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My dear Rajaji,

Thank you for your letter of 23rd June.

I see no conflict between Kamaraj's "Save India Front" and the appeal made in the long draft which you discuss in your letter for exactly such a front to come into existence. In so far as the length and ~~persuasiveness~~ ^{comprehensiveness} of the statement are concerned, I may mention that I too wanted a three or four point statement on the lines of your Emergency Programme but both the other gentlemen insisted that this document should go into detail and that was the mandate on which I worked. It is now too late for me now to reopen this matter with them.

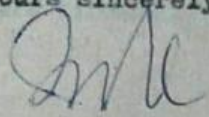
However, just as I am writing, things are taking shape in Delhi and we shall know what there is to know by the time the weekend is over.

Ranga was here the other day and was very happy at these developments. Knowing that I was to welcome these developments of this nature in the next few days, he wanted me to say that both you and he also welcomed them. I shall make a point of this if I say anything on this subject on Sunday or Monday in case the right thing is done in Delhi this weekend.

I shall probably be going to Delhi on Monday morning for a meeting of the Consultative Committee on External Affairs and will possibly meet our friends there. I shall report to you on my return to Bombay on Tuesday morning.

I am just leaving for the airport for laying a wreath on the bier which will carry the remains of the Maharaja of Jaipur from Bombay this afternoon. We have marked the wreath as coming from "Rajaji" and the President and members of the Swatantra Party".

Yours sincerely,


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