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Dear Mr. Fernandes,

Kindly refer to your letter of March 11.

I placed your letter before the National Executive of my Party at its meeting in New Delhi on April 11.

The National Executive disagreed with your view that dislodging the present government in Delhi should precede agreement on a common programme. The Executive reiterated its earlier decision that efforts to dislodge the present government would only be meaningful and successful when a viable alternative was available. This meant the emergence of an Opposition Front with an agreed programme.

At the same time the Executive was of the view that bilateral talks with your Party should continue. In this context we enclose the following notes which though representing the views of the Party's members who drafted them, are being forwarded to you as an aid to our dialogue with your party.

- (1) Towards a better Future - Piloo Mody
- (2) Economic Policy - Draft Working Paper prepared by the Working Group on Economic Policy.

We would appreciate hearing from you in regard to the contents of these two notes.

Yours sincerely,

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