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My dear Minoo,

Pramod Kalyani rang me up a while ago regarding your visit to Rajkot on the 24th. He said that since you will be visiting Rajkot for the first time after your election as President of the Party they (Pramod Kalyani and Babubhai Shah of Jai-Hind) have planned a reception with all the paraphernalia of a Reception Committee and the like.

Mrs. Indira Gandhi is also visiting Rajkot on the 23rd/24th.

Both because of their desire to organise a suitable reception for you and the desirability of not clashing with the dates of Mrs. Gandhi's programme, both Pramod and Babubhai would like you to postpone your visit to Rajkot for sometime in February. I promised to communicate their request to you and to obtain your reply as quickly as possible.

Personally I think the idea of a reception is a good one not because of the tamasha part of it, but the propaganda value that would be derived if the reception is really well organised and a cross section of the community in the Constituency gets involved in such a reception. Also I think there is some point in your visit not coinciding with that of Mrs. Gandhi.

A look at your somewhat sketchy itinerary for January/February which is with me indicates that you could visit Rajkot on the weekend of the 7th and 8th and get your ISP Board meeting fixed for Thursday or Friday, 5th or 6th.

Do kindly let me have an early reply.

Yours sincerely,

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