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My dear Minoo,

I am deeply touched by your letter. Yes, it was prostrate. The operation itself was not painful, as Dr Bhatt of Vellore is of international standing and was at the same time most considerate. I am however having trouble with infections and have to continue with heavy drugs. Otherwise, I am very much better for the operation and I am sorry I delayed it.

I am sorry you gave up the Presidentship. Your mistake was that of the whole National Executive, which barring ourselves, supported the fatal alliance. Dandekar has also the defect of his quality of being so much above others. Even Piloo would have been better, if he could be a little more serious. I think however that you should return.

I do not know I have any chance with my electorate as Swatantra candidate. They will never forget the alliance with the Jan Sangh and that the Swatantra party gave up its principle of secularism. Even if the Swatantra Party publicly disavowed its relationship with the Jan Sangh, it might help other candidates but will not help me with my electorate. I believe in the Swatantra Party and my paper will be dedicated to it but I feel that I should not hold any office in it. I have told the Party that they should look for another district president.

In the meanwhile, Louella is thinking of standing for the Assembly elections in the Surathkal constituency, as an Independent. If she wins, she will also be a Swatantra at heart, supporting the party without joining it.

with our deep appreciation of your kindness to us and with all good wishes

Yours

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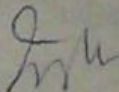
My dear Lobo,

I have just this morning read the front page article by yourself in Insight of 26th April 1971 and hasten to write to you because of the news about your health that it contains. I note with relief that the scare regarding cancer has proved to be unfounded and that you have undergone an operation. Reading between the lines it sounds like one for prostate. Do let me know how you are feeling after the operation. It is a painful business, I understand.

You will have received the minutes of the meeting of the General Council and the National Executive in Bombay recently and will have seen that it has been possible for me to convince our colleagues to agree to my stepping down from Presidentship of the Party. I think in the long run it will be all for the good of the Party. I hope you do not disapprove of my step.

With my regards to Louella and yourself,

Yours sincerely,



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"He who is not attached to the fruits of his action, attains tranquility" GITA.

I do not know how to justify only three issues of Insight during the last four months, two before the election in January when I appealed for payment of arrears of subscription, and one after the election, in which I disclosed the wounds I had suffered, mostly from my friends. The first issue was rewarding and though some 2500 subscribers have still not paid the single subscription I asked, I received from the generous ones, enough to pay for half the expenditure of my elections. Even though I failed, I would like to think that those who contributed will feel that they helped one who was seeking to serve others. Information I have now received, is that Muslims, Harijans and Christians withheld their votes from me, because in every place some one was paid to whisper that I was against the minorities. The Catholic Weekly, "Examiner," the Christian Union and the Joint Council supported this lie, notwithstanding the Election law, by asking votes to be given to Congress(R). I was advised I had good grounds for an Election Petition but I have neither finance nor friends to help. In the election, the Grand Alliance fetched me no votes, while the money I gave to Allied Parties, was mispent on vehicles and volunteers making noise, or on local potentates, who very often transferred their own antagonisms to me. In the last election I depended on myself but

in this, others thought they could spend anything and make me pay for it. This side of human nature does not allow me to have any expectations of help. I would rather forget the election as one of the greatest errors of my judgment.

Disasters never come alone. Following a blood test, I was written off and rushed to Vellore. A Biopsy, there, cleared me of cancer but I had to undergo a major operation, which I had postponed for ten years. Though the surgeon, the top urologist in India could not have done a better job, 22 days in bed, mostly in pain, allowed me time for introspection. The Bangala Desh war which coincided with my operation made me think of the moral bankruptcy of the world. We ourselves, though well ahead of others, gave only lip sympathy to those who were being exterminated. The Secretary General of the UN has given the death blow to that organisation by washing his hands like Pilate of the blood of those he did not attempt to save. England as usual, followed Palmerston's dictum that a country had no permanent friends but only permanent interests. USA proved that conscience was only a convenience and that in politics, what is good in Vietnam is not good elsewhere. The USSR did take a more censorious line but has quickly had second thoughts. Even if it means India must help Bangal Desh, by recognising it and allowing our

own volunteers and those from other countries to help. This would save further slaughter without danger of war, as Pakistan was never in a worse position to fight. The question is whether Indira has the moral strength required in the leader of a great nation?

There is no moral strength anywhere. It is so nauseating that the whole press, which was once critical of Indira, has now become adulatory. If this trend continues, dictatorship will quietly replace democracy. The people could not care less because they have parted with principles in politics. They are completely cynical about ethics, because life has not favoured them, leaving them with the conviction that no one is rewarded for virtue.

Through the vicissitudes of centuries Indian culture has survived because of its deep ethical foundations. These must be restored by pillory of those who serve only themselves. "Insight" has therefore decided that it will include ethics with politics and economics on which it had concentrated before. Even if it makes small dent on the consciousness of those on power, they will fear public opinion, which is more ethical. At present Indira is ethically a failure not only because she has won the election with false promises, but because she is not disposed to use her undiluted power to do the right thing at the right time. If she fails Bangala Desh, she will fail her conscience and that of the country.

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