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My dear Minoo,

Re : Your letter to Cooper regarding Gurdaspur

Though we are aware that you may have successfully contacted Sardar Basant Singh, we too have sent a telegram to Basant Singh asking him to contact you immediately in Delhi.

We are issuing a Circular to the Central Parliamentary Board members seeking their approval to revoke the permission given to our candidate in Gurdaspur.

Enclosed, please find, 100 copies of the Swatantra Newsletter which I am air-freighting to you along with this letter. Since today is only the 30th, I am sending it to you at Delhi and hope you will get it before leaving for Calcutta on the 2nd evening.

About the JS brochure I am afraid it got held up at the Press. At the same time, I am happy to inform you that I have been able to persuade Inland Printers to take it on hand immediately and to let me have page proofs on Tuesday, 5th May. Copies ought to be ready by Saturday, 9th May. I shall however try and keep a list of our business friends to whom we send out literature as also additional names for you to look at on the 6th.

Regarding the Note on Gujarat, for God's sake, have a heart ! A whole lot of work, particularly action on the Minutes of the last meetings of the NE and CPB has been held up thanks to CC Desai and Gujarat. Tomorrow is a holiday, Saturday is half day followed by Sunday and I need at least three days in the first week of May to clear my desk; I hope you will understand.

Enclosed are two letters from Rajaji dated the 27th regarding Gujarat and the Kolachel by-election in Madras. I would also like to report to you a windfall of sorts. Rajaji has been good enough to return Rs 18,000/- of the Rs 20,000/- which we had advanced to meet the Stamp Duty on the Estate case. This certainly gives us a breather because only this morning (before the letter came in) I had to draw money as our bank balance had dipped to an all time low. One of the most important things that you have to attend to when you are here on the 6th is to arrange for a meeting with Lalchand and Dr. Cooper in regard to the funds position.

Jaideepsinh of Baria visited our office this afternoon. This was a follow up of a lunch meeting between Dr. Cooper and Baria. Cooper put to him four questions (attached). Baria agreed to reply to them to clear the air. This afternoon he visited the National Headquarters. Dr. Cooper and I worked on the draft a little and he issued a Press Statement under his signature. (attached).

Baria expressed his unhappiness over a statement attributed to you in the Hindustan Times of April 28, pointing out that certain leaders of the Gujarat Unit were colluding with the Indicate and going against the national policy of the Party. I told Baria that you are not given to making off the cuff statements.

Yours sincerely,

(S.V. Raju)

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