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My dear Desai,

I have had the advantage of a full report of the Swatantra Party's case against you. The situation created by your definite resolution of mind that the Gujarat Government should have Smt. Indira Gandhi's Party to support it and therefore that the Swatantra Party of Gujarat should carry on hostilities against the present Chief Minister and his Government is most unfortunate for the Swatantra Party as a whole. I do not wish to interfere with the convictions of people like you, but I make an appeal that you may out of consideration for me and my inability to tackle affairs personally on account of my physical ill health, do whatever you reasonably can do to postpone this crisis for a year.

For instance if you could write to Mr. Masani as President of the Party that while you hold your views sincerely and firmly, you will give further thought to all the matters relevant including the importance of maintaining the National Swatantra Party in full strength undamaged by any rift at the present moment, the action proposed against you may be suspended for a year.

Yours sincerely,

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