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April 3, 1970

My dear Minoo,

I received your airfreight packet of 1st April yesterday and a copy of the same letter and enclosure by Express Delivery this morning. Meanwhile the stencilling is over and I shall be pushing them out today to members of the Executive as promised. A few extra copies are enclosed for your use.

I subsequently received your telex message and consulted both Dr. Cooper and Mr. Dandekar in regard to the various issues.

(1) Dr. Cooper and I agree that it would be useful to

- (a) send copies of National Headquarter's comments in 3 columns (by giving the full text of relevant passages in the National Executive's note and C.C.Desai's explanation (to the Party's MLAs in Gujarat and to members of the Gujarat State Executive). I am not clear whether you wish to send these to our MPS as well.*

(2) that members of the State Parliamentary Board should be invited to be present when Mr. Desai's matter is discussed.

(3) there is no clash of strategy between Mr. Dandekar and Dr. Cooper. Mr. Dandekar on second thoughts stated that the National Headquarters Comments should cover all matters but he would have liked to have patterned them like his comments on the Managing Agency and Monopolies Bill issues. However, he agrees it is too late and wishes the entire thing should be duplicated with his draft incorporated.

(4) The Draft resolution should be as short as possible somewhat to the following effect :

" The National Executive of the Swatantra Party, having considered the explanation submitted by Mr. C.C. Desai to the charges contained in the National Executive Note asking him to show cause why action should not be taken against him, has come to the conclusion that Mr. Desai's explanation in which he seeks to justify his various acts of indiscipline is unacceptable and Mr. Desai is hereby expelled from the Party for indiscipline and disloyalty to the Party."

* I have just got your letter
of 2nd April and
note it is to be
sent to H.P.s as
well.

2 ✓ that Mr. Dandekar agrees we should be ready with the summary of the charge sheet and our comments so that in case Mr. Desai releases his explanation to the Press we shall have the last word in rebutting him.

2 (6) Mr. Dandekar does not agree that Mr. H.M. Patel should be allowed to stay away when a decision on this matter is taken. Therefore if necessary the matter must be discussed on 12th morning to enable Mr. Patel to be present as Mr. Dandekar feels Mr. H.M. Patel must be a party to the action that we take against Mr. Desai.

✓ The material to be sent to the MLAs, MPs etc., will be kept ready and despatched on the 8th when you are in Bombay.

I hope your mother is improving.

Yours sincerely,

S. V. Raju
(S. V. Raju)

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Encl: *

P.S.: your Exp Del. ltr of 2nd April has just arrived
~~which~~ All points except those in the last para have been covered.
In regard to sending telegraphic a letter on the 8th. Cooper feels it might be considered too late so he would be inclined to send it on the 6th. I think I shall send phonograms on the 5th and post them also that day from a post office near my residence. As to send the ccd's note, explanation and comments, Dandekar says post them only on the 9th to make it too late for some smart MHA or MP to come forward with unsolicited advice.
I agree.
S. V. Raju