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from 2 Tughlak Road,
New Delhi 11

30th March, 1968

My dear Ratibhai,

I have today sent Babubhai Vaidya a telegram, copy attached. I hope he has got it and has already sent me a reply. Please contact him and see that he has done so as I wish his letter to be placed before the meeting of the National Executive of the Party when it meets here on the 13th and 14th instant, since mischief-mongers are trying to fog the issue by these ridiculous charges against Babubhai and I shall not be present personally to counter them in view of my resignation from the Party Executive about which you must have read in the papers this morning.

I hope Jai Hind has properly featured the news of my resignation. It would be helpful if Jai Hind were to carry an editorial supporting my stand in the interests of clean politics in Saurashtra and Gujarat.

It would also be helpful if Yuvraj of Wankaner and you as President and General Secretary of the Party were to write to Mr. Dandekar by express delivery at 18, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi 1, conveying the concern of the Rajkot Swatantra Party at the way in which the Party has been let down by our legislators with consequent damage to the Party's prestige in Saurashtra and expressing the hope that the National Executive will take suitable steps to put the working of the Party in Gujarat on a principled and disciplined basis. If you wish, you may add that my resignation has done something to mitigate the damage to the Party's image and to uphold its honour. Your letter requesting Mr. Dandekar to place the matter before the National Executive should reach him in Delhi by the 12th April at the latest. You may send me a copy of your letter.

an esteemed friend of

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(M. R. MASANI)

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