28th August 1970

My dear Goenka,

This is in reply to your letters 6-7-70 and 20-8-70. I could not write letters for some time as I had to extract the last molar tooth on the upper right and had also to treat the adjacent tooth which has a big cavity causing pain all over the face...

... After the reign of King Ashoka, Buddha dhamma was on the wane in Majjhima Desa. When we come to realize that YOU are the first to revive Vipassana meditation in India after a lapse of over 2000 years to give practical and concrete results, we cannot help feeling that we are doing a very great work to pay the debt of gratitude to Buddha ...

... the case referred to in your letter of 20/8 is a delicate one which calls for close attention for at least three courses...

... With kindest regards, Ba Khin (Sayagyi U Ba Khin)