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16th September 1964

My dear Masani,

My telegram to you to Delhi confirmed.

1. This proposal is made to enable our party to organise a good big public meeting on Gandhi Jayanthi October 2 in Bombay. It would also give the advantage of a public holiday to members who attend the COC meeting. If you consider this a good change you can issue notices accordingly and let me know so that I may book my air berth accordingly.

2. In spite of Ramgarh's ~~repeated~~ repeated approaches to Congress we should carry out our programme of disposing of their appeal to the COC.

3. I am sorry to say in reply to my telegram to V.P. Menon to go and cultivate Kerala and see what could be done with the dissident Congressmen, he writes now that President's rule has been proclaimed nothing can be done! It is a pity we have no one willing and ready to seize the occasion.

4. I have been reading V.T. Srinivasan's bitter letters. I think you had better give him authority to extend time as he thinks fit. He is right in his plea that our party cannot conduct simultaneous elections at primary level but must spread it over at least ten days.

Yours sincerely,

C. Rajagopalachari

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General Secretary  
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Bombay.

also to: 57, Lodi Estate  
New Delhi.

Patil is  
trying to get  
the dissidents  
back -

I have been seen  
V.P. Menon - He is in  
touch with Maunwatt  
Padmanabhan - Everything  
depends on him.  
CR - because

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| CONSIDER  | SHIFTING  | COC     | MEETING   |
| TO        | OCTOBER   | ONE     | AND       |
| SWATANTRA | PARTY     | PUBLIC  | MEETING   |
| GANDHI    | JAYANTHI  | OCTOBER | TWO       |
| MY        | TAKING    | PLANE   | SEPTEMBER |
| THIRTY    | RETURNING | OCTOBER | THREE     |

RAJAJI

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Not to be telegraphed: Sri Rajaji  
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from 57, Lodi Estate,  
New Delhi.

18th September, 194

My dear Rajaji,

Thank you for your letter of the 16th which reached me last night.

I had already sent you a telegram yesterday explaining since a public meeting was not feasible on a non-working day as people were reluctant to go out of their homes, it had been found by previous experience in Bombay that it was necessary to organise meetings on a working day. We are therefore arranging the meeting you have suggested on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti on 1st October and have therefore retained the meetings OSC PB and CCC on 30th September. I trust you will not mind reaching Bombay on the evening of 29th and leaving for Madras on the 2nd. I shall be leaving for Europe myself on midnight of the 1st.

As you will have seen from the agenda of the CCC meeting your suggestion in regard to the procedure re: Bihar has been given affect to.

All the excitement in V. T. Sreenivasan's letters which is meant more for those to whom carbon copies are forwarded than for the addressee is uncalled for. He has already been told to commence with the primary elections from 21st September and to continue till the 15th October, which is a spread of 24 days in place of the 10 you have suggested.

Dahyabhai Patel and I leave for Patna tomorrow morning. I shall report to you on my arrival in Bombay on the 21st morning.

I return to Delhi on the 23rd and will be here till the 25th.

I am very sorry that it will not be possible for me to attend the Madras Convention as I have to be in my Constituency on the 27th for a very big peasant rally organised by my friends. I trust you will forgive my absence.

Yours as ever,

(M. R. Masani)

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