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* Field Marshal Viscount Wavell to Mr. Amery

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970-S. Superintendent series. Ambedkar Srivastava and Khare have this morning submitted joint note@ protesting against proposed equality for caste Hindus and Moslems and asserting that the proposals approved by His Majesty's Government are unfair both to Hindus and to the Scheduled Castes. They consider that caste Hindus should have a majority over Moslems and that Scheduled Castes should have more than one member. They ask that their views be communicated to His Majesty's Government.

2. The short answer is that the proposals approved by His Majesty's Government are for an interim arrangement only and that the main object at present is to get the parties to work together. I see no reason to modify views already expressed in my official telegrams.

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*The Transfer of Power, Vol. V, No. 482, p. 1094.

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