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My dear Rajaji:

I do not know if you have seen 'March of the Nation'. It is giving us here some headaches.

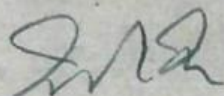
Last week the lead story was that Krishna Menon was trying to overthrow Nehru ! The idea was to create sympathy and support for Nehru and to bolster him as against the wicked Krishna Menon.

This week the lead story is one which makes Pakistan the villain and cuts right across the line of our friendship with Pakistan to which you have adhered with such patience. I enclose a copy of the front page of the current issue.

The trouble is that while the Swatantra Party officially has nothing to do with the Journal, the fact that Piloo Mody owns and runs it and is the Vice Chairman of the Bombay Party creates an identification in the mind of the Public.

Since I have failed to persuade Piloo to accept the principle that matter which cuts across the line of the Party should be avoided. I wonder whether you would feel like dropping him a direct line. Needless to say, there should be no reference to me as that would act as an irritant. If you do not feel like intervening, you may forget the matter.

Yours sincerely,



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