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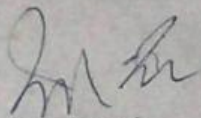
Dear Miss Deshpande,

I have received your letter of June 13 and I have noted what you have said. I appreciate your devotion and loyalty to Vinobaji which has led you to write.

This article in the Reader's Digest to which you refer was not ^{volunteered} commissioned by me. The Reader's Digest commissioned me some time last year to write an article on Jayaprakash and not on the Bhooda or Sarvodaya Movements. Many years ago when Encounter had asked me to write about Bhooda, I had devoted a great deal of space to Vinobaji, my talk with him and his work. If, I had been asked by them to write an article on Vinobaji, I do not think I would have mentioned Jayaprakash in it. There is also the aspect of the problem of space. I was very strictly rationed and had to leave out a lot of things I myself was keen on. This will explain to you why Vinobaji does not figure in the article. In view of this you will forgive me if I feel that the question of making amends does not arise.

I am glad to hear from/ because your father P.Y. /you Deshpande, is a very old friend of mine. Where is he now and what does he do? I have not been in touch with him for many many years.

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