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New Delhi 20 Dec 1966

Dear Mr. Poage,

The following para has direct relevance with your visit to India:

Mr. VIVEK in his book titled "INDIA WITHOUT ILLUSIONS" published by New Book Co Ltd.,

Hornley Rd, Bombay wrote date lined <u>2 May 1951</u> about the Food situation under the caption: "Rhetoric and cruel Facts" – Page 181:

'It is difficult to restrain indignation when one reads that the Prime Minister (then Jouwahar Lal) has stated recently that he proposes to beat the problem of food 'Threatening the country's freedom and future on a war basis.' Time and again have we been assured that food production was improving, the economic situation was in hand, conditions were getting better; prices would be reduced. These assurances have proved entirely unfounded. In their light it would not be unfair to regard the Prime Minister's statement as more rhetoric. The politician speaks; the applause is thunderous; he already feels the flush of achievement; is it necessary to do anything more? And so we live from speech to speech, while the food situation deteriorates and economic conditions grow worse.'

Mr. Poage, this was written nearly 16 years ago and since then the country has fed on the Ministers' promises. Thus the people, we, find ourselves helpless & in the grip of a going of power hungry rascals who have entrenched themselves firmly in power and still call it a Democratic govt. They boast of universal franchise. Did somebody not say the other day that "Universal franchise without universal education is a shame and nothing to boast of?"

Mr. Poage, I hope even through the <u>conducted</u> tour as if you were in a Communist country, you will see the quality of India's govt. and leadership. What they need is a kick to wake them out of slumber & complacency. God has placed you in a unique role to recommend this action to the President of the USA on your return to the States. Who else can be [??] friend of Indian PEOPLE?

God bless and wishing you well[?].

Yours a disillusioned Indian.