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Subject

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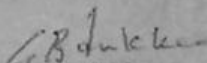
M.R.M.

I recently visited Madras, Pondicherry and some other towns in Madras State. I also went to Kerala and addressed a few meetings. My purpose of writing this note to you is to draw your attention to the attached issues.

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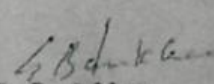
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On my return from Kottayan, I met about half-a-dozen officers of the Agricultural Department from Rajkot, and Junagadh Districts. There was some discussion on our Party's affair in this area. It was told to me that Mr. Vallabh Patel who was the candidate from the Parliamentary Constituency in the election held in 1967 has made much progress in establishing his position. It was told to me that almost all the Taluka Panchayats to the Village Panchayats level is completely controlled by Vallabh Bhai's men and no Swatantra member holds any position in the Panchayats. It was also explained to me that Mr. Jairam Patel who is the Deputy Minister of Gujarat State and was the candidate of the Assembly from Upleta Constituency has now strengthened his position not only in his constituency but in many other Talukas. Since I was very much disturbed on hearing this, I thought I should bring to your notice these facts so that when you visit Rajkot you may discuss this fact with our Party's Unit there. I personally suggest that, if you approve, I might visit Rajkot Constituency once and observe things through personal contacts with our members and others.


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2. The Pondicherry L.S.P. Camp was well organized though the number of Trainees was only 19 to 20. The trainees were qualified and are employees of the Neyveli Corporation. They have increased their strength in two unions and will be able to drive out the D.M.K. and the Communists from the unions to which they belong. I have discussed all the plans with them in this regard. You will be surprised to know that the trainees who were trained in the Coimbatore Training Camp have ousted Mr. Kalyansundaram and his colleague of CPI from the Presidentship and General Secretaryship respectively, posts, which they were holding for the last 15 years. Now a worker named Balasundaram and his other friend who is a Swatantra Member are the President and General Secretary of the Electricity Board Employees' Union, Trichinappalli. The Chairman of this Electricity Board is Kr. Cheemaichamy, a Swatantra M.L.A. He refused to recognise this newly elected body but declared that he only knows Kalyansundaram as the leader of the Union. I am drawing your attention to this particular issue and request you to please write to the President or the General Secretary of the Party Unit, Tamilnad, and through them convince the Chairman of the Electricity Board to give recognition to the newly elected Office Bearers as the Union is now captured by our boys by ousting the Communist leadership. The Union is recognized already.

I will submit a separate note as to how we can keep contact with the trainees who attend camps all over the country and mobilise them into one organisation such as we can form the Democratic Youth League or Conference and enrol all these trained boys from L.S.P. into one organisation. A detailed note will be submitted to you in a week or two if you approve of the idea.


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3. Regarding my visit to Kerala I have to mention that though we are making good progress in the Kerala State, I am afraid that the man who is organising the Swatantra Unit in Kerala may not be able to carry on for a longer time, I mean Mr. Sudhan. Mr. Sudhan's position in Kerala as a Party Worker is very good but he has to depend for his living on other people which is not being appreciated by the younger force joining our Party. I personally want to discuss this matter as this is confidential and help him to stand on his own legs so that he can be an influential and potential leader for our Party's expansion. This is a very delicate matter which I do not want to put in writing and would like to discuss personally. I will also discuss this matter with Mr. Raju.

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