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My dear Rajaji,

I have just received your telegram of the 16th. As you say, Kripalani is pressing ahead with his minimum programme in spite of warning from all quarters. In reply to a fresh letter I have received from him, posted before I wrote to him earlier, I have today sent him another letter reiterating our position (copy attached).

Yesterday, I had a long talk with Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, who is definitely of the view that no minimum programme can be agreed upon, but that we should try and work together, avoiding clashes between ourselves as far as possible.

Lohia is very keen on our agreeing to a vote of no-confidence in the Congress Government being moved at the opening Session on 13th August. In order that everyone may join in such a motion, discussion of which requires the support of at least 50 members of the Houses, his suggestion is that it should be a 1-line motion giving no reasons for the lack of confidence. I have told him that a decision on this matter could only be taken by the Central Organising Committee or Parliamentary Board of the Party. The Socialist Party, of course will go along with whatever everyone else decides. *may*

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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