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My dear Raju,

This is to keep you informed about the developments with regard to Council of States election.

Mr. H.M. Patel informed me about the decision of the Central Parliamentary Committee yesterday. I thanked him and brought it to his notice that Mr. U.N. Mahida has filed his nominations even before the decision of the party. Mr. H.M. Patel said he is calling the meeting of the party M.L.A's on 18th inst. and he would request Mr. Mahida to withdraw his nomination.

I am going to request Mr. H.M. Patel to allow me to attend the 18th meeting.

But I was surprised when Mr. H.M. Patel instead of proposing my name himself passed it on to Vankaner Yuvraj Shri Digvijaysinhji. I have known that active propaganda is going on against the decision of the Central party committee amongst Swatantra M.L.A.s.

I have written a letter to Baria Maharaja to come to Ahmedabad and set things right.

The Congress is jubilant over the split in the party and they have promised their spare votes to Mr. Mahida.

The clearer picture will come out after the 18th meeting of the party M.L.A.s.

Wishing you in the best of health,

Yours truly,

Sd/-

Babubhai P. Vaidya

Mr. Masani for perusal.

I have ~~given~~ sent a copy
to Mr. Dandekar.

[Signature]