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U. S. PARTICIPATION IN THE OLYMPICS:
RFE AND TAIWAN CONTINGENCIES

Q. What does the President intend to do about the U. S. participation in the upcoming Olympic games in view of Canada's actions with respect to Taiwan and the call by some governments to have Radio Free Europe's accreditation pulled?

A. I believe that State addressed these questions on Friday at their daily briefing as follows:

"The Olympics involve competition between individuals, ~~not nations~~, not nations; and the question of who competes -- which athletes compete -- is a matter for the International Olympic Committee to decide. We do not believe that any ~~political~~ consideration should enter into the decision. So we hope that the matter will be resolved."

"The Senate has passed a resolution on the subject of Radio Free Europe, and we certainly welcome the Senate initiative. We would take a most serious view of any attempt to introduce ~~into the Olympic Games political issues which would interfere with normal coverage by duly accredited media.~~ And we certainly regard Radio Free Europe as a duly accredited medium.

March 10, 1975

SUBJECT:

OLYMPIC SPORTS COMMISSION

The New York Times reported on Saturday that the President has established a commission on Olympic Sports. When was the commission announced?

GUIDANCE: As you know, the President is an avid sports fan and interested in all types of sports. The President has quite often expressed his deep concern with the multitude of problems facing amateur athletics in the United States.

However, at this time, we have nothing to announce. We would expect to have more information available on this within the next two to three weeks.

Why the delay in announcing the commission?

GUIDANCE: I don't know of any delay, and when we have something to announce, you will be the first to know.

JGC