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Sir,

Thank you very much for your letter by seamail. But I am surprised at your position that INC(O) should define its position before Swatantra ~~xxx~~ works with them.

I humbly suggest that we infiltrate INC(O) ~~xxxx~~ before they define their ideology, since Mrs Gandhi would be able to take advantage of minor differences and widen the differences by policies calculated to widen them.

The Crypto-communist group will press her to move towards Collective Farming as soon as they find that the electorate is not buying her socialist image. Therefore Swatantra infiltration of INC(O) now would be opportune.

Our electorate goes by regional caste dominance and Swatantra Party itself is Kshatriya in composition in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Orissa and Khamma in composition in coastal Andhra. Similarly, Lingayats, Nadars, Vanniyas, Kayasths, Bhumihars and Rajputs are going to form the core of INC(O). Ideologically they would be eclectic like Jan Sangh. Swatantra infiltration would shift it to the right to the extent Mrs Indira shifts to the left. Otherwise, it will be 'immobilismo' until in office, when again Swatantra brains could shift it the right on pragmatic basis.

A seat in ~~xxxx~~ Central Parliamentary Board along with Jan Sangh, PSP & SSP as ^{well as} re-organisation of ~~R&E~~ Provincial Congress Committees with Swatantra members predominating in East Rajasthan, West Utkal, Assam Hills, & Coastal Andhra should be a sufficient basis for merger, leaving Swatantra Party as an organisation of political research.

The reason for ~~xxx~~ explorations towards accepting Nijalingappa appeal to former Congressmen to return, being simply that the Congress is purged of its communist elements and therefore is open to democratic persuasion. x

Continued existence of many parties ~~xxx~~ will block polarisation and will help Mrs Gandhi. Birlas will be applying pressure on Jan Sangh, Princes on Swatantra and cryptocommunists on SSP-PSP leaders to block polarisation. Gujarat is a problem. Mrs Gandhi ~~ix~~ will politicalise 40% Harijan population and Brahmin-Kshatriya squabbles will only help Jagjivan Ram. Warn Gujarat Swatantraites to fall in line for a conservative line-up unless they wish to see Harijan-led Govt there.

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