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My dear J.P.,

Thank you for your letter of April 5. While I am a little disappointed that you will not be in Bombay where we can hope to look after you a little, I am glad that you will be going to Vellore Hospital which is undoubtedly a good one and, I see, that your Patna surgeon has advised that Dr. B. Bhatt there is the best man in this context. *Good, I am*

Greatly concerned
I wonder whether you would be so good as to let me know the date of the proposed operation? I shall very much appreciate this as I would like, if I can, to be with you in Vellore then for a day or two. I note what you say about the nuisance of friends visiting you in Bombay but hope you will allow me to be an exception!

Influenced no doubt by the Reader's Digest article, MacMillan's have asked whether I would consider doing your biography. My reply was that I am just about finishing my own and will think about this by the middle of the year when I shall be free from my present commitment to them. They claim that no worthwhile biography of yours is being attempted. Is this so? In any event, do you think you could drop me a line to say where your correspondence and other papers are deposited? I remember your telling me they are in some library or the other in Delhi.

I look forward to a line from you about when you are leaving for Vellore and the likely date of your operation. You need not bother about my visit. I shall make my own arrangements independently with the help of friends in Madras.

Yours affectionately,

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