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15th August, 1962

My dear Raja Sahab,

I forward herewith for your information and necessary action a copy of the resolution adopted unanimously at a Joint Meeting of the Organisation Sub-Committee and the Parliamentary Board of the Party in Madras on July 21 and 22.

I shall be glad if you will kindly arrange to ask Mr. N. Bakshi, the new General Secretary of the Bihar Unit, to take charge of the office of the Party. He will no doubt call an early meeting of the new Executive Committee thereafter.

I trust you will kindly respond to the appeal at the end of the resolution of the joint meeting and give your fullest co-operation in the reorganisation of the Party on sound lines.

I shall be glad to heard from you about the action you have taken.

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Yours sincerely,

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(M. R. Masani)
General Secretary

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17th August, 1962

My dear Rajaji,

This morning, on receiving a call from Munshi, I went and saw him. He had received your letter of the 13th and, far from being either surprised or put out, seemed quite reconciled to it. Indeed, after seeing Jaleshwar Prasad in Delhi around the 10th instant, he seems to have come back to the point of view embodied in the Madras resolution. So the tempest in the teapot has subsided and all's well that ends well! I have of course not told Munshi anything about the correspondence between us.

Your letter of the 13th brought with it considerable political relief but also some personal distress. I had known that the content of my telegram of the 12th would upset you, but I am a little taken aback when you say that the tone also caused you pain. In any event, I hope you will forgive me for having had to cause you this pain.

You will have seen from what I have just reported on my talk with Munshi how unnecessary this whole incident has been. How simple everything would have been if you had, in the first instance, sent him the extremely cogent reply that you ultimately did. I must confess I felt somewhat let down by your casual acceptance of Munshi's second thoughts without so much as consulting me in the matter. Feeling as I did about the importance of this issue for the future of the Party, there was little I could do in such a predicament that would not in some way incur your displeasure. Even so, I am sad that you should have been needlessly upset as a result of frivolous behaviour on the part of one of our colleagues.

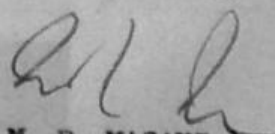
In regard to Baksi, he does not even know of the existence of the resolution. All I wanted to do was what Munshi did with Jaleshwar Prasad, that is, to sound him out about his reaction to a possible move on our part and to make sure that he would not ask to be excused, thus leaving us in the lurch! This was a precaution I thought it was desirable to take before I left the country.

Of course, I shall arrange for the release on August 30 instead of August 25, as you suggest.

I am just leaving for the airport.

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Yours sincerely,


(M. R. MASANI)