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20th August, 1974.

Sassoon J. David and Company Limited,
Bwart House,
Bruce Street,
Fort,
BOMBAY 1

Dear Sir,

We are writing this to inform you that irrespective of any decision by the Swatantra Party at the Centre to dissolve itself and merge with a new Party by whatever name it may be called, the Swatantra Party, Maharashtra has by a decision of its State Council held on July 6, 1974 (resolution enclosed) decided that the Swatantra Party in Maharashtra will continue to exist and carry on its activities as the Swatantra Party, Maharashtra.

We might in this connection recall that the Swatantra Party Maharashtra have been your tenants for fifteen years and have been regularly paying rent. In pursuance of the resolution of the State Council, we will continue to be your tenants and wish our happy relations to continue.

You are kindly requested not to entertain any letter or communication from anyone other than the Swatantra Party Maharashtra represented by its Acting President Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal or the undersigned its General Secretary, in regard to the tenancy of the premises occupied by us.

We thought we should write and state the position to avoid any possible confusion.

Thanking you,

PS: You are also requested not to accept any compensation from anyone other than the Swatantra Party Maharashtra.

Yours sincerely,

Girish K. Munshi

(Girish K. Munshi)
GENERAL SECRETARY.

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Swatantra Party, Maharashtra.
143, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bombay 1

Copy of Resolution adopted by the State
Council of the Swatantra Party, Maharashtra
at its meeting held on 6th July 1974 at Bombay.

"This meeting of the State Council of the Swatantra Party, Maharashtra, has carefully considered the proposal placed before it that the Swatantra Party be dissolved along with the similar dissolution of six other parties so as to facilitate the formation of a new Party.

-- The State Council notes that of the seven parties that are expected to dissolve to enable the formation of the new Party, the others being confined to particular States or parts of a State.

The State Council is firmly convinced that the Party's principles and policies continue to be valid and that had the policies of Government been formulated on the basis of the said principles, our country would not be in the present critical situation.

The Council is equally convinced that the new Party will mark no advance in the search for a truly national alternative comprising as it does those who, though for the present have consented to get together on a general programme are bound to disagree in regard to the interpretation of a vague and general statement of policy.

Moreover, with opposition parties like the Congress (O) and the Jan Sangh continuing their individual existence, the objective of a two-party system and its electoral benefits will continue to elude us. On the other hand, there is real danger of the ruling Congress on the one side and the Jan Sangh on the other being the direct beneficiaries of such a development.

The State Council of the Swatantra Party, Maharashtra, does not consider the time or occasion opportune for the disappearance of the Swatantra Party from the Indian political scene and is, therefore, opposed to the proposal to dissolve the Party.

The Maharashtra State Council therefore requests the office-bearers of the Party to convene another meeting of the General Council on the eve of the National Convention to enable this matter to be reviewed once again before it is brought up at the Convention.

In the event of a resolution to dissolve the Party being carried in the National Convention, the Maharashtra State Swatantra Party will continue to retain its identity as Swatantra Party and carry on the message and flag of the Party."
