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My dear Kripalani,

I read today the most damaging of all Sri Jaya Prakash Narain's statements. It practically scotches your heroic efforts at forming an anti-Congress United Front. This morning's Hindu gives a report of his answers to the press.

It confirms my fears that your efforts made publicly (and not privately as part of Parliamentary grouping tactics) and extended to personalities outside Parliament may not only fail but convert your success at Amroha and the other successes grouped with it into what Congress circles will call a defeat, giving strength and validity to the charges of 'motley' mixture which is Nehru's main ammunition.

However we need not despair. I feel we can continue making a brave effort at forming a front of some kind in Parliament. Let us keep the focus at as simple a point as possible. "Good Government" would be a suitable formula with mass appeal. It will hit the ruling party in its most vulnerable part. It will strike Nehru's sensitive spot (if such yet remains !). A motion of no confidence based on the one issue the ruling party has failed to give to the people of India what they most need, viz., a good Government" would be in my opinion a good thing to work for round which you can possibly bring the entire opposition and leave the Communists thoroughly embarrassed.

Yours sincerely,

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