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from 57 Lodi Estate,
New Delhi 3

6th May, 1964

My dear Rajaji,

On returning to Delhi from Calcutta yesterday, I saw your three letters of April 30, May 1 and 2. Many thanks for the comments and enlightenment they bring.

This morning I had a talk with Abdullah who was very happy at the way you received him and the good advice which he says you have given him.

I have today sent you a telegram, copy attached, the reply to which I hope to get in Bombay where I shall be from tomorrow morning. I do hope you have agreed to the dates suggested. If those dates are not convenient to you, the alternative could be Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th May but, in that case, Maharani Gayatri Devi would not be able to attend. I think we should make it possible for her to do so.

I shall write to you in detail about developments at this end from Bombay tomorrow.

Ranga wishes that all our Members of Parliament in both Houses should be given an opportunity to be heard by the Parliamentary Board in regard to Kashmir before a decision is taken. I have worked out a draft letter on the lines he has suggested and am attaching it herewith for your comments. I personally have always felt unhappy about invitees who constitute a kind of audience and gallery to which members of the smaller group tend to play. That is why the proviso about not being present at the meeting except at the time when hearing is afforded has been put in.

I shall appreciate a line in reply to Bombay so that I may act accordingly.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(M. R. HASANI)

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P.S. I trust you have sent me a note of your discussion with Abdullah by airfreight to get me in Bombay when I reach there tomorrow. Abdullah is visiting Bombay on the 9th and I shall be seeing him again. It will help me in my talks with him if I know what transpired between you.

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To Members of the Swatantra Party in both Houses of Parliament

Dear Friend,

The Parliamentary Board of the Party will be meeting in Madras
on *Saturday* — *17* at *3pm*

Among the matters to be considered will be the issues coming up before
Parliament during the next session, including Kashmir which ^{are} ~~is~~ likely to
figure in the discussion. Our President has suggested that I should write
to our Members of Parliament in both Houses to say that if any of them wished
to be heard in this connection before the Parliamentary Board arrives at any
decision, they ^{come to} are welcome to Madras and they will be given an opportunity to
be heard on the morning of Sunday, — May. The President, however,
wishes to make it clear that those who are not Members of the Parliamentary
Board ~~will~~ cannot be present at or participate in the discussions of the
Parliamentary Board except at the time they are invited to state their views.

In case you should be coming to Madras, will you kindly drop me a line
in reply intimating that you are doing so.

Yours sincerely,

(M.R. Masani)

General Secretary