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GENERAL SECRETARY'S LETTER TO M.P.s No.10

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Dear friend,

The Central Parliamentary Board of the Party, which met in Madras on July 22 and 23, took up for consideration business before the current session of Parliament. While its decision in regard to the No-Confidence Motion and the Amendment to the official Motion on the Economic Situation have already been communicated to you, we give below the Board's guidance on various other issues that are likely to come up during the session:

1. Anti-Secession (Ordinance) Bill

The Board was of the opinion that the Party's Group in Parliament should oppose the Bill in principle. At the same time, it advised that this opposition should be voiced in a tactful manner in view of the emotional nature of the issue.

2. Essential Commodities (Ordinance) Bill

The Board asked the Party's Group in Parliament to oppose the Ordinance.

3. Amendment to the Preventive Detention Act

The Party's members in Parliament were asked to oppose any measure which infringed the liberties of the individual. In this connection, the Board noted with regret that the Government had failed to terminate the Emergency altogether.

4. Debate on International Affairs

The following Resolution on Vietnam was unanimously adopted:

"In the absence of the faintest sign that North Vietnam or Communist China will talk or help peace except after a complete pull out of all U.S. forces in Vietnam and in view of the fact that such a withdrawal of U.S. forces from the scene would be a most dangerous encouragement to aggression and violent internal subversion with foreign military assistance, the Government of India's latest move about Vietnam is most unwise and untimely. This Board is of the opinion that if South Vietnam is left to the mercy of the Communist Party and its allies and the U.S. withdraws from Vietnam, it would lead to the surrender of Asian freedom into the hands of the Chinese Communist Government and would most certainly soon endanger India's national independence. This Board is of opinion that it would be best that, in the present circumstances, the Government of India abstains from offering advice to any of the Great Powers in respect of their international or military policies."

The Central Office of the Party has already sent you the text of the various Resolutions adopted by the Board.

Yours sincerely,

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