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My dear Bhatia,

I have your letter of November 26.

Since you wrote, as you know, the functioning of the Swatantra Party has been revived at a meeting of the ^{General} ~~Joint~~ Council which was held in Madras a few days back. The question therefore of using the money for anything other than the Swatantra Party ~~uses~~ no longer arises.

I was in Madras yesterday and discussed this matter with Mr. Sundaram, the President and Honorary Treasurer of Swatantra Party, and Mr. Sadasivam who is looking after the preparation of Rajaji's biography and ~~by~~ donating quite a lot of financial assistance to that purpose. They are both agreed that I should hand over the sale proceeds of these shares to Mr. Sundaram and he and Mr. Sadasivam between them will then decide either to use the amount for financing Rajaji's biography or hand it over to Jayaprakash Narayan for his constructive activities. You will agree that both of these are worthy purposes.

I would therefore appreciate it if you will kindly send me the shares in question so that I may take appropriate action.

Yours sincerely,



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