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My dear Minoo,

I duly received your letter of the 6th inst. asking for contribution to keep the Central office etc. of the Swatantra Party going. I have given ~~my~~ some contributions in the past and am sending herewith my cheque for Rs.250/- as my contribution.

Frankly speaking, I cannot see how the present Govt. entrenched behind the Congress Party with its enormous funds, its power of patronage in giving quotas and licenses and the whole administration corrupt to the core and fattening itself on corruption can be dislodged in the near future or at the next election in 1967. The only hope of the country seems to me to lie in the fights which are going on in the party and the Govt. itself both in the Central and in the States. If as we all hope the top leader or two or three of them are pushed out, there may be a chance of a Coalition Govt. coming into being and that seems to be our best hope.

I do not wish to minimise the work which Rajaji and under his leadership some of you are carrying on and I pray that God may give you all strength to carry on the fight which in a few important bye-elections has been successful.

I entirely agree that there is widespread discontent amongst the middle classes and working people in the towns and the peasantry in the villages with the policies and administration of the Congress Govt., but we have unfortunately for the country adult franchise and there are five hundred thousand villages in the country and a population of 400 millions. I wonder if even 1/10th of the population in the villages knows anything of the candidates who are contesting the elections. I wonder if in the villages the people know anything of the Ministers at New Delhi except perhaps they may have heard the name of Nehru.

I am sorry that I am writing this in such a pessimistic

^{very} way. I can only hope that your fight will yield concrete result.

With all best wishes and kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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