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10th February, 1972

I have read about your decision to retire from public life for at least a year and I am glad you have taken this step, although I am sorry it has become necessary due to your physical condition. I hope your self-restraint will prove rewarding and that, by the end of 1972 if not earlier, you will be fully restored to vigorous health. Do please let me know what exactly the trouble is and what your doctors consider is the outlook.

I am delighted to know that the X-rays of Prabhavati's lungs show a marked improvement in her condition. I hope this progress continues.

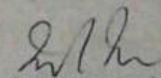
A couple of days ago, I received your telegram in reply to my enquiry and quite appreciate your difficulty in sending me an article. Fortunately, Moorani has agreed to write on Kashmir for the March issue of Freedom First. Meanwhile, I enclose a copy of the February issue. You will be getting regular copies in future.

My regards to Prabhavati and yourself.

Encl:*

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan,
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(M.R. MASANI)

Patna

December 9, 1971

Dear Minoo,

I am sorry for not having replied to your letter yet. I am still mostly confined to bed except for one hour in the mornings and afternoons when I sit out on the verandah and see visitors. In the evening I have a little stroll for 15 to 20 minutes on the verandah itself. I am not yet allowed to go out or climb stairs. Therefore, I am confined to my flat which is in the first floor of one of the buildings of Mahila Charkha Samiti. Maybe, after one week I shall be allowed to go out for drives and walks in the maidan.

I have thought over your advice to take the contemplated one year's rest from now on. I feel that any compulsory rest caused by illness, whether it is for a month or a year, should not be confused with the kind of one year's retreat that I have in mind from October 11, 1972. Therefore, I propose to follow the doctors' advice and do as much work as I am allowed. Obviously I cannot go on as before, but yet I shall continue to work.

You will be glad to know that X-ray pictures of Prabhavati's lungs which had been sent to Bombay have shown a marked improvement in the inflammatory conditions of her right lung. The shadow on the picture is already smaller and lighter. In the absence of Dr. Paymaster who has gone abroad the X-ray plates were examined by Dr. Nemish Shah, a top thoracic surgeon of Bombay.

These are anxious days for our country, but I am sure we will emerge from the crisis stronger. History is being made in this sub-continent. Bangla Desh will soon become an independent sovereign State. I fervently hope that out of this crisis West Pakistan will also emerge as a nation freed forever of its military dictatorship and its religious jingoism.

Well, Minoo, I do not know when we shall meet again, maybe, after two or three months in Bombay. I hope you are well and so are Shakuntala and Zarir (is the spelling right?).

With affectionate regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- Jayaprakash

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Jan. 2, 1972

Dear Sir,

We were surprised to learn from your letter of 29.12.71, which reached here yesterday, that you have not yet received Jayaprakashji's letter of 9th December 1971. I am enclosing herewith a copy of that letter.

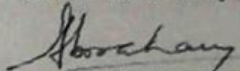
Jayaprakashji had been making satisfactory progress after he fell ill at Muzaffarpur on 17.11.1971. However, there was a slight temporary set back in his health during the past week. This was due to a little more physical and mental strain than he could tolerate in the present state of his health. However, he is again on the path towards normalcy.

Dr. V.V. Shah from Bombay came here on the 30th December and examined Jayaprakashji. He agrees with the diagnosis of the local doctors. In consultation with the local doctors Dr. Shah has prescribed a course of treatment for Jayaprakashji which is being followed now. JP has been advised complete bed-rest for a week more.

Your letter will be placed before JP after he has improved a little more.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,


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JP