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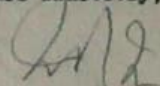
7th November, 1959.

My dear Hegde,

Thank you for your letter of the 4th and the kind invitation to be present at the Swatantra Party Conference at Mercara on 6th December. I would have considered doing this but unfortunately I have engagements in Calcutta on the 5th and 6th of December and am booked to return to Bombay on the morning of the 7th for a local engagement here. Then on the 8th I have to fly back to Delhi for Parliament. I am sorry, therefore, that I cannot respond to your request. Will you kindly explain my difficulty to Mr. Mohamed Imam, Mr. V.P. Menon and Mr. G.M. Manjunathayya?

I enjoyed our brief encounter in Mangalore and look forward to seeing you in Hyderabad on the 8th December.

Yours sincerely,



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