

NOVEMBER 12, 1952
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PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR LETTER OF THE 10TH JUST RECEIVED AND AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE ASSURANCES OF YOUR REGARD FOR THE ORGANISATION I REPRESENT

STOP

AM SORRY IF YOU FEEL THAT IN MY DISTRESS I HAVE DONE INJUSTICE TO ANYONE BUT MY ONLY IDEA WAS TO CONVEY TO YOU FRANKLY MY VIEW OF THE POLICIES AND ACTIONS OF GOVERNMENT WHICH HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE AIR TRANSPORT INDUSTRY

STOP

LEAVING ASIDE THE PAST HOWEVER I AM SINCERELY CONVINCED THAT THE MINISTRY'S PRESENT NATIONALISATION SCHEME IS NOT SOUND AND WILL NOT RESULT IN THE CREATION OF AN EFFICIENT AND SELF SUPPORTING AIR TRANSPORT SYSTEM

STOP

IF AS APPEARS FROM YOUR LETTER GOVERNMENT HAVE ALREADY DECIDED UPON THE ADOPTION OF THIS SCHEME I CAN ONLY DEPLORE THAT SO VITAL A STEP SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN WITHOUT GIVING US A PROPER HEARING

STOP

MODY AND I WERE CALLED BY MR. JAGJIVAN RAM ONLY TO BE INFORMED OF GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO NATIONALISE THE INDUSTRY

STOP

ALTHOUGH I TOLD HIM THAT I HAD PREPARED AND BROUGHT WITH ME AN ALTERNATIVE SCHEME WHICH IN MY HUMBLE JUDGEMENT WAS BETTER CALCULATED TO ACHIEVE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVE THE MINISTER SOUGHT OUR ADVICE ONLY ON QUESTIONS OF COMPENSATION AND THE LIKE

STOP

IF HOWEVER IN VIEW OF WHAT I HAVE SUBMITTED ABOVE YOU FEEL DISPOSED TO KEEP THE MATTER OPEN FOR DISCUSSION I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND WOULD BE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO PLACE MY VIEWS AND PROPOSALS BEFORE YOU MR. JAGJIVAN RAM AND SUCH OF YOUR OTHER COLLEAGUES AS YOU MAY LIKE TO HAVE AT AN INFORMAL CONFERENCE

STOP

SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO GIVE US A HEARING MODY AND I ARE AT YOUR DISPOSAL ANY TIME YOU WANT US TO COME TO DELHI

STOP

TO SAVE TIME MAY I SUGGEST THAT YOUR REPLY BE COMMUNICATED TO ME THROUGH PAN

STOP

I BEG YOU TO BELIEVE THAT I AM MOTIVATED BY NO SELF INTEREST IN THIS MATTER

STOP

MY ONLY ANXIETY IS TO SEE A STRONG AND EFFICIENT INDIAN AIR TRANSPORT SYSTEM BUILT UP AND AT THE SAME TIME TO SEE JUSTICE DONE TO INVESTORS AND STAFF WHO HAVE SUFFERED HEAVILY.

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