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My dear Masani,

Your letter of April 14 giving me the sad news of your mother's demise in hospital in Delhi has grieved me ~~very much~~ ~~perhaps you think.~~

I am glad you are quite optimistic about the results and consequences of the expulsion of C.C.Desai from the Party. I hope my letter addressed to you written after reading the proceedings of the National Executive meeting on the 12th in the newspapers on the 13th has been redirected to you to Bombay. I have suggested in that letter for your consideration that you might induce Morarji Desai to visit Gujarat as soon as possible. Incidentally I might inform you that Mariswami has returned to Madras and tells me that he withdrew his counter resolution and did not vote for or against your own resolution, to expel Sri C.C.Desai. He gives me some kind of explanation for his not having given positive support to the resolution to expel. I have given him a long sermon on how he should carry on and give you all possible support and not get entangled in the Delhi M.P. Club presided over by C.C.Desai. He assures me he thoroughly understands and appreciates my advice.

I am glad the Hindustan Times, Statesmen and Times of India look favourably on the expulsion of C.C.Desai. We must do all we can to get the grand coalition that we desire, viz., Swatantra-Jan Sangh and Old Congress. We must not allow the attempts at reuniting the Indira Congress and the old Congress to win the race. It is only the grand coalition that we have in mind that can save the country from going into anarchy.

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