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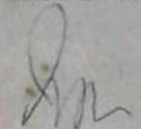
My dear J.P.,

Just a line to say your letter of August 15 /that has reached me and I shall bear in mind what you say.

I am sorry that the picture I get from Harottambhai about the tempo of your activity and the state of your health is not at all a pleasing one. Unlike Abbe Sieyes you are doing very little to survive and quite frankly it is not good enough to pass the buck to God! My purpose is not to appeal to your interest in yourself but to ask you to take a cool political view about whether it is in the country's interest that you spend yourself in this manner or conserve your energies with a more long-term view as one who has been attacking the short-term attitude of our businessmen and politicians. I feel I can make the same appeal to you to take a longer and somewhat historical view than merely a personal one.

I shall write again before I leave.

Yours as ever,



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