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My dear Pilon,

You may have seen the enclosures, which have been sent formally to the General Secretary for being inscribed in the agenda of the National Convention. I request they may also be placed before the National Executive and General Council, which may like to support them

It is my view and hope that my draft of the National Alternative could be a meeting ground between you and Masani and Pasricha . They are doubtless concerned, as I am that a party founded by us is not wound up those who have recently joined it , through an electoral process, which from the very beginning I had held would destroy the Party. If they are thinking that they could use the membership of the Swatantra Party to land favourably in parties which have better prospects in elections, they could be allowed to leave in the same quick way as they have come

There has been already enough comment on the irreconcilability of the merging parties. To my mind, the Socialist party more than any other party is the real antithesis of the Swatantra Party, apart from being the most irresponsible .In fact, the future of JKD lies in crystalising the antagonisms between the organised workers , on whom the socialists are based and the rural masses whom they exploit. We can never expect a single vote from organised workers , which fact if realised by the Swatantra Party before

would have saved it from contradictions, on one side and from wasting its programmes and finances on independent trade unions. Ofcourse you may have many friends ~~with~~ ^{on the other} in the socialist party but you cannot find instances of agreement with them on any programmes, apart from infructuous adjournment motions. It is time you were subject of disenchantment

Even if you have a majority for your draft, I request you not to dissolve the party except simultaneously with other merging parties. I may not because of financial reasons be attending the meetings and convention. I hope this will not prevent my resolution being considered. I am also requesting Masani and Pasricha to sponsor it in my absence. Masani will doubtless be interested in electoral reform for JaiBrakash's programme, in which our experience more completely retailed in the issue of July I, may be useful

I hope you do not misunderstand me. In the past, when alone we proved right in many matters, including the Grand Alliance. This time, I hope ~~if~~ I shall not be alone as there must be many who still cherish the Swatantra Party. Kind regards

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