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Dear Shri Masani,

You remember I wrote to you sometime last year as Secretary of the National Book Trust and was to meet you. But then I happened to retire and there was no special occasion for me to contact you.

I am now writing to you in a very different context. It was a delight to have heard you at the Sapru House. Your speech was an outstanding example of first-rate polemics. To my mind it recalls great models. My warmest congratulations.

The Swatantra meeting was a grand success and there was plenty of hard hitting. It is heartening to find Rajaji's campaign in the South becoming increasingly reminiscent of Gladstone's Midlothian.

Do you read 'Swarajya'? I believe you do. On that assumption I have pleasure in revealing my identity to you as JUNIUS - the writer of the feature 'Capital Comments'. It will interest you

P.T.O.

to know what from distant New York, Mr. Paul Sherbert, Executive Director of Asia Society, wrote to Sri Khasa Subba Rau:

"One of the most compelling of your correspondents is Junius. Who is he? He writes brilliantly, corrosively, buoyantly and with passion for what is basically right. There is no doubt in his mind what is the right path, and for all the weaknesses of men he sees and hears about, he keeps the faith of good men everywhere. This takes courage. His comments provide 20-20 vision to all of us astigmatic seekers of the truth at the Centre. I do wish to congratulate him."

If you can find some time for me at your convenience - there is no hurry about it - I will be happy to call on you for a talk.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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