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January 23, 1964.

My dear Rajaji,

Thank you for your very helpful letters of January 19 and 20. I am going ahead in the light of your guidance.

I am sorry you feel so pessimistic about our being able to persuade the Convention to change the structure of our membership. I, for one, am not prepared to give up the fight yet. If Swatantra has faith in ~~its~~ ^{the} people, I suppose it must also have faith in its own members! Meanwhile I am studying your compromising ~~scheme~~ ^{plan} which we shall keep up our sleeve as a last resort but we should not show any readiness to deviate from the unanimous decision of the Central Organising Committee till it really becomes necessary.

Yesterday evening Prof. Ranga telephoned after a talk with Munshi suggesting that an additional item should be added to the agenda of the General Council meeting, namely:

'Consideration of a proposal for the reconstitution of the Central Organising Committee.'

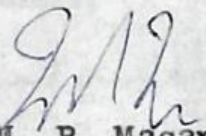
Their idea is that it may become necessary to make certain changes including, if developments so dictate, the elimination of our junior Vice-President from that post. In deference to their wishes I have today issued a supplementary circular in this connection. I shall talk with Munshi before leaving for Bangalore. You may, therefore, kindly think of other possibilities. ~~otherwise~~ ^{we} can perhaps utilise the opportunity to drop some dead wood and add some fresh blood!

You will be glad to know that in response to our invitation, Dr. Jack Sequeira and Dr. Alvaro Furtado, leaders of the United Goans, have agreed to attend the Bangalore Convention as visitors or observers. This is a very helpful development and shows their appreciation of our goodwill. Who knows, in a few months time, we may have a strong Swatantra Unit in Goa which would be the official opposition in the Assembly and which could easily carry the State during the next General Elections. I shall be grateful if you will spare them a little

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of your time and show them sympathy as one of their purpose in coming to Bangalore is to explain their point of view to you.

Yours sincerely,


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