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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL.

My dear Mr. Masani,

I was very glad to receive your letter dated 11th. June, but not on account of the explanation of your reaction to our joint letter though I am grateful for the trouble you have taken to make your reactions clear.

I was glad to receive your letter because this is the first from you since the beginning of your electoral campaign and its victorious termination. We, in Delhi, were very keen to send some kind of a token delegation to make a contribution of goodwill towards your campaign, but we did not receive any reply to two letters we sent making such an offer. Perhaps, they did not reach you. Nevertheless, we do wish you to feel that the intention was there. We were also keenly aware that, on account of language difficulty, probably we would not have been of much help. A study of your campaign has brought home to us forcibly how very essential it is to have our own cadres. We are starting classes for this purpose in Delhi.

The conjoint letter was written more on the insistence of the other partymen on the joint organisation. They were very keen, and I did not wish to give an impression of lack of sympathy or co-operation. However, in drafting, I saw to it that the letter came as close to our notions as possible. The intention on the part of all was not to insist on a joint programme but on a mutual understanding to oppose the Congress-Communist combination. It was felt that if the parties came together on the question of national defence, it would lead to gradual enlargement of the area of mutual understanding. Nor was a summit meeting in view; the mode of coming together was left to the leaders. Evolution of an agreement on joint issues would be quite welcome.

Yours sincerely,

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