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My dear Shri Masani,

~~Shri~~ Gondal
April 7 '70
At 5.30 p.m.

I hope you are in a good mood not disturbed by the politics in Gujarat. I have a feeling that the situation may perturb you and so in spite of the difficulties I have decided to attend the meeting.

After a careful scrutiny of all the papers including Mr. C. C. Desai's arrogant reply and the National Headquarter's notes - the only way could be to forthwith kick the undisciplined opportunist out of our party.

Now you may kindly consider the following view point of mine with a cool head. It is evident there are two groups in Gujarat, Patels versus Rajputs, with Bhairappa's demise Gujarat has been shaken considerably and the cementing factor has gone off and now a slightest opportunity may give them a cause and a small spark may set a volcanic fire; now I gather Bania is against any action being taken while H. M. is obviously for an immediate action. Even Mr Dandekar was for action. H. M. wants to be neutral in spite

of his keen desire to take action, he is a cunning fellow wanting you to fan the fire and alienate the sympathy of H. H. Bania, and other Gujarat friends. Gujarat has always been the source of trouble for us, Patels have always been hostile to us. you are a bad judge of human nature and you start trusting your enemies, too soon. Think a while if the President of Gujarat party wants to be neutral and the leader in the House does not want action why should you take it? Party is getting weaker already and unnecessarily you may get the blame by putting the last straw on the camel's back. I have a high regard and respect both and with all the sincerity at my command I say I do not want any turmoil. I want that you should pilot the Swatantra party on a smooth sailing. As such I request you to have an emotional rational approach to things and to save the situation in a pale Carnegie way, rather than impose a strict discipline like the commander general of an army.

So this is only my point of view
I do not want you to rush into action
and earn the displeasure of entire
Gujarat party.

I met Wankar Yuvraj at Bhai Kaka's
condolence meeting and he said to me
whether I had found C.C. Desai's reply
convincing, no was the answer, the attack I
said was mainly on you and Dr Cooper. Well he
gave me a sense that Gujarat party is against
any such action.

Now inspite of all these if you
do want action I shall SURELY and
CERTAINLY work for it, I am always with
you and you can trust me; but I wish
you would refrain from doing so and
make H.M. do it at the State level and
we watch the fun.

May I request you to spare a
couple of minutes before the meeting?

Hope to be excused if I offended
you, understand me I am coming only to help you.

With kindest regards

yours sincerely
Kusum