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The President today established by Executive Order the President's Commission on Olympic Sports. The President also announced the appointment of fourteen persons as members to the Commission. In addition, the Speaker of the House has appointed two persons and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate has appointed two persons to the Commission.

The President designated Gerald B. Zornow as Chairman of the Commission.

The members are:

Gerald B. Zornow, of Pittsford, New York, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Eastman Kodak Company. In December of 1974, he received the Gold Medal Award from the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame. He was born in Pittsford, New York, and received his B. A. degree from the University of Rochester in 1937, where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. He is married to the former Betty Dwyer and they have two children.

Donna deVarona, of New York, New York, is currently working in public relations while at the same time pursuing a career as a sports announcer. Prior to her retirement from competitive swimming in 1964, she represented the United States in two Olympic Games, winning two gold medals and establishing nineteen world and national swimming records. Miss deVarona was born in San Diego, California on April 26, 1947. She attended the University of California at Los Angeles where she majored in political science.

W. Michael Elliot, of Durango, Colorado, is the Manager for Planning and Development, Durango Ski Corporation. Mr. Elliot was a six time National Cross Country Ski Champion and was a member of the United States Olympic Committee Athletes Advisory Council. Mr. Elliot was born in Durango, Colorado, on April 3, 1942. He graduated from Fort Lewis College in 1966 and holds an M. S. degree from Colorado State University. He served in the United States Army and was a three time member of the United States Olympic Cross Country Ski Team. He was a two time intercollegiate champion and a N. C. A. A. Post Graduate Scholarship winner.

Barbara Ellen Forker, of Ames, Iowa, is professor and director of Women's Physical Education at Iowa State University. She is the author of numerous articles on women's athletics and physical fitness and has been the recipient of many honors for her work in the field of education. Miss Forker was born in Kendallville, Indiana on August 28, 1928. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1942. She received an M. S. degree from Iowa State University and a Ph. D. from the University of Michigan.

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Jerome H. Holland, of Bronxville, New York, is a consultant to the New York Stock Exchange. Prior to joining the New York Stock Exchange, he was United States Ambassador to Sweden and President of Delaware State College and Hampton Institute. Ambassador Holland was born on January 9, 1916 in Auburn, New York. He graduated from Cornell University, where he was named to the All-America Football Team. He received his M.S. degree from Cornell and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Ambassador Holland is married to the former Laura Mitchell and they have two children.

Lamar Hunt of Dallas, Texas, is President of the Kansas City Chiefs Professional Football Team. He was a co-founder of the American Football League and has been one of the major architects of sports in the last fifteen years through his active participation. Mr. Hunt was born in 1933 and is a graduate from Southern Methodist University. He is married and has three children.

Rafer L. Johnson, of Bakersfield, California, is Vice President-Public Affairs for the Continental Telephone Company of Bakersfield. Prior to joining Continental Telephone Company, Johnson was West Coast Director for the People to People Program; an actor with 20th Century Fox Corporation; and a sports announcer for NBC Television. He participated in the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome and was winner of the Decathlon. Mr. Johnson was born on August 18, 1935 in Hillsboro, Texas. He received his B.A. degree from the University of California at Los Angeles where he lettered in football, baseball, basketball, and track. He was also President of the Associated Student Body. He is Married to the former Elizabeth Ann Thorsen. They have one daughter.

Micki King, of Colorado Springs, Captain in the United States Air Force and Director of Women's Athletics at the United States Air Force Academy and coach of the all-male diving team at the Academy. Miss King has served in the United States Air Force since 1966. Since 1962, when she began competitive diving, Miss King has represented the United States in two Olympic Games and is recipient of a gold medal in the three meter spring board. She has won ten National AAU diving titles. Miss King was born in Pontiac, Michigan on July 26, 1944. She received her degree from the University of Michigan.

Dr. James A. McCain, of Manhattan, Kansas is President of Kansas State University. Prior to becoming President of Kansas State University in 1950, he was President of the University of Montana and served in several capacities at Colorado State University. Dr. McCain has been deeply involved with the problems of intercollegiate athletics and was instrumental in bringing about reforms in college recruitment and aid violations. Dr. McCain was born in York, South Carolina on December 8, 1907. He graduated from Wofford College in 1926 and received his M.A. degree from Duke University and his Ed.D. degree from Stanford University. He also was awarded an LL.D. degree from Wofford College. Dr. McCain is married to the former Janet McLean Henry and they have one daughter.

Howard K. Smith, of the District of Columbia, is a news Commentator and analyst for the American Broadcasting Corporation in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining ABC News in 1962, he was an overseas correspondent with CBS and served in the CBS Washington Bureau from 1957 to 1962. He was born in

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Ferriday, Louisiana, on May 12, 1914 and received his B.A. degree from Tulane University in 1936. He was awarded an LL.D. degree from Tulane in 1955. He was Rhodes Scholar at Merton College in Oxford, England. He is married to the former Benedicte Traberg and they have two children.

William A. Toomey, of Laguna Niguel, California, is a television commentator and marketing consultant in Southern California. He has also served on the National Advisory Council for the Peace Corps; member of the Board of Directors for the United States Olympic Committee. He won the Decathlon event during the 1968 Olympic Games and set a new world record in 1969. He was born on January 10, 1939 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Colorado and holds a M.A. degree from Stanford University. He is married to the former Mary Rand of Great Britain and they have two children.

Dr. Ernest M. Vandeweghe, of Los Angeles, California, is a practicing Pediatrician in Inglewood, California. He is the Physician for the Los Angeles Lakers Basketball Team and a member of the United States Olympic Committee on Basketball. He was born on September 12, 1928, in Montreal, Canada. He received his B.S. degree from Colgate University in 1949. While at Colgate he was a three-time basketball All-American and All-America Soccer selection. He received his M.D. degree from Columbia University Medical School in 1953. He is married to the former Colleen Kay Hutchins and they have four children.

Willye White of Chicago, Illinois, is currently an Administrative Assistant with the Chicago Board of Health and Woman's Track Coach for Chicago State University and the Mayor Daley Youth Foundation. She is the only American woman to be a member of five United States Olympic Teams. She was born in Money, Mississippi, on January 1, 1940. She attended Tennessee State University and is a licensed Practical Nurse in the State of Illinois.

Charles "Bud" Wilkinson, of Norman, Oklahoma, is the Chairman of the Board for Planned Marketing Associates of Dallas, Texas. He was a Special Consultant on physical fitness during the Kennedy Administration. He was football coach at the University of Oklahoma from 1947 to 1964. He was born on April 23, 1916, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1937 and his M.A. degree from the University of Syracuse. While at the University of Minnesota, he was an All-American on the football team. He is married to the former Mary Shifflett and they have two children.

The Commission shall study methods to assure adequate financial support for our Olympic teams and other amateur athletic teams participating in international competitions in the Olympic sports.

The Commission shall also submit two reports of its findings and recommendations to the President. The first is to be submitted five months after the Commission meets for the first time. The second report is to be submitted within seven months after the first report.

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