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Dear Minoo,

Thanks for J.R.D.'s memorandum. I am enclosing copies of three letters I wrote yesterday to J.R.D., Arvind Mafatlal and R.S. Pande. I hope my letter to Arvindbhai will help the meeting on the 16th to arrive at a consensus on how to give effect to the Social Responsibilities of Business. At the same time I do wish to emphasise what Arvindbhai is doing on his own is unique and deserves a closer look by persons like you. I do not think that steel works can be decentralised but, maybe, some other Tata industrial enterprises could be. When I enquired from Arvindbhai which other industry other than cotton textile could be decentralised and removed from the metropolis to the countryside, he replied that engineering was such an industry. There may be other industries too. I hope some qualified Group in Bombay would give thought to this very interesting idea which Arvindbhai seems to be bent upon proving to be a success.

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I met Dada Kripalani at Delhi and he gave me a draft of some he has written on the economic situation in the country. Frankly, I do not find anything original in it, but I am sending it along to you so that such parts of it as you may consider advisable might be incorporated in the statement that you are drafting. I hope this letter does not reach you too late for this.

Yours sincerely,

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