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My dear Rajaji,

I attach to this a clipping from today's Times of India.

While I appreciate the enthusiasm that animates Col. Pasricha and his co-signatories, I cannot help feeling that they are barking up the wrong ~~tree~~. With the SP and the PSP having turned down Kripalaniji's programme, I feel that any immediate attempt to pursue the programme is doomed to failure. A more fruitful path is that of joint action on specific issues as they arise, which has already taken us part of the way towards our objective.

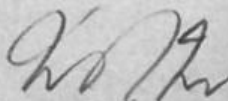
In any event, I am sure you will give a non-committal reply, making it clear that the Party's attitude can only be defined after the Central Organising Committee and our Parliamentary Board have met to consider this issue. I am awaiting your guidance about the venue and date of such a meeting about which I have already written to you.

If Kripalaniji wants you, Jayprakash and myself to meet, we should do so before our Party meeting.

I thought I would share these thoughts with you, in view of the communications that are on their way from Delhi.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,



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