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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

FROM:

LYNN MAY

SUBJECT:

Summer Olympic Games in Montreal.

As the attached articles indicate, there is a real possibility that there will be no official Olympic Games at Montreal this month. If the International Olympic Committee withdraws the rights to the Games, it is very likely that the U.S. Olympic Committee will decide not to send our team to unsanctioned and unofficial games at Montreal.

The President is currently scheduled to go to Plattsburgh, New York, on the 10th to wish the U.S. team well before it goes into Canada.

I have asked the National Security Council to take up this matter with the State Department to discern in conversation with Canadian officials what the next steps are. I will keep you informed.

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cc: Jim Cavanaugh cc: Bill Nicholson

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT:

Funding for Lake Placid Games.

The President requested that an article from the Lake Placid News regarding Federal funding for the 1980 Winter Olympic Games be sent to Jim Cannon for comment.

The current situation regarding the funding is as follows:

The House passed Congressman McEwen's bill for a little over \$49 million (including provision for housing for athletes). The Senate passed the Administration's bill for \$28 million which only funds the construction of permanent sports facilities. Since there is a good chance that the Senate will cave when the bill goes to conference late this month or early next, OMB and the Domestic Council have been examining the idea put forth by Congressman McEwen for the refurbishing of a former New York State Drug Treatment Center at Raybrook to house Olympic athletes and then be utilized as a Federal Youth Correctional Center. This would provide for adequate housing for the athletes but would not establish an iron-clad precedent of Federal funding for Olympic housing for future games, since the facility would revert to Federal use at the end of the games in 1980.

Dan Kearney and I plan to collaborate on a memorandum to the President outlining the situation when the Bureau of Prisons determines whether or not it wants the facility at Raybrook.

cc: Jim Cannon

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tee said his group would "do whatever the IOC tells us to do" concerning the admission of a Taiwan team competing under the name of the Republic of China.

HOWEVER, a committee spokesman said the matter involved the Canadian external affairs department and not the Games committee. No other Olympic officials in Montreal would comment on the situation.

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Meanwhile, the government of Kenya presented more headaches for the already troubled Olympics. Kenya said that it will pull out of the Games if the dispute over New Zealand's participation is not resolved before competition starts.

African countries are

angry over a New Zealand rugby tour of South Africa that followed riots last month in which more than 170 blacks were killed. The president of Uganda, Idi Amin, also has urged his Olympic team not to participate if New Zealand is allowed to take part.

Canada Bans Taiwan Team

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, July 1 (AP)—With the opening of the Montreal Games nearly two weeks away, a sharp dispute surfaced today between Canada and the International Olympic Committee over the admission of a team from Nationalist China.

The I.O.C. announced that the Canadian Government had sent official word last week that it would refuse to allow a Taiwanese team of the "Republic of China" to participate under that name or to show the Nationalist Chinese flag.

In an exchange of letters made public here, the president, Lord Killanin, charged that Canada's decision was "in complete conflict" with Olympic rules and principles forbidding discrimination on grounds of race, religion or political affiliation.

'Breach of Conditions'

He also charged a "breach of conditions" under which Montreal was allocated the Games, noting that the Montreal organizers had invited the "Republic of China" committee along with all other national committees.

"During the period of the Games," he said, "the International Olympic Committee is the supreme authority.

"Since Hitler endeavored to interfere in the Berlin Olympic Games . . . 1any actions which would include the nomenclature of Olympic committees, flags and anthems are the prerogative of the I.O.C. and the national Olympic committees."

The Canadian decision, taken under prodding from Peking, was disclosed in a May 28 letter to Killanin from Mitchell Sharp, Acting Secretary of State in Canada.

Sharp said the Canadian Government "discourages all official contact with the "Republic of China" to avoid compromising its official ties with Communist China made in 1970.

He said the Peking Government had formally requested that the Canadian Government deny entry to all Taiwanese Olympic participants, but he said Canada would accept Taiwanese athletes if they did not use a team designation that includes the word "China" or display the Nationalist Chinese flag.

Decision Shocks Miller

Don Miller, executive director of the United States Olympic Committee, said Thursday in New York that he was "shocked" upon learning of Canada's decision on Taiwan.

"Taiwan is a member in good standing with the International Olympic Committee and has done nothing to merit this alleged action by the Canadian Government," he said. "Politics should be kept out of the Olympic Games."

Kenya Threatens Pullout

NAIROBI, Kenya, July 1 (AP) — Kenya will pull out of the Olympics if the dispute over New Zealand's participation is not resolved before competition starts, Isaac Lugonzo, chairman of the National Sports Council, said today.

African countries are angry over a New Zealand rugby tour of South Africa that followed riots last month in which more than 170 blacks were killed.

The President of Uganda, Idi Amin, also has urged his Olympic team not to participate if New Zealand is allowed to take part.

IOC Threatens Games

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, July 1 (UPI)—The International Olympic Committee threatened today to remove its name from Montreal's summer games and withhold all medal awards because of Canada's refusal to permit athletes from Taiwan to enter the country.

The IOC charged Canada with a breach of "the fundamental Olympic principles."

A prepared statement, issued at the IOC's Lake Geneva Chateau de Vidy headquarters, said Mitchell Sharp, Canada's acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, had advised the IOC that "under no circumstances would the National Olympic Committee of the Republic of China (Taiwan) be allowed entry into Canada ... in view of the political situation prevailing in Canada and the fact that the Canadian government now

recognizes the People's Republic of China."

Taiwan athletes are scheduled to take part in track and field, boxing, cycling, judo, swimming, pentathlon, equestrian, shooting, yachting and archery in the games, scheduled July 17-Aug. 1.

The IOC told Sharp the ban "was in direct conflict of the fundamental Olympic principles (that) no discrimination is allowed against any country or person on the grounds of race, religion or political affiliation."

"The biggest threat we can make is to withdraw the name 'Olympic' from the Montreal games," said an IOC spokesman. "They would thus simply be called 'the Montreal Games.' The IOC could also decide to ban the awarding of medals, or not to have an Olympic ceremony," the spokesman said.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- SEN. BARRY M. GOLOWATER TODAY URGED THE UNITED STATES TO WITHDRAW FROM THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN MONTREAL IF CANADA DOES NOT DROP ITS OPPOSITION TO TAIWAN PARTICIPATING UNDER A REPUBLIC OF CHINA BRNNER.

GOLDWATER CALLED CANADA'S ACTION A "STUPID ATTITUDE ... TO CURRY FAVOR WITH COMMUNIST CHINA."

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED BY HIS OFFICE, THE ARIZONA REPUBLICAN URGED THE UNITED STATES TO END ALL SUPPORT FOR THE GAMES IF CANADA DOES NOT REVERSE ITS POSITION.

THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE BOARD HAS CAPITULATED TO CANADA'S DEMANDS AND ORDERED THE GAMES TO CONTINUE WITHOUT TAIWAN'S REPRESENTATION. CANADA REFUSED TO ALLOW TAIWAN ATHLETES TO PARTICIPATE IF THEY DID SO UNDER A REPUBLIC OF CHINA DESIGNATION.

"THE OLYMPIC GAMES HISTORICALLY AND TRADITIONALLY HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AS A TEST OF THE ATHLETES OF THE WORLD -- NOT THE COUNTRIES OF THE NORLD," GOLDWATER SAID. "IT RUNS DIRECTLY COUNTER TO THIS TRADITION AND THIS HISTORY WHEN A HOST COUNTRY INJECTS INTERNATIONAL POLITICS INTO ITS RULES."

THE TRINANESE, THEY WILL BE TAKING A SLAP AT ONE OF THE NATION'S MOST FAITHFUL ALLIES.

THIS ENTIRE SITUATION DOES A GRAVE DISSERVICE TO THE ATHLETES AND THE SPIRIT OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES," HE SAID. "IN EFFECT IT SAYS THAT ATHLETES WITHOUT THE PROPER POLITICAL COLORATION ARE UNWORTHY TO COMPETE."

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Canada Is Wrong on Olympic Question (By Howard K. Smith, ABC)

My favorite foreigners are the Canadians, who share with us the longest, undefended border on the world map. But something disgraceful is happening in Canada which calls for neglecting this convention a moment, and commenting on it.

Canada, the scene of the Olympics to begin next week, has on her own, forbidden Taiwan's 42-person team from entering the country if it calls itself the Republic of China. Canada is afraid of offending Red China.

The action is unprecedented and it is unlawful. Only the International Olympic Committee decides participants. Canada is merely the temporary locale. The Olympic Committee has fought for Taiwan's entry, but it's being blackmailed. If it insists, Canada may call off the Olympics, blighting the dreams of thousands of young athletes who may never have that chance again. There's absolutely nothing unusual about two teams claiming to represent the same country. We have the two republics of Germany taking part; only one -- the undemocratic one -- calls itself the Democratic Republic of Germany.

Canada is bluntly turning the Olympics into an instrument of Canada's political foreign policy. Now whenever American athletes have injected politics into the Olympics, we have promptly disqualified them. If Canada insists upon this obsequious, cowardly, illegal exclusion of Taiwan, we should disqualify her and withdraw from the Olympics for an action whose worse epithat is it is un-Canadian, wholly out of character with the fair-minded, courageous, admirable people, whose neighbor we have so long been proud to be. ABC -- (7/13/76)

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INFORMATION

DATE: 7/13/76

TO:	Jim Cannon			
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FROM:	TANK WAX			

Comments:

Per your request. Background on Col. Don Miller.

us, Congressman Norman Y. Mineta. We do know that unable to
 join us today are Mr. Lamar Hunt, due to illness, Miss Willye
 White, because of a conflict of -- not interest but problems - Senator Ball, from Maryland, could not be with us, Senator
 Culver, of Iowa, could not be with us, and Congressman Metcalfe,
 of Illinois, who has other problems at hand right now.

7 I would, before we enter into the proceedings of
8 this afternoon's program, like to express thanks to Whammo
9 Frisbees, R. E. and S. Swimsuits, and Twentieth-Century-Fox,
10 for bosting various functions for the Commission while they are
11 here in Los Angeles.

Now, let me mention that on my right is Executive 12 Director of the Commission, Michael Harrigan -- "Mike" we call 13 him -- and on my left is Jack McCahill, Chief Counsel, who will 14 lay the ground rules for this hearing. Just before he does 15 that, I want to remind the participants, the ladies and gentle-16 men both on the stand and on the Commission, to speak into the 17 microphone. We want to make sure also that you know that the 18 microphone you are using is not turned to the side. If you will 19 lay the ground rules, Jack, then we will introduce the first 20 speaker. 21

22 Mr. Pat Sullivan will introduce our first witness 23 this afternoon.

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24 MR. SULLIVAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of 25 the Commission, Mr. Harrigan, Mr. McCahill. Colonel F. Donald

Miller, U.S.A. Retired, joined the U.S. Olympic Committee in 1 1969, after serving in the United States Army for 27 years. 2 After graduating from the University of Wisconsin and serving 3 in World War II as a company commander in the combat infantry A in Europe, Colonel Miller was assigned to the Army sports pro-5 gram and served at all levels of command, including the 6 Department of the Army. In 1949, as the senior sports instruc-7 tor of the Army Special Services Schools in Fort Monmouth, 8 New Jersey, he authored the first Army sports manual, delin-9 eating the organization and administration of the overall 10 sports program for the United States Army. 11

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In the Department of the Army, he was also liaison 12 representative with all national sports organizations. Also, 13 he was the representative of the U. S. Army in the official 14 U.S.A. delegation to the 1967 Pan American Games in Winnepeg, 15 and again, for the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexicc. In 1967 and 16 1968, Colonel Miller was chairman of the Inter-Service Sports 17 Council governing the policies for inter-service competitions 18 between the services, and also was chief of the United States 19 delegation in 1967 and '68 to the Council of International 20 Sport Militaire, World Military Sports Organization with 40 21 members governing sports competition among the members of the 22 armed services of the free world. 23

24At the time of his retirement from the Army, Colonel25Miller was a director of Army Education and Morale Support

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Directorate, which also made him chief of all Army sports
 programs. He was also charged with the administration of the
 Army non-appropriated funds, handling annual expenditures of
 multi-millions of dollars.

As I have stated, Colonel Miller was employed by the USOC in 1969 and was appointed assistant executive director and director of fund raising prior to his election as executive director of the U. S. Olympic Committee, in February 1973. Colonel Miller.

COLONEI. MILLER: Thank you very much, Pat. Chairman 10 Zornow, ladies and gentlemen of the President's Commission on 11 Olympic Sports, it is a privilege for me to have this oppor-12 tunity to appear before this distinguished Commission and 13 discuss some fundamental considerations in attaining our 14 common goal of enhancing amateur sports in the United States. 15 We are confident that our objectives are similar in providing 16 every American an opportunity to participate in an amateur 17 sport of their choice, culminating, if desired and qualified, 18 in representing the United States in international competition 19 at no financial hardship. 20

After studying the transcripts of the Commission's initial hearings in September and attending the hearings in November, I have nothing but the utmost of compassion for the members of this Commission in their role as objective seekers of fact. Some of the testimony concentrated on the individual s

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Q IRon, may I have your reaction there to the Philippines establishing diplomatic relations with Vietnam and Thailand, as reported?

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MR. NESSEN: I don't have any comment on the establishment.

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Q In that connection, then, has the Administration satisfied itself yet that any steps are being taken on the MIAs that would encourage normalization relations between the U.S. and Vietnam?

MR. NESSEN: I think you know that there has been some communication back and forth but no progress to report.

Anything to report on the IOC?

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MR. NESSEN: Well, I would only say this, John: My understanding is that the IOC is meeting this afternoon at 2 o'clock to consider the Executive Committee decision of yesterday. I would say that the American position or the White House position is that politics have no place in the Olympic Games; that we believe the Olympics are a storting event; that the participants in the Games should be determined by the International Olympic Committee.

The role of the host country is solely to provide facilities for the Games and the host country should not stipulate political or other considerations for participation in the Games.

Q Has the President relayed this feeling to Trudeau or anyone else in the Canadian Government?

MR. NESSEN: There has not been any direct contact with the Canadian Government.

Q Ron, based on this attitude at the White House, it seemed to me that the President is at this point -- if it continues -- of the to recommend that the U.S. team not participate.

MR. NESSEN: Phil, I just don't want to project that far ahead. The IOC is meeting today. The President still hopes that this will be resolved in a way that athletes can compete freely without their participation being determined on political grounds. 2

- Q Ron, does the President have any reply to the charge by the External Affairs Minister of Canada that the President has engaged in political interference because of your comments yesterday?

MR. NESSEN: The President does not have any response to that, no.

Q Do you have any?

MR. NESSEN: No.

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Q Will you explain why he threatened Tom DeFrank last night? (Laughter)

MR. NESSEN: I think it was a joke. (Laughter)

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Q Why did one of the President's guests refer to all of the reporting pool as lizards? (Laughter)

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MR. NESSEN: Which guest was that?

Q A fellow journalist from Los Angeles, some hack. (Laughter)

Q Ron, anything new about the Olympic games?

MR. NESSEN: No, we don't have anything new on the games. The President is keeping up with developments or is being kept informed of the developments by Jim Cannon, who is the staff member assigned to follow this matter but as of now there is nothing new. I think what is awaited now is a decision from Taiwan whether to compete under the conditions imposed.

Q Ron, does the President feel that Taiwan should, that this is a reasonable compromise?

MR. NESSEN: The President feels that the International Olympic Committee is the one who should determine eligibility for the games and that the host country has no role in imposing conditions, political conditions or any other kind of conditions, on the participation of the athletes in these games, and that is his view.

Q Ron, I saw a story this morning that said that this compromise under which the Taiwan team would appear under the Olympic banner without any name, that it had the blessing of the Americans, and I assume that means the American Olympic delegation and not President Ford.

MR. NESSEN: As you know, the United States Olympic Committee is totally independent of the United States Government. Not only that, but further complicating the matter is that the United States representatives on the International Olympic Committee are different from the officials of the United States Olympic Committee.

Now, I understand that Mr. Krumm has said that he never said that this compromise had the blessing or was urged upon them and so forth. It is not my role to talk about that here. The President has no direct role in either the U.S. Olympic Committee or the International Olympic Committee, and I know for a fact that this has not been urged on the Taiwanese by the United States Government.

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MR. NESSEN: Well, there was no opportunity to watch last night because he was at the All Star Game.

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MR. NESSEN: I don't know how his dinner is going to affect the TV watching or exactly what his plans are, but I will check and find out after the fact.

Let me go back to the medical examination which lasted 40 minutes. Dr. Lukash was aided by a hospital corpsman and a nurse and these are people who are regularly assigned to his office. There was no other doctor present.

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MR. NESSEN: It is over on the ground floor of the Residence.

Q Ron, about the Olympics, does the President feel that his activity in this matter is limited just to making statements and advising, giving his views?

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Q Ron, there have been several flights by U.S. Navy planes into Kenya in the last couple of days. Officials at the Pentagon say privately that apparently this is to demonstrate United States support for Kenya. in its dispute with Uganda. Has the President discussed this with the Secretary of State or does he have any statement on that or could you elaborate on that somewhat for us? That is all we have at this time.

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MR. NESSEN: I would not want to elaborate on what the Pentagon or the State Department has said about the -- I don't know what you mean by flights in and out of there. I understand there has been a visit by one patrol plane.

Q Two, now.

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MR. NESSEN: I would not want to elaborate on what they said at the Pentagon.

Q Do you know, has the President talked with the Secretary of State about this?

MR. NESSEN: I don't know whether he has talked to him specifically about that or not.

Q What are we trying to accomplish by this? What is the purpose?

MR. NESSEN: I think I will leave the description of that mission up to the Pentagon.

Q Did the President meet with CIA Director Bush this morning?

MR. NESSEN: He meets with him once or twice a week.I don't know if this morning was the morning or not. I don't think so. I didn't see him here. He does have a meeting once or twice a week, a regular meeting.

Q Does Bush normally bring anyone with him?

MR. NESSEN: Who, George? He is normally alone, with Brent Scowcroft. Do you mean alone from the CIA?

Q Yes.

MR. NESSEN: No, he normally is the only one that comes from the CIA.

Q Did he have such a meeting today with the staff?

MR. NESSEN: No, today was not the day for him to have his meeting.

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MR. CARLSON: But he was in the building for some reason:

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MR. NESSEN: Was he?

Q What is the President filming today?

Q What did you say, John? He was in the building with other members of his staff from the CIA?

MR. CARLSON: He was seen in the building. He did not see the President.

MR. NESSEN: I didn't see him today.

Q Who did he meet with?

MR. NESSEN: I assume he met with Brent.

The filming today is a number of short messages. You know, when the President is not able to accept invitations to various events, dinners and so forth, he sometimes sends a filmed message and he is filming four of those today. I didn't bring the list out here with me, but it is clubs and organizations that ask him to come and speak and he is not able to so he sends them a message on film.

Q There is nothing on his schedule this afternoon? He is tied up with that all afternoon?

MR. NESSEN: No, no, that is only taking I think --

Q Who is supervising the filming of these messages?

MR. NESSEN: What do you mean who is supervising the filming of these messages?

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MR. NESSEN: I have to check, Phil. I don't

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Q Is Mr. Mead still on the payroll?

MR. NESSEN: Oh, yes. I mentioned yesterday that he was until August 8.

Q Ron, to go back to that Olympic Games situation, has the President or anyone on his staff had communication on this problem with members of what used to be called the China lobby and I mean by that Senator Hiram Fong or Anna Chennault or anyone?

MR. NESSEN: No, to my knowledge they have not been in contact with the White House, Bob.

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MR. NESSEN: I don't think he is meddling in it. I think it is a matter of principle, certainly. It is a very important matter of principle and the President believes it is a matter of principle. As I think I said earlier in the week, it is not only a matter of principle, but it is a very important precedent, especially when you consider that the 1980 games will be in Moscow. If you accept, which the President does not, the idea that the host country can impose political qualifications on who may compete -- think ahead of what that could mean in 1980.

So, that is why the President feels it is important to make his views known and to continue to make them known depending on what happens next. So, I can assure you that he will not step aside and shrug off this, but will let you know as each development comes up how he feels about it.

Q Is there anything he can practically do except make a recommendation to the U.S. Olympic Committee? You started to talk about a number of -- I assume you were going to say a number of options, and you changed that. Is there practically anything else he can do except advise them?

MR. NESSEN: I think I will just leave it right there, Ralph, until we see what happens next.

Q You are implying that he could ask the team not to participate?

MR. NESSEN: I am going to let you make your own interpretation.

Q The President's major concern is this principle of whether a host country could dictate the political or other conditions with a view toward 1980 when the games are going to be held in Moscow?

MR. NESSEN: With a view to 1976 and the precedent that it sets for the future, sure.

Q But is suggesting the withdrawal of American athletes an option that is under his consideration?

MR. NESSEN: I said that the President is considering what statement or what position to take next, depending on what happens and I think I will just leave it there for the moment, Aldo.

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Q You are not ruling that out?

MR. NESSEN: I am just going to leave it right there.

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Q Ron, what exactly is the U.S. proposing to be done about international terrorism?

MR. NESSEN: I think Ambassador Scranton outlined the American position on international terrorism the other night in his statement at the Security Council debate concerning the raid into Uganda.

Q Ron, in the U.N. there has been some mention by the Israelis of threats against the Ugandan government, against Britishers who were living in Uganda, et cetera, and nationals of people who were defending the Israelis on the U.N. line. Has there been any threat against Americans, that we know of?

MR. NESSEN: In Uganda?

Q Yes, any reprisal for resisting them?

MR. NESSEN: Not that I have heard of.

Q What is the President planning to discuss with Chancellor Schmidt?

MR. NESSEN: I will have to bring you up to date on the possible agenda items and so forth. I didn't bring my paper out with me on that subject.

Q What is the schedule for the meeting with Schmidt? Do you have that?

MR. NESSEN: 10:30, arrival and South Lawn ceremony.

Q There was a time when the Germans held a counterview to a lot of the industrial nations which was that they were terribly concerned about inflation and felt some other countries were not. Did the Germans sort of view us as their particular ally in the fight against inflation?

MR. NESSEN: I don't know what you mean by that, John, exactly.

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"NE CAN'T NAKE ANY DECISION UNTIL THE IDE MAKES A FINAL DECISION ON THE MATTER," SAID ROBERT KANE, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE USOC. "IT IS NOT INCONCEIVABLE THAT THAT (WITHDRAWAL) COULD HAPPEN BUT WE CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO PULL OUT. AFTER ALL, ALL OUR ATHLETES ARE HERE AND ARE READY TO COMPETE."

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"PRESIDENT FORD IS INTERESTED, OF COURSE," KANE SAID. "BUT HE HAS NOT TOLD US WHAT KIND OF DECISION WE SHOULD MAKE. HE HAS TOLD US IT IS UP TO US."

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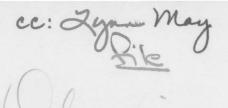
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WASHINGTON

July 23, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BRENT SCOWCROFT

I would greatly appreciate your providing me with a status report on the attached.

Many thanks.

FROM:

WWA cc: Dick Cheney Jim Cannon illes

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July 16, 1976

Dear Senator:

This will acknowledge receipt and thank you for your July 14 telegram to the President expressing your concern over reports that the Soviet Union is endeavoring to have press credentials withheld from Radio Free Europe.

Please be assured your message was called promptly to the President's attention upon receipt.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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William T. Kendall Deputy Assistant to the President

The Honorable James L. Euckley United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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THE SOVIET UNION IS ONCE AGAIN BRINGING PRESSURES TO BEAR ON THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO DENY PRESS CREDENTIALS TO RADIO FREE EUROPE. I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO PROTEST THIS DISTORTION OF THE SPIRIT OF THE GAMES.

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OF RADIO FREE EUROPE AND TO CONVERT THE OLYMPIC GAMES INTO AN INSTRUMENT OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 26, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

FROM:

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Draft Letter to Philip Krumm

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SUBJECT:

Attached is a draft letter for the President to send to Phil Krumm. I do not think that it is appropriate for the President to send a similar note to Colonel Miller, since he is an employee of the Committee, but either the President or you could send a brief note thanking him for his help. I have also attached a suggested note to Colonel () both at 1 on drawy " Attachment 2) the dropt walker with Attachment 2) the dropt walker with San we thak in drive Miller.

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Dear Mr. Krumm:

I appreciate the efforts that you and other members of the United States Olympic Committee made to resolve the issue of the Republic of China's participation in the XXI Olympiad. I am aware that you worked long hours to attempt to reach a satisfactory solution for all the parties involved.

While I am pleased that the American Team is competing and doing so well in the Olympics, I am very concerned that international political considerations are endangering the existence of the Games.

United States algerpic Committee and

I urge you to do all that you can to work through the M International Olympic Committee to eliminate political interference in the Games. I especially urge you to ensure that countries which host future Olympics are not allowed to place qualifications on the participation of the Olympic Somethies of other nations for political reasons.

-2and you colleagues Once again, I thank you for your and the bioms in this

matter and I pledge my support to your efforts to motest

Very truly yours,

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Dear Colonel Miller:

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Jim Cannon has told me of your help and cooperation during the negotiations concerning the Republic of China within the International Olympic Committee. I want you to know that I appreciate your assistance very much.

Yours truly,

GRF

Colonel F. Donald Miller, Executive Director United States Olympic Committee Olympic House 57 Park Avenue New York, New York 10016



July 31, 1976

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Michael T. Harrigan

Dear Sarah:

This includes the entire United States Olympic delegation. Athletes, coaches, officials, trainers, doctors, etc. - all are included. The only omission is Mr. Douglas Roby, United States member of the International Olympic Committee.

I think it will be impossible to obtain date of birth, social security number and place of birth in time and I suggest strongly that you waive the national security check in this instance.

The members of the President's Commission on Olympic Sports are listed on the left hand margin of this stationery and I will inform the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports the date, place, time, etc.

You owe me a drink.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Harrigan