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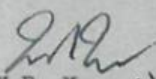
EXPRESS

4th June, 1963.

My dear Rajaji,

I am somewhat dismayed to receive this morning a letter from Bhailalbai Patel, copy attached, and also a press item announcing his resignation and saying it will be placed before the meeting of the Gujarat State Executive on the 16th. I forward herewith a copy of my reply to him. I shall try and prevail on him when I see him on the 7th not to press the matter but he is a determined person. He had mentioned this to me two or three weeks back in Gondal and I thought I had persuaded him to drop the idea till 1967. I am posting you with these developments so that you may move in the matter. I am asking Bhailalbai's senior colleagues in Gujarat to prevail upon him to postpone the meeting on the 16th so that the matter is kept open pending discussion.

Yours sincerely,


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