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To the President of the United States
Honorable Franklin Delano Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:

Ever since your inauguration as the President of our United States, daily without exception have I prayed for you and our first lady of the land for Divine blessings and Divine guidance, so you may steer the ship of the nation straight towards the goal our humanity must reach in the fulfillment of its destiny.

Your humanitarian administration; true to the highest American traditions, needs no stamp of approval; it is legend already. Your name will ever remain linked with whatever is human, humane and holy ; let critics criticize, rivals and Republicans repudiate what you have done – the fact remains, unobscured – you have successfully guided our beloved America through the depths of depression, neither denying nor destroying whatever was essential, purifying the corrupt and exalting the pure. It is true, the promised land is not reached yet, but most surely it is insight.

In you, Mr. President, we have a man of Divine Vision. You see things whole; issues of life are beheld by you in their true perspectives. All honor to your great soul, and glory to our Eternal Father. In you Democracy finds its highest exponent and most liberal interpreter, not only at home, but abroad also – you have championed the cause of democracy for Czecho-Slovakia,

Poland and heroic Finland. All the world admires you and calls you blessed for your truly American expressions of genuine practical sympathies. You have shown that American ideals are of universal application and bigger than castes, colors and creeds, they embody the truths of human existence and are meant for all mankind. All men must be given a chance to govern themselves and their own countries by the truths of their own lives for the individual and collective good of their nations.

America rightly condemns all “isms”, be it greedy and corrupt capitalism, bloody bolshevism, nasty nazi – ism or foul fascism – they are at best impositions on the people – not born of their own free self-determination, but foisted on them by dictatorial rulers; they shall fail in the long run to bring progressive peace and prosperity to their respective nations.

Mr. President, I have the rare honor and blessed privilege of being born in the Sikh community of the great Indian nation, and have the still greater privilege of being an American citizen. It is natural for me to feel for the woes of a nation that bore me in its womb. For two hundred years the Indian people have been ruthlessly, barbarously kept down by British Imperialism. Grinding poverty, appalling illiteracy are the fruits of an imperialism which has destroyed the ancient industries and crafts of a great people, and deliberately and wantonly withheld education from the masses. They, the Indian people, have prayed for unity, education, freedom, and industry and have been kept purposely divided in the interests of the ruling race.

After decades of strenuous struggles, paying bitterly in sufferings, sorrows and humiliations untold, the Indian people have steeled themselves against brutish, British imperialism, and are demanding the right to govern themselves, unmolested from without. Indian problems, after all, will have to be solved by Indians themselves. The British seem to be more anxious for the Welfare of the Moslem minority or the piratical Maharajas – who are their playthings – than the native sons themselves. This is hypocritical and is meant to play one party against the other.

Indian National Congress is composed of the representatives of all the people of India, Moslems included. They are demanding Dominion status, and the right to calling in of the Parliament of the People of Free India to determine the form of government and frame the Constitution thereof.

Indian Constitution must be framed by the Indian nation and not by the outsiders. Congress and Mahatma Gandhi – the saintly lover of truth and humanity – are non-violent and using passive resistance and moral pressure to achieve their ends. Mr. President, unless humanity is to sink into barbarism, peaceful methods and reason must be preferred over bloodshed and brute force. Justice must prevail.

The British champion the liberties of small nations in Europe, but persist in keeping India under their heels and denying her the rights which they would never consent to part with themselves. Their brand of “democracy” is only for the few countries in Europe whose total population does not exceed the population of

one Indian province. If the spread of democracy be the true aim, why should they not make a restitution of what they have robbed of India – her right to be ruled by her own citizens?

In India, Mr. President, is not given her birthright through peaceful and just means – she will have to secure it ultimately by all means and methods, be they fair or foul. She must live and take her rightful place in the galaxy of great nations. Peaceful solutions will unite the East and the West into mutual understanding and free comradeship, and our humanity will advance towards higher goals.

Will you, noble soul, the beloved head of our revered America, upholder of her highest traditions, take the initiative in the name of humanity and justice to call upon Britain to be fair-minded and give the people of India the right to determine their own future and form of government best suited to the genius of that noble nation? You will be earning the heartfelt devotion and blessings of all those who struggle to free and unite our humanity in bonds of brotherhood and service – “A stitch in time saves nine”. Mr. President, America alone can be instrumental in successfully interceding on behalf of struggling, suffering Indian humanity. I beg of you, as the head of our democratic America, to use your great office and genius for immediate understanding and conclusion of a pact guaranteeing the integrity and independence of India – between Britain and India.

Long live democracy, America, and you, beloved President of our truly great people!

With sincerest blessings, love and peace profound for you.

Radiantly yours,

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