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My dear Girish,

You are aware of the move to destroy the Swatantra Party on the plea of the creation of a new party out of our Party, the BND and some splinter groups. Piloo Mody who has miserably failed as the Party's President (I rue the day I succumbed to pressures to agree to his nomination as President) is spearheading this unfortunate move.

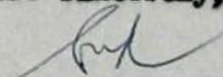
This does not surprise me as he is obviously trying to wriggle out of a difficult situation. It is obvious that he has been charmed into it by Charan Singh who had earlier made similar efforts in 1968 but which had been turned down by Rajaji and the National Executive. What surprises me is that other members of the National Executive have even countenanced Piloo's move.

I am certain that the new party which is contemplated will not subscribe to the principles of the Party founded by Rajaji.

I wonder what your views are in the matter?

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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