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The Counselor

May 16, 1984

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To: Michael Deaver

From: Ed Derwinski *ED*

Attached are the two cables in connection with my meeting with Soviet Minister-Counselor Isakov on April 27.

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TAGS: PREL, KOLY, UR

SUBJECT: DERWINSKI/ISAKOV MEETING ON OLYMPICS

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SUMMARY: COUNSELOR DERWINSKI CALLED IN SOVIET
MINISTER COUNSELOR TO PRESENT A NON-PAPER REJECTING
SOVIET PUBLIC CHARGES OF US VIOLATIONS OF THE OLYMPIC
CHARTER AND TO REITERATE US POSITIONS ON SEVERAL
OLYMPIC ISSUES. THESE ISSUES INCLUDED VISA
REQUIREMENTS, SECURITY FOR SOVIET PARTICIPANTS, THE

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GRUZIYA PORT CALL IN LONG BEACH, THE AEROFLOT CHARTERS,
AND THE BAN THE SOVIETS COALITION. END SUMMARY

3. COUNSELOR EDWARD DERWINSKI MET WITH SOVIET EMBASSY
MINISTER COUNSELOR ISAKOV APRIL 27 TO ENSURE THAT THERE
WERE NO MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT USG POSITIONS ON SOVIET
PARTICIPATION IN THE 1984 OLYMPICS AND USG RESPONSES TO
SOVIET REQUESTS TO LAOOC FOR ITEMS WITHIN USG
JURISDICTION. DERWINSKI TURNED OVER A NON-PAPER (TEXT
IN PARA 7) WHICH REJECTED SOVIET CHARGES OF USG
VIOLATIONS OF THE OLYMPIC CHARTER, REPEATED ASSURANCES
THAT ALL ATHLETES WOULD BE WELCOMED, REITERATED USG
APPROVAL FOR THE CRUISE SHIP GRUZIYA, AEROFLOT CHARTERS
AND AN OLYMPICS ATTACHE, OFFERED GUARANTEES ON ACCESS
TO OLYMPIC SITES, NOTED SOVIET RESPONSIBILITY FOR
PUBLICIZING THE BAN THE SOVIETS COALITION, AND STATED

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THAT VISAS WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED.

4. IN ORAL REMARKS, DERWINSKI EMPHASIZED US WILLINGNESS TO GREET ATHLETES FROM ALL NATIONS. HE TOLD ISAKOV THAT HE HAD SEEN GOOD REPORTS OF THE IOC MEETING ON APRIL 24 IN LAUSANNE AND HOPED THAT THERE COULD BE A LOWERED LEVEL OF RHETORIC FROM NOW ON. HE ALSO TOUCHED ON THE SECURITY ISSUE, CHARACTERIZING THE THREAT TO THE SOVIETS AS LOW. HE UNDERLINED USG NON-SUPPORT FOR THE BAN THE SOVIETS COALITION, AND OFFERED HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT AS THE GAMES APPROACHED, US PUBLIC AND MEDIA ATTENTION WOULD BE FOCUSED ON ATHLETIC COMPETITION AND INTEREST IN SUCH EXTRANEIOUS ACTIVITIES WOULD WANE.

5. ISAKOV REJECTED US CHARACTERIZATION OF SOVIET

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CHARGES, STATED THAT SECURITY WAS A MAJOR CONCERN AND PROTESTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR BANNING SOVIET PARTICIPATION. HE SAID THAT THE SOVIET CHARGES WERE JUSTIFIED, AND THE FACT THAT HE WAS MEETING WITH MR. DERWINSKI DEMONSTRATED THAT THERE WERE INDEED PROBLEMS THAT NEEDED TO BE DISCUSSED. ISAKOV ALSO EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT SEARCHES OF THE GRUZIYA AFTER INITIAL CUSTOMS/COAST GUARD EXAMINATION. DERWINSKI RESPONDED THAT SEARCHES WOULD BE ENTIRELY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF NORMAL, LEGAL PROCEDURES AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY ASSUMED BY THE USG. DERWINSKI ALSO SAID THAT THE PRESENCE OF A SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE IN LOS ANGELES TO WORK WITH THE COAST GUARD ON SECURITY AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BOTH SIDES. ISAKOV RAISED THE ISSUE OF ACCESS TO CLOSED AREAS AND NEED TO USE OFM TRAVEL SERVICES. HE WAS INFORMED THAT CONCRETE STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS WITH REGARD TO CLOSED AREAS THAT WOULD MEET ALL THE EXPRESSED SOVIET CONCERNS, AND WAS ASSURED THAT OFM WOULD DO ITS BEST TO PROVIDE TRAVEL SERVICES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

6. ISAKOV CONCLUDED WITH A DEMARCHE ON AN AFGHAN DEMONSTRATION AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, EXPRESSING PARTICULAR PIQUE THAT A LONE DEMONSTRATOR HAD ATTEMPTED TO THRUST A PAMPHLET ON HIM, AND OPINING THAT THE MAN COULD HAVE A KNIFE OR OTHER WEAPON READY TO ATTACK SOVIET WOMEN AND CHILDREN AS THEY ENTERED THE EMBASSY. (FYI: A CHECK WITH SY AFTER THE MEETING REVEALED THAT THE UNIFORMED DIVISION OF THE SECRET SERVICE HAD ALREADY BEEN REQUESTED TO MOVE THE MAN WITH THE LEAFLETS AWAY FROM THE EMBASSY, AND THAT SECURITY WAS IN PLACE TO DEAL WITH THE SCHEDULED AFGHAN DEMONSTRATION LATER IN THE DAY. END FYI)

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7. TEXT OF NON-PAPER FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT

-- WE HAVE NOTED WITH CONCERN IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS A NUMBER OF IRRESPONSIBLE CHARGES IN THE SOVIET PRESS AND FROM SOVIET OLYMPIC OFFICIALS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAVE SOMEHOW "VIOLATED" THE OLYMPIC CHARTER.

-- WE BELIEVE THAT SOVIET CHARGES THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS VIOLATING THE OLYMPIC CHARTER OR ATTEMPTING TO GAIN POLITICAL CAPITAL OUT OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES DO A GREAT DISSERVICE TO THE OLYMPIC GAMES. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE DONE BY THESE CHARGES RESTS SOLELY ON THE SOVIET SIDE.

-- I DO NOT INTEND TO DISCUSS THOSE CHARGES -- SUCH AS EXORBITANT COSTS, NUMBER OF VILLAGES, ETC -- THAT LIE OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

-- WE ARE PLEASED THAT IN RECENT DAYS THE SOVIET MEDIA AND OFFICIAL SOVIET SPOKESMEN SUCH AS MARAT GRAMOV HAVE LOWERED THE LEVEL OF RHETORIC. WE ARE ALSO PLEASED WITH REPORTS THAT THE MEETING IN LAUSANNE WITH THE IOC, THE SOVIET SPORTS COMMITTEE AND THE LAOOC EARLIER THIS WEEK, APPARENTLY ACHIEVED SOME PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

-- HOWEVER, WE CANNOT LET SPURIOUS CHARGES INVOLVING THIS GOVERNMENT GO UNANSWERED. SINCE YOUR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE HAS DECLINED TO MEET WITH OUR EMBASSY, I ASK

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THAT YOU PASS THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THENCE TO YOUR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE.

-- PRESIDENT REAGAN ASSURED PRESIDENT SAMARANCH OF THE IOC IN JULY 1981 THAT "THE UNITED STATES WILL WELCOME ATHLETES FROM ALL NATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1984 OLYMPIC GAMES IN LOS ANGELES." THE PRESIDENT HAS ALSO TOLD SAMARANCH (IN MAY 1982) THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WELCOME THE GAMES AND THAT THE "CHARTER WILL BE ENFORCED." WE HAVE ALSO ASSURED SAMARANCH THAT THE U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED BY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE 1984 GAMES.

-- UNDER U.S. LAW AND PRACTICE THE LAOOC IS CONSTITUTED AS A TOTALLY SEPARATE ORGANIZATION. WHILE THIS IS PERHAPS THE FIRST TIME IN OLYMPIC HISTORY THAT THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE HAS NO FORMAL CONNECTION WITH THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE HOST COUNTRY, THE ARRANGEMENT HAS THE FULL APPROVAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, AND THE LAOOC IS MEETING ALL ITS

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RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE IOC.
-- YOUR COMMITTEE AND MEDIA HAVE CONDEMNED THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR ALLEGED "INTERFERENCE" WITH THE
LAOOC. HOWEVER, SINCE THE LAOOC IS NOT A GOVERNMENT
BODY, IT HAS NEITHER THE AUTHORITY NOR THE COMPETENCE
TO COMMIT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THUS, IT HAS
LEGITIMATELY TURNED TO US TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY
COMMITMENTS THAT LIE WITHIN OUR JURISDICTION. YOUR
OLYMPIC REPRESENTATIVES WERE TOLD THAT CERTAIN ISSUES
IN THE DECEMBER PROTOCOL WOULD REQUIRE CONSIDERATION BY
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

-- WE HAVE PLEDGED FULL COOPERATION WITH THE LAOOC AND

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SUPPORT OF ITS ACTIVITIES, WITH THE AIM OF MAKING A
COMPLETE SUCCESS OF THE GAMES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS. ON
MARCH 16 WE PROVIDED TO THE LAOOC OUR RESPONSE TO THOSE
SOVIET REQUESTS FOR ITEMS THAT LIE WITHIN THE FEDERAL
JURISDICTION. THAT RESPONSE WAS CONSTRUCTIVE, FULLY IN
KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE OLYMPIC
CHARTER, AND HELPFUL TO THE SOVIET OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
AND TO FULL AND UNHINDERED SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN THE
GAMES.

-- I WISH TO REITERATE, DIRECTLY AND OFFICIALLY, THAT
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WISHES TO FACILITATE PARTICIPATION
OF ALL OLYMPIC PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM THE
USSR, ON A FAIR AND EQUITABLE BASIS. TO THIS END WE
HAVE, AS YOU KNOW:

..A) APPROVED THE DOCKING OF THE SOVIET SHIP GRUZIYA IN
LONG BEACH HARBOR.

..B) APPROVED THE ENTRY OF A REASONABLE NUMBER OF
SOVIET AEROFLOT CHARTER FLIGHTS;

..C) EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF A
SOVIET OLYMPICS ATTACHE STATIONED IN LOS ANGELES.

-- WE ARE, MOREOVER, PREPARED TO GUARANTEE SOVIET
OLYMPIC PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS, INCLUDING SOVIET
OFFICIALS RESIDENT IN THE U.S., FULL ACCESS TO ALL
OLYMPIC VENUES. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH YOUR
EMBASSY CONCRETE MEASURES IN THIS AREA IN A FEW DAYS.

-- THE U.S. TAKES VERY SERIOUSLY ITS OBLIGATIONS TO
PROTECT ALL OLYMPIC PARTICIPANTS. EVERY REASONABLE

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MEASURE HAS BEEN TAKEN AND WILL BE TAKEN TO PROVIDE
SECURITY TO EVERYONE CONCERNED, INCLUDING SOVIET
CITIZENS.

-- EMIGRE AND OTHER GROUPS THAT MAY BE PLANNING TO
CONDUCT DEMONSTRATIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AGAINST
SOVIET PARTICIPANTS HAVE NO U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

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WHATSOEVER. WHILE SUCH GROUPS MAY PEACEFULLY EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS IN A LEGAL MANNER, THE LAOOC HAS INDICATED TO US THAT THEY WILL NOT HAVE ANY ACCESS TO ATHLETES IN VILLAGES OR VENUES.

-- FRANKLY, I MUST TELL YOU THAT THE PUBLICITY THAT THE SOVIET MEDIA HAS DEVOTED TO THE "BAN THE SOVIETS COALITION" HAS GENERATED FAR MORE INTEREST AND U.S. PRESS COVERAGE OF THIS INSIGNIFICANT GROUP THAN IT COULD EVER HAVE ACHIEVED ON ITS OWN. YOU HAVE SUCCEEDED IN MOVING THEM FROM THE BACK PAGES OF THE LOS ANGELES NEWSPAPERS TO THE FRONT PAGE OF THE WASHINGTON POST AND TO AN APPEARANCE ON NETWORK TELEVISION.

-- CHARGES THAT THE U.S. INTENDS TO REQUIRE VISAS FOR OLYMPIC PARTICIPANTS, OR RESERVES TO ITSELF THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OLYMPIC PARTICIPANTS, ARE FALSE. YOUR FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF A CORRECTED DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY PROCEDURES THAT SHOULD ERASE ALL DOUBTS THAT WE WILL REQUIRE VISAS CONTRARY TO THE OLYMPIC CHARTER. PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS ASSURED THE IOC THAT WE WILL WELCOME ALL ATHLETES, AND I CAN REPEAT THAT REASSURANCE TO YOU.

-- THE OLYMPIC ENTRY PROCEDURE HAS BEEN WORKED OUT IN GREAT DETAIL WITH THE LAOOC AND THE IOC. UNFOUNDED SOVIET CHARGES ABOUT THIS PROCEDURE AT THIS LATE DATE CAN ONLY UNDERMINE THE EFFORTS OF THE U.S. AND THE LAOOC TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH AND ORDERLY ADMISSION OF

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OLYMPIC FAMILY MEMBERS INTO THE U.S.

-- FINALLY, LET ME ADDRESS A FEW WORDS TO THE GRUZIYA. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS ASSUMED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY OF THIS SHIP (BOTH SHORESIDE AND WATERSIDE) AND WILL CARRY OUT THIS TASK TO THE BEST OF ITS ABILITY. WE AWAIT THE ARRIVAL OF A SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE IN LOS ANGELES TO DISCUSS THE PRECISE DETAILS.

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PROTESTS PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS BY
SOVIET OLYMPIC COMMITTEE HEAD

1. ~~C~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

2. BEGIN SUMMARY. DAS PALMER CALLED IN SOVIET MINISTER
COUNSELOR ISAKOV MAY 14 TO PROTEST TELEVISED PRESS
CONFERENCE REMARKS BY SOVIET NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
HEAD MARAT GRAMOV. PALMER OBJECTED PARTICULARLY TO
GRAMOV'S DESCRIPTION OF APRIL 27 MEETING BETWEEN
DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR DERWINSKI AND ISAKOV, CALLING THE
DESCRIPTION TOTALLY FALSE. IN AN UNCHARACTERISTICALLY
MILD RESPONSE, ISAKOV SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD PALMER'S
REMARKS AND THEY WERE WELL-TAKEN. END SUMMARY.

3. PALMER BEGAN BY POINTING OUT THAT A NUMBER OF
GRAMOV'S MOST OBJECTIONABLE REMARKS REFERRED TO AN
APRIL 27 MEETING BETWEEN ISAKOV AND DERWINSKI. HE
PROTESTED THEM ON BOTH PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE
GROUNDS. PROCEDURALLY, IT WAS NOT NORMAL PRACTICE TO
MAKE PUBLIC DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES. SUBSTANTIVELY,
GRAMOV'S STATEMENT WAS A COMPLETE MISREPRESENTATION OF
THE MEETING. IT HAD FORCED US TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF

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THE NON-PAPER DERWINSKI HAD GIVEN ISAKOV.

4. ISAKOV INTERRUPTED TO SAY THAT THE EMBASSY HAD SIMPLY TRANSLATED AND FORWARDED THE PAPER, AND THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE SITUATION.

5. PALMER CONTINUED THAT THIS INCIDENT WAS PART OF A LARGER PATTERN OF RECENT SOVIET GOVERNMENT BEHAVIOR, BUT THAT IN THIS INSTANCE WE TOOK PARTICULAR EXCEPTION, SINCE THE MEETING WITH DERWINSKI WAS INTENDED TO BE COOPERATIVE AND WAS BEING PORTRAYED AS THE REVERSE. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD RARELY SEEN A TIME WHEN THE SOVIET PRESS ENGAGED IN AS MUCH DISTORTION AS IT WAS DOING NOW.

6. TURNING TO OTHER MISREPRESENTATIONS IN GRAMOV'S PRESS CONFERENCE, PALMER REFUTED THE ALLEGATION THAT WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL MICHAEL DEEVER HAD WRITTEN TO THE "BAN THE SOVIETS" ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING ITS AIMS. IN FACT, DEEVER WAS THE LAST PERSON WHO WOULD HAVE DONE SUCH A THING, SINCE HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHITE HOUSE COORDINATION OF THE OLYMPICS. HIS LETTER HAD SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS COMMITTED TO FULFILLING ALL OF THE OBLIGATIONS OF AN OLYMPIC HOST COUNTRY. MOREOVER, THE IOC HAD NOT, AS GRAMOV ALLEGED, RECOGNIZED THE SOVIET DEMANDS AS WELL-FOUNDED; IN FACT, IOC PRESIDENT SAMARANCH HAD PUBLICLY SAID THAT THE SOVIET ALLEGATIONS WERE NOT TRUE. FINALLY, THE CHARGE THAT THE USG HAD PLANTED TERRORISTS IN LOS ANGELES GROUPS WAS THE REVERSE OF THE TRUTH. THE US WAS EXTREMELY CONSCIOUS OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED AT MUNICH AND ALL AGREED THAT SUCH ACTIONS MUST NOT HAPPEN HERE.

7. PALMER CONCLUDED BY REFERRING TO A TASS ARTICLE ON "DIMWITS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT", WHICH NAMED THE SECRETARY AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY. CALLING TASS AN AGENCY COMPLETELY CONTROLLED BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, PALMER SAID THAT HE COULD NOT RECALL ANY OCCASIONS WHEN THE USG HAD CALLED FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO A DIMWIT. HE SAID THE ARTICLE WAS OUTRAGEOUS.

8. ISAKOV MADE A WEAK EFFORT TO POINT OUT THAT THE TASS ARTICLE WAS SIGNED BY ITS AUTHOR, AND THUS NOT AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND NEITHER SUPPORTED NOR CONDONED BY HIS GOVERNMENT. HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE FREQUENT COMPLAINTS BY THE SOVIET UNION ABOUT ARTICLES IN THE US PRESS. BUT, HE CONCLUDED, HE UNDERSTOOD WHAT PALMER WAS SAYING ABOUT THESE MATTERS AND PALMER'S REMARKS WERE WELL-TAKEN. 44

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. President:

I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you today and to hear from you about plans for the Games of the XXIII Olympiad in Los Angeles this summer.

As I said during our meeting, the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee has the full support of the United States Government in making preparations for the games. The United States is totally committed to upholding the Olympic Charter and fulfilling its responsibilities as the host nation of the games.

The Olympic games should not be used for political purposes. Athletes and Olympic officials of all countries will find a warm welcome in Los Angeles and will be treated equally and without discrimination, in accord with the Olympic Charter and Olympic spirit.

I have instructed agencies of the federal government to cooperate fully with Olympic and local officials to ensure the safety of all participants. We want to create a hospitable climate in which all participants can perform to the best of their ability.

I consider sport to be one of the finest opportunities for people of all nations to come to know and understand each other. The International Olympic Committee deserves the support of all governments

in arranging the premier sporting event for athletes of all nations. I am looking forward personally to seeing the outstanding athletes of the world marching behind their flags on July 28.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Juan Antonio Samaranch
President of the International Olympic Committee
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Mr. Peter V. Ueberroth, President of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, will be visiting Moscow shortly and I want you to be aware of his visit. Mr. Ueberroth is extraordinarily well prepared to manage preparation for the Olympic Games, and has been hard at work for five years spearheading the effort to prepare the best possible conditions for world-class athletic performances in Los Angeles this summer.

Mr. Ueberroth is visiting your country to ensure that your government and your sports officials understand that the United States Government and the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee are committed to observance of the Olympic Charter and non-discriminatory treatment for all Olympic nations. I have personally assured Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee, that the United States as host government will welcome all athletes from every participating nation, and will fully adhere to its obligations under the Olympic Charter.

I know that you share my enthusiasm for this great world sporting event, and I am looking forward to seeing the outstanding athletes marching behind the Soviet flag in Los Angeles on July 28. I trust that Mr. Ueberroth will have the opportunity to meet with the appropriate people during his visit to the Soviet Union and establish a basis for the cooperation which will be necessary as we approach the opening ceremonies in Los Angeles.

I consider sport to be one of the finest opportunities for people of all nations to come to know and understand each other. The American

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people look forward to serving as host for the Olympic Games and providing a hospitable climate in which the athletes can perform to the best of their abilities. I hope that the visit of Mr. Ueberroth to Moscow will be received in this spirit.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Konstantin Ustinovich Chernenko
Chairman of the Presidium of the
Supreme Soviet of the Union of
Soviet Socialist Republics
Moscow

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MOSCOW CALLS FOR EMERGENCY MEETING OF OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

BY MARTIN NESIRKY

MOSCOW, APRIL 9, REUTER - THE SOVIET NATIONAL OLYMPIC BODY TODAY CALLED FOR AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS VIOLATIONS OF THE OLYMPIC CHARTER IN THE UNITED STATES.

IN A STATEMENT CARRIED BY THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY (ASS), THE SOVIET COMMITTEE CITED A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC VIOLATIONS OF THE OLYMPIC CHARTER AND SAID THERE WAS A "BROAD CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE PARTICIPATION OF THE SOVIET UNION" IN LOS ANGELES, SITE OF THE 1984 SUMMER GAMES.

IT ALSO SAID THE U.S. AUTHORITIES WERE INTERFERING IN THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GAMES.

IT SAID IT WAS APPEALING TO THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE PRESIDENT JUAN ANTONIO SAMARANCH TO CONSIDER THESE MATTERS AT AN EMERGENCY SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND DEMAND U.S. COMPLIANCE WITH THE CHARTER.

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SOVIET OLYMPIC COMMITTEE ISSUES STATEMENT

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LD091244 MOSCOW TASS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN RUSSIAN 1216 GMT 9 APR 84

(TEXT) MOSCOW APRIL 9 TASS -- THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF THE USSR ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"THE 23RD OLYMPIC GAMES IN LOS ANGELES (USA) ARE JUST A LITTLE MORE THAN 3 MONTHS OFF. THE TIME IS EVER NEARER FOR THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES TO TAKE A DECISION ON PARTICIPATION IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

"U.S. PRESIDENT REAGAN SUBMITTED TO THE IOC WRITTEN GUARANTEES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S RESPECT FOR THE TRADITIONS, RULES, AND PROVISIONS OF THE OLYMPIC CHARTER. FACTS SHOW, HOWEVER, THAT THESE OBLIGATIONS AND GUARANTEES ARE NOT RESPECTED IN A NUMBER OF MAJOR MATTERS. THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS TRYING TO USE THE OLYMPIC GAMES ON THE EVE OF THE ELECTIONS FOR ITS SELFISH POLITICAL ENDS.

"A LARGE-SCALE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION'S PARTICIPATION IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES HAS BEEN MOUNTED IN THE USA. DIFFERENT REACTIONARY POLITICAL, ENIGRE, AND RELIGIOUS GROUPINGS ARE TEAMING UP ON AN ANTI-OLYMPIC BASIS. IN PARTICULAR, A COALITION CALLED 'BAN THE SOVIETS,' ENJOYING THE SUPPORT OF THE U.S. OFFICIAL SERVICES, HAS BEEN SET UP. OPEN THREATS OF PHYSICAL VICTIMIZATION AND PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS ARE MADE TO SPORTSMEN AND OFFICIALS OF THE USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. SLANDEROUS ALLEGATIONS ARE BEING MADE THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF A SOVIET DELEGATION IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES WOULD PRESUMABLY THREATEN U.S. SECURITY.

"ALL THIS IS IN TOTAL CONTRADICTION WITH THE TRADITIONS AND RULES OF THE CHARTER WHERE IT IS STATED THAT 'THE OLYMPIC GAMES FACILITATE THE CREATION OF A BETTER AND MORE PEACEFUL WORLD AND GOOD WILL AMONG THE PEOPLES.' NO DISCRIMINATION ON RACIAL, RELIGIOUS, OR POLITICAL GROUNDS EITHER TOWARD COUNTRIES OR PERSONS IS ALLOWED.

"IT IS KNOWN THAT THE HOST-COUNTRY OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSURING THE FULL SECURITY OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS. THE SITUATION WHICH IS TAKING PLACE IN LOS ANGELES NOW PUTS IN DOUBT THE EFFICIENCY OF THE MEASURES TAKEN. THE U.S. PRESS REPORTS THAT PREPARATIONS FOR POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS AND RALLIES DURING THE OLYMPICS ARE UNDER WAY AND THAT BANNERS AND PLACARDS HOSTILE TO SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN PUT UP. ANXIETY OVER POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF SPORTSMEN'S RIGHTS AND POSSIBLE OFFENSE TO THEIR DIGNITY IS GROWING.

THE OLYMPIC CHARTER MUST BE INTENTED TO PROTECT
THE GAMES REPRESENTATIVES OF RADIO FREE EUROPE WHICH, AS IS
KNOWN, IS MAINTAINED AT THE EXPENSE OF U.S. SPECIAL SERVICES AND
WHICH CONDUCTS SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY AGAINST THE PEOPLES OF THE
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF RULE 51 OF THE OLYMPIC
CHARTER.

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 59 OF THE OLYMPIC CHARTER, 'OLYMPIC
CERTIFICATION ESTABLISHES THE IDENTITY OF ITS OWNER AND IS A
DOCUMENT WHICH PERMITS HIM TO CROSS THE BORDER OF THE COUNTRY WHERE
THE CITY ORGANIZING THE OLYMPICS IS LOCATED.' THIS PROCEDURE WAS IN
OPERATION AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN MONTREAL, MOSCOW, AND SARAJEVO.
HOWEVER, AT THE BEGINNING OF APRIL THIS YEAR, THE USSR'S NATIONAL
OLYMPIC COMMITTEE WAS INFORMED THAT IT MUST PROVIDE THE U.S. EMBASSY
IN MOSCOW WITH LISTS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION IN ORDER TO
OBTAIN VISA PERMISSION. AT THE SAME TIME, THE U.S. EMBASSY RESERVED
FOR ITSELF THE RIGHT NOT TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR ENTRY TO THOSE WHOM
IT CONSIDERED UNSUITABLE -- AND THIS IS ALREADY BEING MADE USE OF IN
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(TEXT) "AS IS KNOWN, THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY REFUSED TO GRANT A VISA TO THE OLYMPIC ATTACHE OF THE USSR'S NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE WHOSE CANDIDACY HAD BEEN AGREED WITH THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE. IT IS BECOMING APPARENT THAT THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS IT HAS THE RIGHT TO CONSTANTLY 'ADJUST' THE ACTIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES OLYMPICS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LAOOC) AND ON CERTAIN QUESTIONS SIMPLY TO ALTER THEM.

"THUS, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE USSR'S NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE AND THE LAOOC LAST DECEMBER HAS BEEN PLACED IN DOUBT BY THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT.

"THE WORLD PUBLIC HAS LONG EXPRESSED ALARM ALSO ABOUT THE UNRESTRAINED COMMERCIALIZATION OF THE LOS ANGELES GAMES. PROFIT GRABBING AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OLYMPICS HAS TAKEN ON SOME VERY UGLY FORMS. MATTERS HAVE GONE SO FAR THAT THERE IS CRUDE VIOLATION OF RULE 62 OF THE OLYMPIC CHARTER WHICH BANS THE USE OF THE OLYMPIC FLAME FOR COMMERCIAL AIMS. THE INCREASE IN PRICES IN LOS ANGELES IS NOT BEING CONTROLLED; VAST SUMS WILL BE RAISED HERE FOR MANY SERVICES WHICH ARE TRADITIONALLY FREE.

"VIOLATION OF THE OLYMPIC CHARTER AND THE ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN UNLEASHED BY THE U.S. REACTIONARY FORCES WITH THE CONNIVANCE OF THE OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES ARE CREATING AN ABNORMAL SITUATION. IN THIS CONNECTION THE USSR'S NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE REQUESTS THAT THE IOC AND ITS PRESIDENT, JUAN ANTONIO SAMARANCH, IMMEDIATELY REVIEW THE SITUATION ON THE EVE OF THE LOS ANGELES GAMES AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE IOC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND DEMAND THAT THE U.S. SIDE STRICTLY RESPECTS THE OLYMPIC CHARTER AND TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO GUARANTEE PROPER SECURITY TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN AND VISITORS TO THE GAMES.

"THE USSR'S NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE APPEALS TO NATIONAL COMMITTEES, INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS AND THE WORLD SPORTING PUBLIC TO POOL THEIR EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE PRINCIPLES AND IDEALS OF THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT AND TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE FOR THE GAMES TO REMAIN A FESTIVAL OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP AMONG ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND KINDLINESS HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE BASIS OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE SPORTING YOUTH OF THE WORLD."

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Associated Press Story

A top Soviet sports official today said the United States State Department is interfering in Soviet arrangements for the Los Angeles Olympics and reiterated that Moscow still has not made a formal decision on whether to attend the Summer Games. Marat Granov Chairman of the Soviet Committee for Physical Culture and Sports, adding to a long list of Soviet criticisms of arrangements for the 1984 Olympics said the State Department, "intervened" in an agreement on arrangements for Soviet Olympic athletes. He also complained that Moscow had been barred from sending an "attache" to Los Angeles during preparations for the Olympics.

Granov said at a press conference that Soviet delegates had signed the agreement with the United States Olympic Committee after a recent visit to Los Angeles.

"After our departure, the U.S. State Department intervened and told the President of the United States Olympic Committee that he had no power to sign such a protocol. We have no intention of dealing with the U.S. State Department," Granov said.

A U.S. diplomatic source commenting after the press conference said the State Department had objected because the protocol provided for safety and travel rights for Soviet athletes and that as a private group, the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) cannot make such guarantees.

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Gramov said the protocol "reflected all the problems we will confront if we decide to go to Los Angeles, including transportation, training, and accommodations."

Gramov last summer denied reports that the Soviets were considering an Olympic boycott. But he said then and today that Moscow will not serve formal notice of its plans until required by International Olympic Committee (IOC) rules.

"According to the charter, we can make the decision up until May," he said today. "We will make the decision then."

Gramov also said the state department had blocked the Soviet Union's Olympics attache "from the Los Angeles area."

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"We presented our candidate for an Olympics attache and the USOC had no objections," said Gramov, without explaining what the official duties would be. "Then the state department said our attache was not acceptable."

Portions of the Los Angeles area are closed to Soviet diplomats and journalists and western observers theorized that this regulation may have been the reason the Soviet attache was denied access.

The State Department also has interfered with plans made to transport Soviet athletes to the Games, according to Gramov.

Since the Soviet Union's 1979 invasion of Afghanistan, which resulted in an American-led boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics, the U.S. has prohibited the Soviet state airline Aeroflot from landing at any American airport.

After the Soviet destruction of the South Korean airliner in September, President Reagan ordered the closing of Aeroflot

offices in the United States and the governors of New York and New Jersey said a Soviet plane carrying Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko would not be allowed to land in their states.

"When the State Department intervenes and tries to make us come to Los Angeles as they wish, we won't agree and we refuse to cooperate," said Gramov.

The travel issue is only one in a long list of Soviet objections to the Games in Los Angeles that Gramov reviewed during the press conference.

He said the Olympic village is too far from competition facilities, that training facilities are inadequate and that accommodations for athletes and coaches are too small and expensive.

The Soviets have complained about smog in Los Angeles and the city's high crime rate.

The Soviet press also has said that the private group organizing the Games will seek only to "squeeze the maximum profits from the Olympics."

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Banned Soviet Olympic Envoy Linked to KGB

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The U.S. State Department was acting on "positive information" that the Soviet Union's proposed Olympic attache was "a fairly senior level KGB operative" when it decided to deny him a visa to enter the United States, Reagan Administration officials said Friday.

Officials in Washington were cautious about discussing Oleg Yermishkin's past in detail, but one Soviet specialist, who asked not to be identified, described him as a KGB man "with demonstrated experience in naughty things."

An intelligence official said Yermishkin has "a positive intelligence background" and noted that "the whole area out there (Los Angeles) is highly vulnerable to any intrusion in high technology."

'One-Man Consulate'

State Department officials said it was the prospect of giving Yermishkin a six-month visa—conferring diplomatic immunity to wander among the high-technology and defense industries of Southern California in areas normally off limits to Soviet officials—that gave them pause. Granting a visa to Yermishkin would have been tantamount to "giving him his own one-man consulate in Los Angeles," one official said.

The officials also said they had warned Los Angeles Olympic leaders as early as December that "there would be problems" in approving the visa for Yermishkin, a former press attache at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, if an application was submitted on his behalf.

As the Administration made its case for the exclusion of the proposed Soviet attache—who had been due to arrive in Los Angeles on Thursday as an advance man for the expected 800-member Soviet Olympic team—an unhappy Los Angeles Olympic President Peter V. Ueberroth disputed the government on two key points:

First, Ueberroth said at a press conference, he was not informed in December that Yermishkin might not be acceptable. In fact, he said, Administration officials indicated to him in January that Yermishkin's

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application would be favorably processed. Based on those assurances, the Olympic president said, he encouraged the Soviets, in a telex and in a personal meeting with the U.S.S.R. Olympic Committee president at the Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, in February, to proceed with the formal application.

Second, Ueberroth suggested that the Soviet attache, no matter who he was, would be too busy to engage in espionage. "The attache is a very public figure who is making the sports arrangements for the team," he said. "I don't think an attache is going to have a lot of time to run around doing anything else."

Pressed by reporters for his reaction was to suggestions that Yermishkin is a KGB agent, Ueberroth responded, "I don't know what this fellow's background is. I'm not in that business. . . . What if he were a second baseman for the Chicago Cubs?"

Joining Ueberroth in suggesting that Yermishkin's alleged background as a KGB agent might be less significant than the Reagan Administration indicated was F. Don Miller, executive director of the U.S.

Also contributing to this story were Times staff writers Evan Maxwell and Peter H. King in Los Angeles and Dan Fisher in Moscow.

Olympic Committee.

"It wouldn't be the first KGB man who comes to our country, would it?" Miller asked pointedly. "My only reaction (to his banning) is a very deep hope that in no way will this decision affect the participation of the Soviet Union in the Games."

In Lausanne, Switzerland, Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, said in a telephone interview that he was "very, very surprised" by the Reagan Administration's decision not to grant Yermishkin the visa because he had received a visa to visit Los Angeles in early December as part of a Soviet Olympic delegation.

Initial Soviet reaction was scant, although Moscow Radio described the decision to ban the attache as "a violation of Olympic tradition." A spokesman for the Soviet Olympic Committee said a more complete response is being drafted and may be released as early as today.

Ueberroth, lamenting what he called the government's long delay in announcing the decision, called the procedures "inappropriate . . . and not fair."

Urged Naming of a Substitute

He said he has already cabled the Soviet Olympic Committee suggesting that it submit the name of another proposed attache "and if they do submit another name, all I can suggest is that we'll hand-carry it and sit with the application to get an answer right away."

He noted that the first Olympic athletes are scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles in 18 weeks and that the committee cannot put on a good Olympics if there are ceaseless delays by the U.S. government.

"We took (the initial application) in person to the government in December . . . and we did not think at this last moment this would be denied," Ueberroth said.

But in Washington, Administration officials said they had made their decision within 18 days of getting the formal paper work on the application.

The officials also expressed unhappiness with the Olympic committee.

"Without doubt, the Soviets are using the LAOC," said one. "The committee is so afraid of a boycott that it is doing everything it can to placate the Soviets."

Another official, who has been involved in contacts with the Soviets since December, observed, "The Soviets seem to have been impressed by the clout of the

Olympic committee. Maybe they thought they could roll us and let him in, or that if we said no, we'd get a black eye. . . . To an extent, that has happened."

These officials spoke on condition they not be identified, a point that irked Ueberroth, who said at his news conference that he does not like responding to faceless people.

Interviews Friday with both the U.S. government and the LAOC indicated the possibility of misunderstandings arising out of the complicated communications between Ueberroth and the Reagan Administration.

One Administration spokesman said that Ueberroth has been talking during his Washington visits with Michael Deaver, deputy White House chief of staff, who may not have precise knowledge about State Department actions on Olympic issues.

The official suggested that Deaver might have indicated to Ueberroth in January that favorable action would be taken on Yermishkin's visa application without knowing who Yermishkin is or realizing that there were any objections to him.

He said he perceives the dispute as one between the LAOC and the State Department, with increasing "impatience" from the State Department over what it regards as the "hint of arrogance" with which the Olympic group conducts itself. The LAOC "is acting like a mini-State Department," the official said.

But Ueberroth, at his press conference, said that international Olympic rules to which the U.S. government is pledged to adhere require that all dealings pertaining to the Olympic Games go through host Olympic committees and national Olympic committees.

"That is the way they're being processed," he said of attache applications. "Not just the Soviet Union—Cuba, France and every other place." He said the U.S. government has not objected to any proposed attache from any country other than the Soviet Union.

State Department spokesman John Hughes was careful to explain at a press briefing Friday that the denial of the visa applies only to Yermishkin and to any other unacceptable nominee.

"We are fully prepared to meet our obligations under the International Olympic Charter as host government for the Summer Olympics, including accepting the presence in Los Angeles of a Soviet Olympics attache," he said.

Hughes added, "However, the person who holds that position must be acceptable for that purpose. That is, it must be someone whose activities will be solely related to the Olympics."

Hughes conceded that Yermishkin was allowed to enter the country and travel to Los Angeles with the Soviet Olympic delegation in December. But he noted that the visit was for two weeks and that the visa granted then had been an ordinary B-1 type visa of the sort granted non-official travelers on business. A six-month visa conferring diplomatic immunity would give Yermishkin far greater freedom of movement and protection from U.S. law enforcement at all levels, he said.

Another Administration official, meanwhile, said the State Department will reserve the right to inspect applications to enter the country from all foreign athletes.

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NEW TASS VERSION OF USSR OLYMPIC STATEMENT

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[Text] Moscow April 9 TASS -- The National Olympic Committee of the USSR adopted the following statement:

"The 23rd Olympic Games in Los Angeles (USA) are just a little more than three months off. The time is even nearer for the National Olympic Committees to make a decision on participation in the Olympic Games.

U.S. President Reagan submitted to the IOC written guarantees of the U.S. Government's respect for the traditions, rules and provisions of the Olympic Charter. Facts show, however, that these obligations and guarantees are not respected in a number of major matters. The U.S. Administration is trying to use the Olympic Games on the eve of the elections for its selfish political ends.

A large-scale campaign against the Soviet Union's participation in the Olympic Games has been mounted in the USA. Different reactionary political, emigre and religious groupings are teaming up on an anti-Olympic basis. In particular, a coalition called "Ban the Soviets," enjoying the support of the U.S. official services, has been set up. Open threats of physical victimization and provocative actions are made to sportsmen and officials of the USSR and other socialist countries. Slandorous allegations are being made that the participation of a Soviet delegation in the Olympic Games would presumably threaten U.S. security.

All this is fully at odds with traditions and with the rules of the charter, which says that the Olympic movement's aim is to educate the young with the help of sport in the spirit of better mutual understanding and friendship, facilitating thereby the creation of a better and more tranquil world. No discrimination on racial, religious or political grounds, both towards countries and towards individual persons, is allowed.

It is known that the country hosting the Olympiad assumes the commitment to ensure the full security of the national delegations. The situation, which is taking shape at present in Los Angeles makes one doubt the effectiveness of undertaken measures. The American press reports that preparations are under way in the city for staging political demonstrations and rallies during the games. Already, slogans and posters with contents hostile to socialist countries are being hung out. Apprehensions are growing that the civil rights of sportsmen may be infringed and their dignity outraged.

One cannot but be wary of the intention to accredit at the games representatives of the radio station "Free Europe" which, as is known, is financed by U.S. intelligence services and engaged in subversive activities against the peoples of socialist countries in what constitutes a direct violation of Rule 51 of the Olympic Charter.

In accordance with Rule 59 of the Olympic Charter an Olympic identity card is the card identifying its bearer and the document permitting its bearer to cross the border of the country where the city hosting the Olympics is situated. Such regulations were in effect at the Olympic Games in Montreal, Moscow and Sarajevo. However, at the begin of this April the National Olympic Committee of the USSR was notified that it should submit to the Embassy of the U.S.A. in Moscow the lists of all members of the delegation for obtaining visas. At the same time the U.S. Embassy reserved the right to refuse entry permission to those whom it considers to be undesirable, something it is already doing.

As everyone knows, recently the U.S. Department of State refused a visa to the Olympic attache of the National Olympic Committee of the USSR, whose candidature had been agreed upon with the organizing committee. It is thus becoming obvious that the Department of State believes it to be its duty constantly to "correct" the actions of the LAOOC and merely to replace it in certain matters.

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In this way the fulfillment of the agreement concluded between the NOC of the USSR and the LAOOC last December has been jeopardized by the U.S. Department of State.

The world public has long been displaying worry also over the uncontrollable commercialisation of the Los Angeles games. Profit making on the Olympic Games has assumed quite ugly forms. Things have gone so far that Rule 62 of the Olympic Charter, prohibiting the use of the Olympic flames for commercial purposes, is grossly violated. Price rises in Los Angeles are not controlled and exorbitant money will be charged there for many traditionally free services.

Violation of the Olympic Charter and the anti-Soviet campaign unleashed by the U.S. reactionary forces with the connivance of the official authorities are creating an abnormal situation. In this connection the NOC of the USSR addresses the IOC and its president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, with the request immediately to review the situation on the eve of the Los Angeles games at an emergency meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Committee and demand that the U.S. side strictly respect the Olympic Charter and take effective measures to guarantee proper security to the participants in and visitors to the games.

The NOC of the USSR appeals to the national committee, the international sports federations and the world sporting public to pool their efforts to protect the principles and ideals of the Olympic movement and to do everything possible for the games to remain a festival of peace and friendship among all the peoples of the world. The spirit of friendship, mutual understanding and kindness has always been the basis of relationships between the sporting youth of the world.

IOC EMERGENCY SESSION ON L.A. GAMES OPENS

LD241257 Moscow World Service in English 1100 GMT 24 Apr 84

[Excerpts] The Executive Committee of the International Olympic Committee opens an emergency session in Lausanne today. The attention of broad circles of the sports community is being focussed on the session convened at the demand of the Soviet Union, which has raised the issue of the situation developing in the United States around the Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

The chairman of the Soviet Olympic Committee, Marat Gramov, said before flying to Switzerland for the session that Soviet athletes are actively preparing for the games, and they hope that the principles and ideals of the Olympic movement will be observed in Los Angeles.

Soviet Complaints Examined

LD250905 Moscow TASS International Service in Russian 0823 GMT 25 Apr 84

[Text] Lausanne, 25 Apr (TASS) -- The statement by the USSR National Olympic Committee [NOC], which raised serious matters concerning the observance of the Olympic Charter and the adoption of effective measures to guarantee the necessary security for participants and guests at the Los Angeles Olympic Games, was examined here at a special meeting of the leadership of the Executive Committee of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Taking part in the meeting were the present and other leading officials from the IOC; a delegation from the USSR NOC led by Marat Gramov, chairman of the USSR Sport Committee; as well as representatives of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee (LAOOC).

A published statement recognizes the legitimacy of all the demands set out in the USSR NOC statement. Several matters of principle were resolved, in particular those concerning the right of participants in the games to enter the United States without visa on their Olympic documents, access for all members of Olympic delegations and accredited journalists to places where the competitions and training sessions are held and to places of residence during the preparation period for the games and during the games themselves, and the observance of international rules in relation to ships mooring at Los Angeles port.

Those taking part in the meeting demanded that the LAOOC make extra efforts to ensure "the full guaranteeing of the Olympic Charter and the creation of optimum conditions for those taking part in the games in all respects, particularly where their security and the observance of their dignity are concerned."

Speaking at a press conference, Gramov noted that the meeting enabled a great step forward to be made toward eliminating the undesirable features that have arisen recently around the Los Angeles Olympics. Certain matters will require further consultations. Thus, the problem of security for participants must be resolved at the state level.

PRESS RELEASE

Following a request from the USSR NOC, H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the IOC, convened a meeting on 24th April 1984 in Lausanne, presided over by himself and attended by the Vice-Presidents, H.E. Mr. Louis Guirandou-N'Diaye, Mr. Alexandru Siperco and Mr. Ashwini Kumar, and by Madame Monique Berlioux, Director of the IOC, together with, on the one hand, the USSR NOC representatives Mr. Marat Gramov, President, and Mr. Anatoly Kolesov, Vice-President, and, on the other hand, the LAOOC representatives Mr. Ueberroth, President, Mr. David Simon, Vice-President, Mrs. Amy Quinn, News Secretary, and Mr. Jerry Welsh, consultant.

Due note was taken of:

- the USSR NOC's declaration to the effect that Soviet athletes have the firm intention of participating in the Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad in Los Angeles if the conditions laid down in the "Olympic Charter" are enforced.
- the declarations made by the LAOOC that the "Olympic Games" would be entirely respected during these Games.

Certain preparation and organizational aspects of the Summer Olympic Games liable to create misunderstandings and be prejudicial to the successful outcome of the Olympic Games were discussed.

Taking into consideration the explanations given and the declarations made by the Los Angeles Organizing Committee with regard to the criticisms formulated by the USSR NOC, in compliance with the official rules of the "Olympic Charter":

- the USSR NOC and any other NOC requesting it will have free scope to solve their problems relevant to the Olympic Games through the sole agency of the LAOOC, in particular with regard to the presentation of Olympic identity cards and the list of participants (as long as said list is received by the LAOOC by June 2nd, 1984).
- all members of the Olympic Family and accredited journalists will have free access to all competition and training sites, accommodation, etc... during the period of the Games and their preparation.
- the rules governing the boats anchored in the port of Los Angeles and which will apply to the delegations at the Olympic Games will strictly conform to international regulations and the hospitality usually granted to Games participants.

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Due note was taken of the declarations made at different United States Government levels that all people would be accredited according to the rules of the "Olympic Charter", and will have free access to the Olympic Games.

The LAOOC was asked to continue to pursue all possible efforts to respect the "Olympic Charter" in its entirety and to provide the optimal conditions for Games participants in all respects, and particularly those of security and safeguarding of their dignity.

Assurances were further exchanged to improve mutual communications so that problems could be resolved amicably in future, according to the rules of the "Olympic Charter".

The President of the IOC thanked the two delegations of the USSR and USA for their positive approach to resolve difficulties which had arisen. The Youth of the World needs to be reassured that everything would be done to strengthen the Olympic Movement and this great festival of sport, the Olympic Games.

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USSR DECLARES PARTICIPATION IN 23RD OLYMPIAD IMPOSSIBLE

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(TEXT) MOSCOW MAY 8 TASS -- FOLLOWS A STATEMENT OF THE USSR

NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE:

THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF THE USSR MADE AN ALL-ROUND ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION AROUND THE GAMES OF THE 23RD OLYMPIAD IN LOS ANGELES AND STUDIED THE QUESTION OF THE PARTICIPATION OF THE SOVIET SPORTS DELEGATION IN THEM.

AS IS KNOWN, IN ITS STATEMENT OF APRIL 10, 1984 THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF THE USSR VOICED SERIOUS CONCERN OVER THE RUDE VIOLATIONS BY THE ORGANISERS OF THE GAMES OF THE RULES OF THE OLYMPIC CHARTER AND THE ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY REACTIONARY CIRCLES IN THE UNITED STATES WITH THE CONNIVANCE OF THE OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES, AND ASKED THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (IOC) TO STUDY THE OBTAINING SITUATION.

AT ITS MEETING ON APRIL 24 THIS YEAR THE IOC FOUND THE STAND OF THE USSR NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO BE JUST AND SUBSTANTIATED.

BUT DISREGARDING THE OPINION OF THE IOC THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES CONTINUE RUDELY TO INTERFERE IN AFFAIRS BELONGING EXCLUSIVELY TO THE COMPETENCE OF THE LOS ANGELES OLYMPIC ORGANISING COMMITTEE. IT IS KNOWN THAT FROM THE VERY FIRST DAYS OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE PRESENT OLYMPICS THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION HAS SET COURSE AT USING THE GAMES FOR ITS POLITICAL AIMS. CHAUVINISTIC SENTIMENTS AND AN ANTI-SOVIET HYSTERIA ARE BEING WHIPPED UP IN THE COUNTRY.

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(TEXT) EXTREMIST ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPINGS OF ALL SORTS, OPENLY
AIMING TO CREATE "UNBEARABLE CONDITIONS" FOR THE STAY OF THE SOVIET
DELEGATION AND PERFORMANCE BY SOVIET ATHLETES, HAVE SHARPLY STEPPED
UP THEIR ACTIVITY WITH DIRECT CONNIVANCE OF THE AMERICAN
AUTHORITIES. POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS HOSTILE TO THE USSR ARE BEING
PREPARED; UNDISGUISED THREATS ARE MADE AGAINST THE USSR NOC, SOVIET
ATHLETES AND OFFICIALS. HEADS OF ANTI-SOVIET, ANTI-SOCIALIST
ORGANIZATIONS ARE RECEIVED BY U.S. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, THEIR
ACTIVITY IS WIDELY PUBLICISED BY THE MASS MEDIA. TO JUSTIFY THIS
CAMPAIGN, THE U.S. AUTHORITIES AND OLYMPICS ORGANIZERS CONSTANTLY
REFER TO LEGISLATIVE ACTS OF ALL KINDS.

WASHINGTON HAS MADE ASSURANCES OF LATE OF THE READINESS TO OBSERVE RULES OF THE OLYMPIC CHARTER. THE PRACTICAL DEEDS BY THE AMERICAN SIDE, HOWEVER, SHOW THAT IT DOES NOT INTEND TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF ALL ATHLETES, RESPECT THEIR RIGHTS AND HUMAN DIGNITY, AND CREATE NORMAL CONDITIONS FOR HOLDING THE GAMES.

THE CAVALIER ATTITUDE OF THE U.S. AUTHORITIES TO THE OLYMPIC CHARTER, THE GROSS FLOUTING OF THE IDEALS AND TRADITIONS OF THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT ARE AIMED DIRECTLY AT UNDERMINING IT. THIS LINE THAT WAS MANIFESTED CLEARLY EARLIER IS CONDUCTED NOW AS WELL.

IN THESE CONDITIONS THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF THE USSR IS COMPELLED TO DECLARE THAT PARTICIPATION OF SOVIET SPORTSMEN IN THE GAMES OF THE 23RD OLYMPIAD IN LOS ANGELES IS IMPOSSIBLE. TO ACT DIFFERENTLY WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO APPROVING OF THE ANTI-OLYMPIAN ACTIONS OF THE U.S. AUTHORITIES AND ORGANIZERS OF THE GAMES.

ADOPTING THIS DECISION WE HAVE NOT THE SLIGHTEST WISH TO CAST ASPERSIONS ON THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, TO CLOUD THE GOOD FEELINGS LINKING SPORTSMEN OF OUR COUNTRIES.

THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF THE USSR, THE SPORTS ORGANISATIONS OF OUR COUNTRY WILL FURTHER SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, THE ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES, INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS, THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS WRITERS DIRECTED AT STRENGTHENING THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC MOVEMENT, STRUGGLE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ITS PURITY AND UNITY.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
May 10, 1984

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Dear Jesse:

Thank you for your letter to the President concerning your meeting with Ambassador Dobrynin about participation by the U.S.S.R. in the Summer Olympic Games and for our telephone conversation regarding this matter. We are pleased that a bipartisan cross section of Congresspersons, athletes and distinguished citizens will appeal to the Soviet representatives on the International Olympic Committee to reconsider their decision. We all wish you well in this endeavor, and hope that you are successful because the Soviet withdrawal from the games is a great disappointment to our athletes and many others throughout the world.

As you know, the matter of participation in the Olympic Games has not been a government to government matter but, rather, a matter conducted by the International Olympic Committee, and its private sector representatives. Your bipartisan group would be private sector in nature and this is as it should be.

I can assure you, however, that this matter has received considerable attention from the U.S. Government in the past, and that we have given the Soviets extensive assurances regarding the safety of their athletes and the conditions under which they would participate. In this connection, you should know that the President has personally and publicly assured the International Olympic Committee that the United States will live up to the Olympic Charter. The assurances have been repeated publicly and privately to the Soviets. Further, the United States Government has taken the following actions:

- Authorized at least 25 Aeroflot charter flights for the Olympics.

- Assured the Soviets by diplomatic note and privately that, as agreed by the IOC, all Olympic participants could enter the U.S. on the basis of their Olympic identity cards without visas.

- Authorized a month-long port call for a Soviet cruise ship to serve as their Olympics headquarters. Assured Soviets privately that after initial customs and safety inspection, subsequent searches of ship would be only for cause (e.g., bomb threats) and not for purpose of harassment.

-- Authorized entry of Aeroflot and shipping personnel in advance of games to do preparatory work.

-- Indicated our willingness to receive an Olympic attache with full diplomatic status (but not the individual originally proposed.)

-- Informed them we would be ready to rent vehicles (normally prohibited) to Soviet officials during the Olympics.

-- Told the Soviets publicly and privately that emigre groups opposing Soviet participation, organizing demonstrations or inciting defections have no USG sanction whatsoever.

-- Opened all areas containing Olympic sites, hotels, airports, etc. to Soviet travel from June 1 - August 15.

-- Undertook full responsibility for security of the Soviet ship, at a preliminarily estimated cost in excess of \$500,000.

-- Told the Soviets privately that every possible security precaution was being undertaken.

In addition, security preparations to protect Olympic participants have been underway for a long time and have been extraordinary in their scope. Over 17,000 people will have Olympic security-related duties in Los Angeles. The United States Government has committed \$50 million to provide federal support for the Olympic security effort.

We have also taken some specific steps to meet Soviet concerns. As mentioned, the United States Government assumed full responsibility for security for the Soviet ship and had planned to spend in excess of \$500,000 for this purpose. No demonstrations would have been permitted in the vicinity of the pier where the Soviet ship would have berthed.

The Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee (LAOOC) has also been very responsive to Soviet concerns about security issues. During the visit of the Soviet sports committee delegation to Los Angeles in December 1983, the delegation did not express any dissatisfaction with the security arrangements. LAOOC informed the Soviets that there would be no demonstrations in facilities under LAOOC control, including all sites and the Olympic Village.

Under the circumstances, I think you will agree with me that we have been most forthcoming in trying to meet the concerns of the Soviets.

You have all of our best wishes for success. If those involved in this bipartisan effort are successful in securing Soviet participation in the Games, our country will owe them a debt of gratitude. If there is anything further that we can do to assist in this, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

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