am sorry I am able to send it only by sea-mail, due to the exorbitant postage charges.

I knew you would like Mr. Masani. On his return he told me about his meeting with you and was happy that your Party was out of Government. In fact, right now, we are trying to impress upon our members that though our Party's fortunes may be low at the moment, we should resist all temptation to compromise our fundamental principles and join opportunist alliances. It is a difficult problem because the lure of power is so strong.

We are passing through very difficult days; prices are sky rocketing and the law and order situation is certainly worrying. At the same time, the Ruling Party is cracking up all over the country through internal dissensions but curiously this has enabled their leader and our Prime Minister to gather more power in their hands. Whither democracy has become an even more serious question now than when I spoke about it in Bonn.

Our leaders ^{(in the Party) are} making a determined effort to boost the morale of our rank and file. We will be having two crucial elections to the State Assemblies of UP and Orissa some time in November this year of February next. The outcome of this election may be very crucial for the future of democracy.

I get "Problems of Communism" and I have read the article by Bhavani Sen Gupta on the Communist Parties in India. There are parts of it with which I find myself in disagreement.

Please convey to your colleagues in the Liberal Party fraternal greetings from my colleagues and myself. I wish your Party every success in the elections to Parliament and Municipality.

As to your question whether my political activities are fruitful, I can only say this -- that they are hopelessly fruitless in terms of immediate and concrete results but the situation is challenging and if we can make our electorate Think, that I would say would be a fruitful result.

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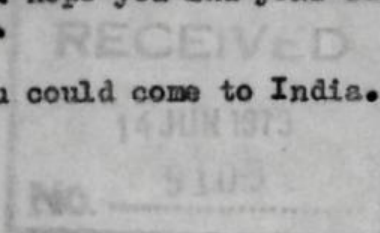
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My family is doing well. I hope you and your family are in the best of health and spirits.

It will be wonderful if you could come to India.

With kind regards,



Yours sincerely,

For your letters of January 11th and March 23rd, answering them promptly; the delay (S. V. Raju) to my private work - not to unthoughtfulness.

Mr. Yedidia Berry, after was handed to me, I saw to it The Liberal Party of Israel, cabled you our greetings 68, Ibn Gvirol Street, local convention. I hope the convention P.O.B. 16273, would appreciate your taking the time and Tel-Aviv about the way it passed and about its results. ----- of our executive, on April 6th, a resolution repeating our greetings to your party.

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Your hope to come to Israel some day is shared by me; if you realize it - I will try to do everything in my power, to make the stay pleasant and useful to you. On the other hand - may be I come some day to India.

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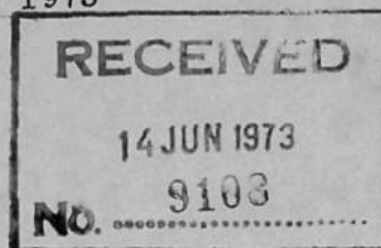
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Tel-Aviv, June 3rd, 1973

Mr.
S. V. Raju
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Dear Raju,

Many thanks for your letters of January 11th and March 23rd. Forgive me my not answering them promptly; the delay is due to pressure of public and private work - not to unthoughtfulness.

The moment your last letter was handed to me, I saw to it that our party's chairman, Dr. E. Rimalt, cabled you our greetings on the occasion of your 6th national convention. I hope the convention was a success and I would appreciate your taking the time and trouble to inform me about the way it passed and about its results. By the way, at the meeting of our executive, on April 6th, a resolution was passed, repeating our greetings to your party.

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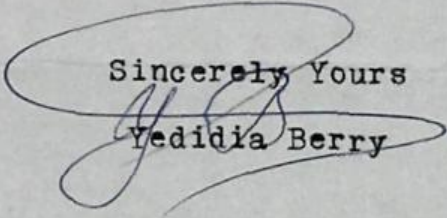
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In about five months, elections in Israel, to parliament and to municipalities, are going to take place. You can imagine the turmoil we have already entered. Let us hope for the best.

Is your family all-right? Are your political activities fruitful?

Please do remain in contact with me.

Sincerely Yours


Yedidia Berry