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My dear Masani,

Thank you for your letter dated 26th June. I hasten to set your mind at rest by saying that I agree with you regarding the General Council Meeting. Let us convene the COC and the sub-committees at Madras as you suggest in the first week of August i.e., 3rd and 4th.

Regarding Kripalani's move I dare say you have also noted that Jayaprakashjee ^{has} declined his invitation. So, we need not worry very much over this matter. My invitation to the informal meeting of the group leaders may serve the temporary purpose, i.e., if they respond to it at all. We need not say anything about the no-confidence motion until the COC meets and that would keep the kettle boil. Regarding our parliamentary group I am sending a copy of Sardar Kapur Singh's letter for your information and consideration.

I find that Sardar Hukum Singh has chosen his team to go to USA on his own. I don't know who the members are and who ^{were} ~~will~~ consulted. It is wrong for the speaker to decide upon such a delegation without consulting the group leaders. For what appeared in

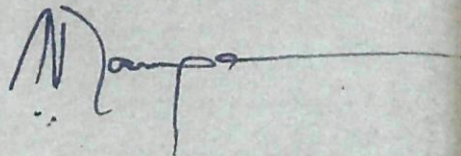
today's Indian Express, ^{we know that} some of the members of the delegation may write against some Indian politicians "who tried to be more pro-Americans than Americans themselves." This is a scandalous approach.

Did you note that Bhaktavatsalam Madras minister who returned from USA two days back said that the indifference shown by American Press towards the Rashtrapathi's tour was almost like a "Blackout" AND the Prime Minister's holidaying in Kashmir just as the Rashtrapathi returned to Delhi is rather significant.

I received letters and enquiries from friends ~~about~~ about Munshijee's repeated support for Governments's financial policies.

I hope to reach Madras on the 13th morning and will be there on 14th till noon.

Yours affectionately.



Extracts from Sardar Kapur Singh's letter

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Chandigarh,
29 -6- 63.

My dear Rangajee,

As for our seating arrangement predicament the way out seems to me for you or Masani to make a personal request to Sardar Hukum Singhjee to place our party three deep from the second or the third bench upwards for three rows. This will remove all our difficulties as we can then place Y.P. Singh on the third bench. Our request for three Swatantras on the 2nd 3rd 4th and 5th Benches is justified both on the basis of precedent as well as our newly accrued strength and prestige. 1) the Communists are placed in triple rows from 2nd Bench to three benches upwards. 2) you and Masani are top-rankers by any standards and in the first session of the third Lok Sabha both of you were not there to be seated on the foremost two benches.

Please consider this suggestion; it might solve our difficulties. As for our office-bearers I am inclined to agree with Masanijee that nominations may be made on the 12th August only at the meeting of the Party. I think you and Masanijee should decide on the names beforehand and as far as I can see (with one or possibly two exceptions) all of us will accept and approve of your decision. Could we have two Deputy Leaders (P.K. Deo and Masani) - But you know best.

Yours sincerely,
(sd) Sardar Kapur Singh.

Extracts from B. Ramachandra Reddi's letter

My dear Proffessor Ranga.

I am pulling on with my health. It is three years since you entrusted me with the responsibilities of the State Presidentship. I cannot ^{afford} ~~offer~~ further to devote my attention to it. Shall we not meet soon ^{to} ~~of~~ reconstitute the ~~meeting~~ State Committee. Please decide the date ^{of} ~~and~~ venue of the ~~meeting~~ meeting - Hyderabad or Bezwada or Guntur. Expecting your immediate decision and reply. Otherwise I have to announce my resignation which I know may not be good in the interests of the Party.

yours affectionately.

(sd) B. Ramachandra Reddi.

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When consulted by me Rajajee wrote on 30th May "try to keep him going and make Latchanna do all the work."

On th 22nd instant everyone again pressed him to continue but he declined. So, we had to choose another, i.e., Latchanna. Neither Shri Reddi nor Krishnamma mooted any other name either privately with me or publicly with the committee. Indeed there is no other cho^{ice} as things stand today. ^{anyone} ~~proposed to suggest~~ Sardar Latchanna's name for presidentship.