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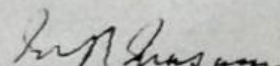
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Mr. M. R. Masani, M.P., General Secretary of the Swatantra Party, has issued the following statement to the press:

"I regret that certain inaccurate reports of what is supposed to have transpired when Professor Ranga and I saw the Prime Minister on June 22 have been appearing in the press.

"Thus, there is a reference in a news agency message from New Delhi to two notes which are alleged to have been submitted by us to the Prime Minister. There was in fact only one note signed by both of us which we handed over to her containing concrete suggestions for ensuring that the possible gains of devaluation were not lost and the sacrifices imposed on the people not wasted.

"In so far as a 'Government of all the talents' is concerned, this proposal of Rajaji's, which is his personal advice to the Prime Minister as a respected Elder Statesman, was incidentally referred to by Professor Ranga in the course of the conversation. The Swatantra Party's policy continues to be, however, to work for the defeat of the Congress Government in the General Elections next year."


M. R. Masani