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My dear Rajaji,

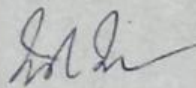
Yesterday afternoon I was glad to get your telegram confirming my appointment with you on the afternoon of Tuesday the 23rd. I arrive in Madras at 13.00 hours and will go straight to the Connemara Hotel to have lunch. I will come and see you, after you have had your rest, at whatever time in the afternoon you wish. I suggest we have two talks so as not to tire you too much - one in the afternoon and one again, if you will permit, in the evening as there is a lot of ground to cover.

I am glad we shall be meeting as I fear, on reading your letter of 12th April, that your understanding of what is happening to our Party is poles apart from mine. This is partly the result of our not having met for several months now and partly also your absence from recent meetings of the National Executive and the General Council.

Otherwise, you would not have accused me of keeping alive the psychology of disruption at a time when I am trying desperately to save the Party from the disruption that has already gone very far apace both in Gujarat and elsewhere. Nor would you juxtapose freedom against discipline when all I am trying to stop is skullduggery of the worst kind which has nothing to do with freedom. Unfortunately, the recent meeting of the National Executive in Delhi has capitulated completely to the rebels in Gujarat and made things much worse.

However, we shall talk ~~all~~ about this when we meet on the 23rd.

Yours sincerely,


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