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My Dear Shri Ranga,

I am sorry I could not join the talks last week as I had expected to. I was, however, informed by my colleagues who participated that the talks had been generally satisfactory, and that the satisfaction was naturally shared by other participants also.

It was therefore, quite a surprise to read in the papers on Thursday - that is a day after BKD leaders had themselves expressed satisfaction about the progress of the talks - that the BKD had decided to close talks with the Jana Sangh. I am sure it must have surprised you too.

I would, however, be happy to have from you your party's reaction to the BKD stand, particularly because in the elaborate explanation given by Chaudhry Charan Singh in justification of BKD's decision, reference has been made to his informal talks with you after the two-day meeting was over in a manner as to suggest that the BKD's decision had your indirect approval. I am enclosing herewith a clipping from the Times of India with the relevant portion marked for your ready perusal.

I am also sending herewith a copy of the press statement I have issued commenting on the BKD decision. Chaudhry Charan Singh has thought it strong. He is right. I did feel strongly about what he and his party had done.

I would feel grateful if I receive an early reply from you. My address presently is Room No.301 (Private Ward), All India Institute of Medical Sciences. I have had to be admitted here because of a suspected stomach ulcer. I may have to be here for a week or so.

Thanking you, and with respects.

Yours sincerely,

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