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My dear Raju,

Among the reasons why I feel sad about the step I have had to take of resigning from the Presidentship of the Swatantra Party is the fact that this will deprive me of the pleasure of working closely with you and seeing as much of you as I have been doing for the past decade.

With a break of a couple of years between 1967 and 1969, I have had the opportunity of watching you at work first, when I was the General Secretary and during the last year and a quarter when I was President of the Party, and it has been a real pleasure to me to see the way in which you have met the challenge and fulfilled your functions.

When abroad, whether in Israel, England or Germany, I had been struck by the excellent manner in which the small Liberal parties of those countries are equipped for their work. Our own organisation and resources are pathetic in comparison and indeed have evoked amazement when described to my Liberal counterparts in those countries. It is a matter of satisfaction that nonetheless we have been able to do as much as we have. Undoubtedly, a large part of the credit for this goes to you. The way in which you have managed to cope with your multifarious duties, make your small National Headquarters' staff extend themselves to the maximum and evoked a response from a large number of people scattered all over the country at State and District levels is something quite remarkable about which you should feel happy.

I for one have always appreciated two distinct ways in which I have found your assistance to be invaluable. The first is in regard to your fine understanding of the political life of our country which has enabled me to draw on you for advice and to check my own thinking. The other is the organisational competence which you have developed over these years and which is quite distinct from the political nature of our activities. I feel that the managerial and executive skills that you have acquired can be of just as much value if you were to be involved in the field of industry or business.

I thought I should write and record in this manner how I feel about the fine assistance and cooperation you have given me through all these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,

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