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CABINET SECRETARIAT

New Delhi, the 27th February, 1961.

The undersigned is directed to forward, for the information of the Members of the Cabinet, the following extract from a minute, dated February 26, 1961, recorded by the Prime Minister:-

"In view of the continued serious illness of the Home Minister, Shri Govind Ballabh Pant, it is necessary for his work to be carried on by some other Minister. I have, therefore, asked the Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, to act as Home Minister during the illness of Shri Govind Ballabh Pant. He has kindly agreed to do so.

2. During this period of Shri Govind Ballabh Pant's illness, or till I issue further instructions in this matter, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri will not be able to give any time to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. He may, however, continue to be formally in charge of that Ministry till other arrangements are considered necessary. But I am asking him to divide the work of the Commerce & Industry Ministry between the two Ministers of State in that Ministry, namely Shri Nityanand Kanungo and Shri Mamubhai Shah. If any special occasion arises, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri may be consulted by them in regard to their work. Otherwise, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri's work will be mainly concerned with the Home Ministry."

B. G. Rau
(B. G. Rau)
Joint Secretary to the Cabinet.

To

All Members of the Cabinet.

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D. P. Chopra
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Under Secretary to the Cabinet.

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New Delhi, February 27, 1961.

MEMORANDUM

The undersigned is directed to inform Members of the Council of Ministers that, in view of the continued serious illness of Shri Govind Ballabh Pant, Minister of Home Affairs, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, Minister of Commerce & Industry, will hold charge of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

B.G. Rau

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Joint Secretary to the Cabinet.

To

All Members of the Council of Ministers.

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D.P. Chopra

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Under Secretary to the Cabinet.