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My dear Rajaji,

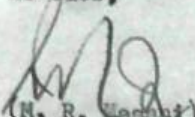
Since I wrote to you on May 11, it seems to me that, now that Abdullah has been given the line clear to go to Pakistan and will be reporting back to our Prime Minister on his return which will not be till some time early in June, a definitive and comprehensive statement of our Party's policy in regard to Kashmir can conveniently be taken by the COC when it meets in Bombay on 14th and 15th June. It is necessary, however, that, since Parliament will be in session from May 27, the Parliamentary Board briefs the Party on the subject and outlines its general approach. In such a directive and in anything that we put out to the members, it seems to me that the following points might well figure:

1. Welcoming Abdullah's release,
2. Welcoming the progress of the talks between the Prime Minister and Abdullah resulting in Abdullah's visit to Pakistan to discuss matters with President Ayub,
3. Expression of the hope that these discussions will lead to a summit meeting between our Prime Minister and President Ayub with the co-operation of Shaikh Abdullah,
4. Welcoming Abdullah's insistence on the three fundamentals of the problem in any solution, namely, (a) friendship between India and Pakistan and no defeat for either, (b) preservation of the non-denominational (miscalled secular) basis of the Indian Union, and (c) an honorable status for the people of Kashmir.

I think, on these points it would be difficult for any sensible person to raise any objection. I for one would also like a short recital of facts to ^{show} ~~say~~ that accession is purely provisional and incomplete and we expect our country's pledges to the people of Kashmir and the U.N. to be respected. Here I expect *opposition* from Ranga and Daryabhai, presumably on grounds of discretion.

I thought I would share these thoughts with you as they may be of some little relevance in any drafting that you may be doing for our meeting this weekend.

With kindest regards,

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As ever,

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