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October 11, 1972.

My dear J.P.

Thank you for your letter of September 29, from Patna. I am sure your letters will be of help when the group of businessmen meets next in Bombay.

I have gone through the draft sent by Acharya Kripalani and frankly I do not think it will serve any purpose. As you say there is nothing fresh or new about it. Also an attempt to provide solution to problems is hardly called for.

On September 26, I had sent you a draft statement based on your own excellent and timely article in the Indian Express. That letter of mine has crossed yours in the post and I do hope you have received it. If not I shall send you another copy. I suggest you send that draft to Acharya Kripalani. I have invited your own comments and as soon as I receive them I shall speak to Palkhivala.

Today is your birthday and yesterday I sent you a telegram of greetings to your village home which I trust reaches you today.

I am glad to see that the registered cover I sent you containing draft chapter four has reached you. I shall

await your sending it
back with your comments
& suggestions in the margin

Yours as ever,

(Signature)
(Munoo Masani)

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Did you see my article
on Gandhiji in Freedom First
Here is a copy. I see you
have written an similar lines

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