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FACT SHEET

The President's Commission on Olympic Sports

The President has signed an Executive Order establishing a Commission on Olympic Sports. The President's Commission will study the United States Olympic Committee and amateur sports organizations as they relate to the effectiveness of the United States' effort in international and Olympic competition. Based on these studies, recommendations for an improved structure will be made to the President with suggested actions for constructive change.

BACKGROUND

The Commission will exist for twelve months and will prepare two reports for the President. The first report is due at the end of the fifth month and will present an organizational analysis of the United States Olympic Committee. The second report is due at the end of the twelfth month and will analyze the problems in each Olympic sport.

APPOINTEES

The Commission will be headed by Chairman Gerald B. Zornow. Other private members of the Commission are

Donna de Varona	James A. McCain
W. Michael Elliott	Howard K. Smith
Barbara Forker	Bill Toomey
Jerome H. Holland	Ernie Vandeweghe
Lamar Hunt	Willie White
Rafer Johnson	Charles "Bud" Wilkinson
Micki King	

The President Pro Tempore of the Senate has appointed Senators J. Glenn Beall (R., Md.) and Richard Stone (D., Fla.).

The Speaker of the House has appointed Congressmen Jack Kemp (R., NY) and Norm Mineta (D., Calif.).

OBJECTIVES

- a. Define and eliminate the barriers which limit the opportunity of our athletes to develop their skills in every Olympic sport.
- b. Eliminate the jurisdictional conflicts between amateur sports bodies.

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- c. Devise a selection process which will insure that the best available men and women athletes represent the USA in all international and Olympic competitions in every Olympic sport.
- d. Develop means to increase the resources available - financial and otherwise - for our amateur sports efforts.

FUNDING

The Commission is funded at \$569,000. As reprogrammed funds have been used, the Commission's creation does not conflict with the President's policy against new spending programs.

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