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To my Dear Friends of Western Essequibo,

Since the shocking events of early October when the rights of Guianese were so ruthlessly taken away, I have had uppermost in my thoughts the desire to see each and every one of you. However, due to the fact that our leaders Dr. Jagan and Mr. Burnham had to leave British Guiana to represent our case abroad, and since the unjust act of detaining the five leaders of the Party at Atkinson Field, I have been forced to remain in Georgetown to carry out the many duties involved in my function as Secretary of the People's Progressive Party.

I had, however, found a few days free in which I had intended to visit the Coast, and had made bookings at T & H D to travel to Essequibo on December 15th. My arrest on the 13th and the subsequent trial forced me to change my plans.

There were many matters which you put to me which were left unfinished when the suspension of the Constitution occurred. I had hoped to complete my representation of these problems but unfortunately, the police, in their raids, seized all my papers dealing with my Constituency. These matters will have to rest until the Police have the courtesy to return my Constituency file.

Therefore, I appeal to all my good friends and supporters who are anxious to see me, to understand that at the present moment it might not be possible for me to pay you a visit. I promise that as soon as it is practical, I shall go to my former constituency and visit you, from village to village. In the meantime, I wish to extend my thanks to all of you who have stood by myself and Party in this period of hardship and repression and wish everyone of you the best of 1954.

Yours very sincerely,  
JANET JAGAN.