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Mr. K.H. Subramanian,

Mr. L.R. Sampat

Mr. S.V. Raju

Dear Friends,

I acknowledge your letter of March 5, and have discussed it with Parmanandji. This reply has been written in consultation with him.

Firstly we regret to note the contents of your letter. We wish you had not put all that down in writing but had settled the matter in discussions. However now that you gentlemen have chosen to put the matter on record may we record our point of view also?

While it is true that the Swatantra Party was started on the basis of the principles laid down by its founding fathers viz. Rajaji, Masani and others and which principles were unanimously adopted by the First National Convention of the Party, political parties have to be very flexible and may have to alter their principles from time to time as the exigencies may require. We therefore feel that principles are not immutable.

In regard to office-bearers holding the Party's properties and assets as Trustees or under any obligations annexed to the ownership of these properties, we are bound to comply with the direction of the State Council of the Maharashtra Swatantra Party. And this, if we may say so, applies to you as well.

However since the matter appears to be agitating you so much and you are unwilling to accept our point of view (as seen from Mr. Raju's letters) may we suggest that we refer the matter to a third person of eminence to arbitrate the dispute and who is acceptable to both of us.

We suggest we refer the following issues:

1. Whether the properties and assets held by Office-bearers are held under an obligation annexed to the ownership of the properties so held.
2. If so, whether the properties and assets held by the

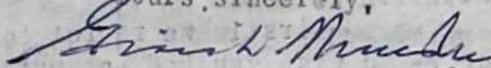
Office-bearers cannot be applied for any ~~other~~
object other than the principles governing the
party.

3. Whether steps should be taken for rectification
of any lacuna that may be found in the present
situation and

4. Such other incidental issues as may arise out
of this dispute

Kindly let us know if you are agreeable to
this proposal so that these matters may be thrashed out
as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



(Girish K. Munshi)

P.S.

I have received your letter of 6th March regarding letter from
Sassoon J. David & Co. I am attending to the matter.

(Girish K. Munshi)