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My dear RAJAJEE,

I am enclosing a copy of the letter from Shri Jaideep Singh of Baria for your information.

In this connection, I have to inform you that at the Bombay meeting of our National Executive, I replied to Masani, when he asked me about the long preliminary charge-sheet he circulated about Shri C.C. Desai, that I would not take part in the discussion he was going to call over it, as I did not agree with the approach.

Recently he repeated a few days back that he was going to propose disciplinary action and that you had already begun to be impatient over his patience about Guzerat affairs! I told him again that "I do not agree with your approach". Then he was good enough to suggest, in response to my earlier request for changing the dates of the next meeting of the Executive, that I might fulfil my engagements at Amritsar and thus avoid participation in what might prove to be unpalatable to me. I welcome this understanding gesture.

I am sorry that just when both he and myself are so keen on achieving a firm understanding ~~with~~ with the Congress (O) and Jan Sangh and other democratic elements in response to the call of the nation, as reflected by your persistent appeal for such a united front, this issue should have been allowed to crop up in this painful manner.

I am aware of the need for much greater patience with much more distant friends, avowing loyalty to principles, programmes and approaches which are farther apart from whatever issues are said to be involved in this issue as between our friends who agree on our 21 principles.

I wonder if our statesmanship would be enough to enable us to overcome the strains and stresses that are sure to face us in such a future comradeship with so many ideologically and personally different cross-sections of our great society and succeed in providing the needed progressive leadership to our people.

Since we both have enjoyed decade-long good comradeship with Shri Masani, I do not wish to enter into debate with him in a meeting after we have elected him unanimously in last December and so I am taking you both into my confidence in this matter.

It is only to avoid adding to your worries, caused by the exigencies of the recent Rajya Sabha election, I have so far abstained from writing to you about this unhappy affair.

The only bit of sunshine that ~~I~~ has warmed my heart in these weeks of horrible descent of our country into political immorality, thanks to Indirajee's reckless adventurism is the election of our Mariswami.

I pray for your good cheer.

Yours affectionately,

Encl: one.

(N. G. Ranga)

RAJAJEE,
CHETPUT,
MADRAS.

Copy to Shri Masani.