

C. RAJAGOPALACHARI

2nd June 1970

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My dear Masani,

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The draft  
was sent  
by post  
from the  
Chennai  
on the 29th*

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Yours sincerely,

*Ch. Rajagopalachari*

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