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My dear J.P.,

* This morning I sent you a telegram, copy attached, and am now awaiting your telegram in reply which should reach me by the time this letter reaches you.

** Last night I got back from Poona after a discussion on "Future of Democracy in India". A Note about the conclusions and a list of those who participated is enclosed. I think you will find it both interesting and encouraging. I myself came back stimulated and heartened. Everyone was keen that I should see you and that we should coordinate plans and activities.

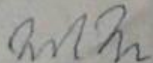
I met Daru at the discussion in Poona. He is starting an Ahmedabad Branch of "Citizens for Democracy". But, what about Bombay? I don't know what ideas you and Tarkunde have. We are all worried that a false start might kill the movement in Bombay. Nani is much too busy. I am prepared to help, but ultimately it will have to turn on one dedicated person with some standing and with time and energy to spare. Who?

Apart from this, I would also like to understand your mind about Bihar and share with you some thoughts on the subject. Short of coming to Patna, I am prepared to travel to meet you. It would be best if it could be before you leave the South. We could meet in Bangalore at leisure. Alternatively, I could reach Madras on Thursday, 30th May and spend the afternoon and evening with you and leave for Bangalore on the morning of the 31st. I hope your telegram will clear matters.

Tomorrow I shall be speaking at a Rotary meeting on "Reform or Revolution" and naturally you will figure on the credit side of the balance sheet. There is so little else to place on that side!

I do hope your progress has been good and that you are strong enough to face things. I am scared of the strain that will be imposed on you once you get to Patna.

Yours as ever,



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