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*To dear Godfrey,*

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The Political Adviser has noted, in the "Fortnightly Report on States in Political Relationship with H.E. the Governor of Assam for the latter half of November 1946", the suggestion made by H.E. to H.H. the Maharaja of Manipur that he should appoint Mr. Guha to represent Manipur jointly with Sikkim and the Khasi States. It is presumed that the functions of any such representative, if appointed, will be to bring the particular interests of these States to the notice of the States' Negotiating Committee. The method of selection of States' representatives to the Constituent Assembly has, of course, to be determined in consultation with the British India portion of the Constituent Assembly.

The Political Adviser thinks that H.E. will be interested to see the enclosed extract from a Note which he sent recently to H.H. the Chancellor. The problem of Manipur's future is a particular problem with which the Constituent Assembly will have to deal, it seems, either through the Advisory Committee or by a joint ad hoc Committee; and the States' Negotiating Committee would, it is thought, be the most suitable body for determining, in consultation with the corresponding Committee which is being set up by the British Indian portion of the Constituent Assembly, the appropriate forum for discussion of the problem. These questions however fall to be decided in the Constituent Assembly



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and it is impossible to say what procedure that  
Assembly will agree to adopt.

*Yours sincerely*  
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