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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON

FROM: JIM CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT: Funding for Lake Placid Games

The attached letter was returned in the President's outbox with the request that it be sent to you for comments.

Please follow-up with appropriate action. For your information we attach a copy of the President's letter of June 8 .

cc: Dick Cheney

Attachment:
Letter from LAKE PLACID NEWS
dated 6/11/76

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 15, 1976

Trudy,

The President gave me this letter.
Please note the paragraph he
marked.

He said to give this to Jim Cannon
to "see what they say."

Will you please handle.

Dorothy



June 11, 1976

The Hon. Gerald R. Ford
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Our staff was delighted to receive your letter of June 8. As parents, my wife and I know the difficulties of keeping up with the adventures of offspring. Your situation must make communication especially difficult.

Some background on the area your son visited: We in the Adirondacks are very fond of our mountains. But two of the high peaks -- Street and Nye -- are pesky. Usually hikers aim to get up and down them quickly. The blowdown is fierce; crawling is often the only way to progress. And while on their knees, even the best of Christians have called upon the Lord in vain. So your son has tackled one of the most trying of training grounds.

As you know, Lake Placid is counting on a visit from you in 1980. We hope you'll try one of our more hospitable mountains -- Whiteface, for example -- before the 1980 Olympics.

Our major concern here centers on the federal funding authorization for the '80 Games (House, \$49,040,000, and Senate, your \$28,000,000 proposal). If you could let this weekly know what your final resolution of the money level will be, we'd be most grateful. It's hard to be the last to publish a story that has so much local impact. That story is one we'd love to break along with your rationale for so doing.

I wish you every success in your candidacy.

Regards,

June 8, 1976

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hale:

You will be interested to know that I have seen a copy of your Thursday, May 27, 1976, edition of The Lake Placid News in which you carried two articles regarding our son's experience of hiking on Street Mountain.

I very much appreciated reading the detailed stories of Mike's trip. You can imagine that Mike never related to us any of the specifics of the trip, and we are grateful to know what happened.

You will find enclosed a check in the amount of \$1.00. I am wondering whether it would be possible to purchase five additional copies of this edition of the paper. If so, would you please send them to the attention of my Personal Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Downton.

Thank you again for your great stories and for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hale
Publishers
The Lake Placid News
Lake Placid, New York 12946

GRF:Downton

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CONNOR
FROM: LYNN MAY *Lynn May*
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