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Several friends have been asking me for an explanation about the reasons for my resignation from the Presidentship of the Party and also for an indication of how I look at the outlook for the Party and the country these days. As an individual letter in response to each inquiry would not be feasible, I thought the best thing perhaps would be to send to those friends who are interested and who were not present at the General Council meeting in Bombay on 17th April, 1971, the text of my speech inaugurating the proceedings of the General Council that day. I hope you will find that this answers some of the questions and doubts that may be troubling you and will leave you with a clearer picture about how I feel things are and what in my view needs to be done.

I trust you will believe me when I say that the step that I took was not taken without an awareness of my obligation to colleagues like yourself. I have no doubt that both you and I will have many opportunities to be of service to the country in the years to come.

I need hardly add that I shall always be glad to be available to you in the event of your seeking my advice on matters of a public nature.

Yours sincerely,

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