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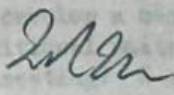
My dear Rajaji,

Many thanks for ~~your~~ sending me a copy of your telegram to Bhailalbhai. I was with him yesterday and I am happy to tell you that there has been a misunderstanding and that he himself does not contemplate anything of the nature ~~that~~ this letter had implied. As a result of my visit yesterday to greet him on his birthday and wish him many happy returns, he has agreed -

- (a) to remain Leader of the Opposition, *till 1967,*
- (b) to continue to serve on the C.O.C. and Parliamentary Board of the Party,
- (c) even to remain as President of the State Unit, from which he wished to be relieved, for a few months pending the grooming of his successor, who I understand will be the Raja of Baria, a choice about which I for one am very happy.

You will also be glad to know that Bhailalbhai will take the chair at a public meeting on 14th June *to Ahmedabad to* felicitate me on my election. In view of all this I feel we need worry no further about this matter.

Yours sincerely,


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VS P.S. I wonder if you would care to suggest possible place and dates for a meeting of our C.O.C. and/or Parliamentary Board some time before the Parliament meets on 13th August? I am sure you will agree such a meeting is necessary. I have today written to ~~Rajga~~ inviting his suggestions. *I enclose copy of my letter to Kupalavi*

for your information.