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Spl. Clerk

5th June, 1963.

My dear Bhaikaka,

You must have thought me very remiss for not thanking you for your kind note of felicitations of the 29th May. The fact is that it was buried amongst the hundreds of letters received in the office and it was put up to me for acknowledgment along with a hundred or two of them this morning.

I have already dropped you two letters in the last two days but I thought I would send you a line to explain why I made no reference to your letter of the 29th.

We had a very successful public meeting here yesterday evening and I enclose a press summary of my talk on the occasion.

I have today written to the leading members of our Party in Gujarat who had come to Rajkot to thank them for obtaining this smashing victory. I am afraid I cannot individually thank all the members of the Party who were there during the last few days. I wonder if you will kindly arrange for my gratitude to be conveyed to them?

The only person to whom I have not written to thank is yourself and that is because I have said that you were the architect of it all and that it was as much your victory as mine.

My travel plans are now settled. I arrive in Ahmedabad by plane at 7.45 a.m. on Friday, the 7th, and after spending a little time there I shall motor down to Vallabh Vidya Nagar and spend the later part of the morning and the early part of the afternoon with you. I shall then motor back to Ahmedabad to take the plane to Bombay unless Narendrasingh Jhala insists on fixing up a public meeting to address there in which case I shall return by Gujarat Mail. My wife unfortunately has slipped and fractured her arm and I do not wish to be away from her more than is necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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