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General Secretary's Letter No. 252

Dear Friend :

There appears to be a certain amount of misunderstanding and confusion in regard to the proper level at which negotiations are to be carried out with friendly political parties for an electoral alliance.

I would like to make it very clear that what the Swatantra Party is aiming at it is a pact or an alliance at the national level and not only at the state level. We cannot accept the proposition that parties which are in alliance in one state should be allowed to oppose one another in another State. As a matter of fact, our President, Mr. M. R. Masani, as also the President of the Jan Sangh, Mr. A.B. Vajpayee, have both made it categorically clear that we are not interested in statewise adjustments but will only consider an alliance embracing the whole country.

While we have no objection to informal contact being maintained by State Units with friendly political parties in their respective States may I request you --

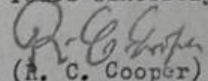
- (a) not to issue statements or,
- (b) pass any resolutions at your State Executive/Council or your State Convention

which comment on this matter in a manner which diverges from the Party's stand at the national level.

This request is made only so as to ensure that nothing is done which would adversely affect the difficult and delicate negotiations in which we are at present engaged.

We would of course welcome any views you or those of your elected committees may have on the subject provided such suggestions and advice are not made public but are meant for the consideration of the National Executive and/or the Central Parliamentary Board.

Yours sincerely,


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