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To Mahatma Gandhi

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...You know that there is going to be an Inter-Asian Relations Conference in the last week of March in Delhi. This Conference has assumed an unusual importance and it is going to be very representative indeed. Almost every country of Asia from the west to the east and south, including the Arab countries, Tibet, Mongolia and the countries of South-East Asia as well as the Asian Republics of the Soviet Union, will be represented by leading men. That is going to be a unique event in history. Because of this, various European and American Governments are taking an interest in this and are even rather apprehensive because they fear the development of an Asian bloc. There is no such idea in our minds, but undoubtedly we want the countries of Asia to cooperate with each other.

I do not usually trouble you about attending any function. I do feel, however, that your presence at this Inter-Asian Relations Conference would be valuable and greatly appreciated by the people who come here from abroad. It is at all possible for you to be here then, I hope you will come. The Conference begins on March 23rd and is likely to last from ten days to a fortnight.

2- Telegram to Tibetan Government¹

My Colleagues and I most grateful for your kind message². We look forward with confidence to the continuance and strengthening of the close and cordial relations which have existed between our two countries since ancient times.

¹ External Affairs Department File No. 1(39)-NEF/46, Serial No. 3, National Archives of India

² In its telegram of 12 October 1946, the Tibetan Government sent its congratulations on the formation of the Interim Government.