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My dear Masani,

Your letter dated 5th April and the enclosure and as you desired I have ~~read~~ had pages 7 to 9 of the enclosure read out to me fully.

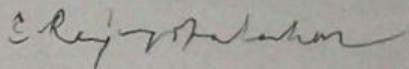
I have no doubt in my mind that you are right in your apprehension that Sri C.C.Desai's attitude and activities will lead to Smt. Indira Gandhi's faction eating up the Gujarat Swatantra Party and the acquisition of Gujarat by Smt. Indira Gandhi. I agree with the conclusion of the National Headquarters that, however unfortunate the crisis is, severe action has to be taken against Sri C.C.Desai.

My health is not fit enough for me to think more actively and to give you concrete advice. The combined intelligence and tact of yourself, H.M.Patel, Lobo Probhu and others should undertake the responsibility of decision and action. All the same I have written a letter to Sri C C, Desai, ^{marked "not for publication,"} copy of which is enclosed herein for your personal information.

Sundaram of Coimbatore is very ill and is planning to go to a London Hospital for a major operation. I am sorry to have to tell you that Sri Mariswami is inclined to somehow or other get the crisis hang on and

there should be no expulsion with its public
consequences in ¹⁹⁷⁰~~1972~~. He will however try to be
present ~~at~~ on the 11th in Delhi and you will all
deal with him.

Yours sincerely,



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