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Dear Minoo Masani,

I would request you to intervene energetically in the affairs of Swatantra Party and save ^{it} from liquidation. After all which other party has the right alternative to the socialist policies of the government? Which other party is wedded to Liberalism? Do you want to see the very death of the nucleus of democratic movement that the Swatantra party is, despite its dismal record during the last so many years. Socialistic policies of the government have created an extremely favourable situation for large-scale projection of the outlook and programme of the Swatantra Party. The masses are now willing to hear criticism of socialist planning, of statism and centralisation. For the first time such a favourable situation ^{has been created} And it is at this crucial time, for reasons that I do not want to touch upon, the party leadership is out to destroy the party. After having crippled the party by its faulty leadership, it now intends to liquidate the party altogether. If they ~~it~~ succeed, ~~it~~ it would be tragic. Please intervene. I would be glad to do whatever I can. Pilloo Mody has even refused me the permission to attend, as observer, the Delhi meeting of the National Council. He would bring all the

riff-raff from U.P. and pack the meeting.

You must be reading the news about B K D. This is what was expected from this party which was along fed on the diet of opportunism. As the General Secretary during the crucial period 1973-74, I have known the organisation from close quarters. Mr. Charan Singh, in the meeting of the provincial executive of the BKD on Nov 14, 1973, openly said this "I expect 266 seats in the next election and if I get a little ~~less~~ less than what is required for forming a B.K.D. government, I would enter into coalition with the ruling Congress". BKD is not a party; it is a combination of two caste groups, jats and yadavs. The latter is led by Jai Ram Verma and is now practically out of the party. All committees of the BKD from top to the district level are nominated by Charan Singh; he changes their composition at will. Even the parliamentary board of the party for U.P. election was nominated by him. In Charan Singh's constituency, he is supported by jats alone and bitterly hated by other communities. He has been winning election to the Assembly with the help of Jat Terrorism. I hope my appeal to you will have some effect.

P.S. I have many ~~other~~ more things to reveal concerning BKD but this would be enough for the time being.

Yours sincerely

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P.S. I told all these things about BKD to Pillo Nigoy in the first week of Oct 73 at Lucknow and it was on the basis of this that in Jan 74, Pillo stated in a press conference that B.K.D. might enter into a coalition with the Congress.