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My dear Minoobhai,

I returned from abroad on 4th April and on unauthorised information received from some people, I wrote to you a letter. Thereafter, I happened to read "OPINION". It is stated that yourself, Bhaikaka and Baria resigned on a common issue. My impression was that you had resigned due to your differences with Bhaikaka and Baria and was therefore very upset. I am, however, glad that all of you think alike and trust that a new era of understanding will begin out of the present crisis. After reading "OPINION", I am in complete agreement with your stand and will support you. I hope you will continue to take the same amount of interest in the Party as you have been taking hitherto. A lot has to be done if democracy is to be saved: otherwise, the writing on the walls is clear that we shall go the way of Indonesia, Greece and other countries.

I am going out of Bombay on 13th April, and shall return on 15th of 16th. On my return from Madras on 16th I shall meet you.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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5th April 1968

My dear Minooobhai,

On my return from abroad I was surprised to learn that you have resigned as a Member of the National Executive and the Central Parliamentary Board of the Party. This news has been very stunning at a time when it is necessary for the Swatantra Party to pull its weight together when the country is faced with a crisis internally.

You along with Rajaji are the co-sponsors of the Swatantra Party and responsible in bolstering up the morale of the people to fight the Congress caucus thereby instilling courage in the hearts of the people to oppose them. Your contribution to the debates in the Parliament has been second to none because you took pains to study your subject and put across to the people the problem in all its aspects with crystal clear thinking. Whatever the differences between you and the Gujrat Unit of the Party should be solved in a feeling of amity rather than allow itself to go too far with the result that our enemies gloat at our disunity.

Life is an exercise in trading of give and take and I am sure that you, who is intellectually like the Himalayas will stoop more than others in the act of resolving the deadlock so that our Party may, in time to come, be strong enough to dislodge the Congress.

I am also writing a letter to Shri Dandekar that a Meeting of the General Council be convened for this purpose. I shall appreciate if you will kindly give me a ring so that I may know your point of view to enable me to bridge whatever differences that may be there between yourself and the Party.

Yours sincerely,

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