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My dear J.P.,

This is just a line to let you know that I called Harottambhai today and have done the needful.

I learn from him and also from the press that as at present your programme is to visit Ahmedabad on December 25 for two days and for this purpose I presume you will be passing through Delhi on the 24th. You are expected in Bombay on December 30 and 31 though it is not clear what you will be doing between Ahmedabad and Bombay as there will be a gap of three days. You are then supposed to go to Poona on January 1 and 2 and return to Bombay on January 3, and to proceed to Ujjain on the same day.

As you will recall, I am keen to have a little time with you to discuss certain aspects of your movement for the book I am writing for Macmillans on the subject which has to be delivered to them in January. It appears to me that there are two possible ways to do this. One is to meet in Delhi on the 24th of December. Presumably you will be going up to Delhi on that day by the flight that leaves Patna at 1.00 P.M. and reaches Delhi at 3.15 P.M. and will be flying to Ahmedabad the following morning (the 25th) by the flight that leaves Delhi at 10.30 A.M. and reaches Ahmedabad at 11.55 A.M. If that is so, could you keep a couple of hours free for Dilip Chitra and myself on the afternoon or evening of the 24th in Delhi? Our Seminar will conclude on the 23rd but we shall stay an extra day to be with you.

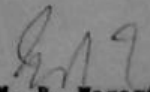
In fact Daru in Ahmedabad is very keen that I should be there for a conference of Citizens for Democracy they are planning there and it is possible that I may fly down with you to Ahmedabad on the 25th.

The second alternative is for you to keep time free for us when you are in Bombay on the 30th and 31st December.

You are a busy guy and the choice is yours. What I would appreciate is a telegram in reply indicating

your wishes. Do you think you could kindly take the trouble to send me a telegram after receiving this letter ?

Yours as ever,


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P.S.: I was in Ahmedabad for four days last week and met your friends as well as the Nav Miran boys and girls. The outlook for the State elections is somewhat messy and confused and I am glad that you are over your Gujarat visit in December well in advance of the elections as I am clear that the less you have to do with them the better.

MRM/ssm