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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

INFORMATION

January 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM CANNON

SUBJECT:

Olympic Sports Commission

Mike Harrigan, Executive Director of the Olympic Sports Commission, has been away since you first asked for information about the Olympics.

Tod Hullin, who has this responsibility for the Domestic Council, is meeting with other members of the Olympics staff tomorrow, January 15.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 20, 1976

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM JIM CANNON *JMC*
SUBJECT OLYMPIC SPORTS COMMISSION

While in Vail, Susan Chaffee indicated to you that the Olympic Sports Commission was encountering some problems with the Winter Olympic authorities in Innsbruck, Austria.

Tod Hullin of the Domestic Council staff has reviewed the situation with the staff of the Commission. At this time, the Commission staff reports that they are not encountering any major problems with the U. S. Olympic Committee or the Austrian authorities. We will be informed if problems are encountered.

You also asked about the Olympic Sports Commission budget situation. The Commission is operating on reprogrammed money from HEW. At the present time, the Commission estimates that it will need an additional \$75,000. OMB has been asked to review the budget situation with the Commission staff and appropriate HEW officials.

SIGNATURE

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 24, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM CANNON *Jin*

SUBJECT:

President's Commission on Olympic Sports

The President's Commission on Olympic Sports, which you established on June 19, 1975, has forwarded to you through Secretary Mathews the first of two required reports. As you recall, the Commission is charged with the responsibility of reviewing the United States Olympic Committee and amateur sports organizations as they relate to the effectiveness of the U. S. effort in international and Olympic competition.

The first report analyzes the current system of amateur sports in this country and identifies the strengths, weaknesses and needs of this system. Specifically, the report examines the need for a pre-eminent amateur sports authority to resolve the conflicts of rival sports federations. The report also reviews the organization of amateur sports in other countries.

The second and final report of the Commission, which will contain more detailed analysis of each Olympic sport and recommendations for the restructuring of the American amateur sports system, will be forwarded to you in September of this year.

In light of the recent winter Olympic Games and your personal interest in this matter, I have attached for your review a copy of the report, which contains a short summary at Tab A.

Also attached for your consideration is a proposed letter to Gerald B. Zornow, Chairman of the Commission, acknowledging receipt of the report. Bob Hartmann has approved the text of the letter.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Gerald B. Zornow at Tab B.



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20201

February 9, 1976

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased to transmit to you the first report of the President's Commission on Olympic Sports. The covering memorandum to you from Mr. Gerald B. Zornow, Chairman of the Commission, summarizes the contents and thrust of this first report and outlines the direction of study for the second and final report, scheduled for submission in September 1976.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Gerald B. Zornow



February 9, 1976

President's Commission on Olympic Sports

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Through: The Honorable David Mathews
Secretary, Health, Education and Welfare

From: Gerald B. Zornow, Chairman *GBZ*
President's Commission on Olympic Sports

Gerald B. Zornow
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Lamar Hunt
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Captain Micki King
Dr. James A. McCain
Howard K. Smith
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Charles "Bud" Wilkinson

U. S. Senators:
J. Glenn Beall, Jr.
John C. Culver
Ted Stevens
Richard (Dick) Stone

U. S. Representatives:
Jack Kemp
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Robert H. Michel
Norman Y. Mineta

Michael T. Harrigan
Executive Director

In accordance with Section 4(b) of the Executive Order creating the President's Commission on Olympic Sports, attached is the first report of the Commission. This report marks the end of the first five months of the Commission's existence and thereby presents our initial findings, conclusions and recommendations with regard to the current structure of amateur sports in the United States.

In the coming weeks and months, the Commission will address itself to:

- Determining the appropriate and acceptable nature and activities of a restructuring mechanism.
- Examining the feasibility of proposed mechanics in terms of legal, administrative and fiscal implications.
- Reviewing the alternative strategies for implementation and proposed mechanisms.
- Conducting a sport-by-sport analysis to provide information on the status of individual Olympic sports and to test the projected effectiveness of any proposed solutions within each sport.

The second and final report will present the results of these activities.

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President's Commission on Olympic Sports

First Report to the President

February 9, 1976

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 24, 1976

Dear Mr. Zornow:

I would like to thank you and the other members of the President's Commission on Olympic Sports for your first report to me on the status of amateur sports in this country. I appreciate the hard work that went into your analysis of the problems, weaknesses and needs of the American amateur system.

I am looking forward to reading your second report, which will further detail the need for a reorganization of the current structure of amateur sports and examine the American Olympic program on a sport by sport basis. As you know, I am committed to work toward achieving the best Olympic program possible for our country.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Gerald B. Zornow
Chairman
President's Commission on
Olympic Sports
2025 M Street, N. W.
Suite 3002
Washington, D. C. 20506

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 4/6/16

TO:

Jim Cannon

FROM:

LYNN MAY

Comments:

Attached is a copy of the questionnaire
for the Olympic Sports study.

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President's Commission on
Olympic Sports

PLEASE COMPLETE FORM AND RETURN TO:

The President's Commission on Olympic Sports
2025 M Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20506

Attn: Carolyn Levitt
(202) 254-8410

NAME: _____

AGENCY: _____

PHONE: _____

The Commission is interested in Federal programs that affect amateur sports. For the purpose of this study, sports is defined as competitive activity, whether individual against individual or team against team. Programs involved in the construction of bike paths or hiking trails would, therefore, come under the heading of recreation. Whereas, programs involved in the construction of basketball or tennis courts would be considered sports-related programs.

Examples of possible programs affecting amateur sports include:

- . Construction of stadiums, field houses, tennis courts, velodromes (cycling tracks); funding research into diet for athletes; the effect of drugs on athletes; the cause of sport-related injuries; endurance studies
- . The development of training programs for athletes, coaches, officials;
- . Training films; training manuals;
- . Travel arrangements and expenses for teams and officials for national and international competition and training
- . International coach and athlete exchanges
- . Stipends for athletes and coaches while training or teaching
- . Promotion of safety in design and fabrication of equipment for sports and building of sports facilities
- . Arbitration of sports disputes

President's Commission on
Olympic Sports

I. Is your department involved in any program(s) that would affect amateur sports?

A. YES ____

B. NO ____

Programs completed within the last year or programs in the planning stage are appropriate.

A. If your answer is "NO", please return this portion of the survey only to the Commission.

B. If your answer is "YES", please list programs below that will be described on the questionnaire. Fill out one form for each program.
(Additional forms available from the Commission)

II.

Some programs of value never get funded for one reason or another. The Commission would like to know about these programs as well. Please write a short description of any sport related program which was planned but never implemented.

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Olympic Sports

III. PROGRAM NAME _____

1. Describe the program as it relates to amateur sports.

2. Is the program ...
Current _____
In the Planning Stage _____
Completed Within the Last Yr. _____

3. What is the Agency's
role in this program?
Administrative _____
Advisory _____
Grants Approval _____
Other _____

4. a. What is the source of your
operating budget?

b. How much is the budget annually? \$ _____

c. Enumerate how budget is spent,
either by dollars or percentage
of budget spent for each item.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT \$ or %</u>
Salaries _____	
Travel _____	
Grants _____	
Contracts _____	
Supplies _____	
Other _____	

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Olympic Sports

5. a. If this is a grant program, are funds...

Matching _____

Direct _____

b. If funds are matching,
describe specifically.

c. Over the last five (5) years,
how much money was given out in
grants per year?

1975 _____

1974 _____

1973 _____

1972 _____

1971 _____

d. To whom were the grants given and
how many were given in each category?

Colleges/University _____

Secondary Schools _____

Local Gov't. _____

Athletes _____

Doctors _____

Others. Specify _____

7. a. If this is a research program
how will results affect sports?

b. To whom will results of the
research be made known?

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Olympic Sports

7. a. What are the goals of this program? b. Who defined them?

8. a. As the program is administered now,
do you feel these goals are being met?

YES _____

NO _____

b. If "YES", how?

If "NO", why not?

9. Does the program have a specific
time span?

Years _____

Mos. _____

10. Do you have regional offices who
administer the program?

YES _____

NO _____

If "yes", please list.

11. What is the total number of Agency
personnel involved in this program?

12. Please give examples of individuals and institutions
who have taken advantage of this program, i.e.,
received money or other types of assistance.

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Olympic Sports

13. Please cite the program's "source of authority," e.g., Public Law, Executive Order, Congressional Charter.
14. If you are aware of other Federal agencies involved in amateur sports, please list.

Name of Person Completing Form if
different from Page 1

Agency or Department

Phone

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SIGNATURE

April 20, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM CANNON 
SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Gerald B. Zornow

Attached for your signature at Tab A is a Presidential letter to Gerald B. Zornow, chairman of the President's Commission on Olympic Sports. The letter discusses plans to honor the American athletes who participated in the recent Winter Olympic Games and responds to Mr. Zornow's letter to you of March 24 (Tab B).

The text of the letter has been approved by Robert T. Hartmann.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached letter (Tab A).

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 20, 1976

Dear Mr. Zornow:

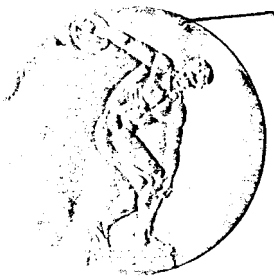
The American athletes who participated in the recent Winter Olympic Games should be given recognition.

My staff will work with your Commission to provide commendatory messages for events honoring these athletes, along the lines of the recent event in Connecticut honoring Dorothy Hamill. I have also asked my staff to arrange appropriate ceremonies for those Olympic athletes who visit Washington this year.

Thank you for your letter on this subject. I appreciate the fine work of the Commission on Olympic Sports.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Gerald B. Zornow
Chairman
President's Commission on
Olympic Sports
2025 M Street, Suite 3002
Washington, D.C. 20506



Lynn May

March 24, 1976

President's Commission on Olympic Sports

The President
Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Gerald B. Zornow
Chairman

Dear Mr. President:

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

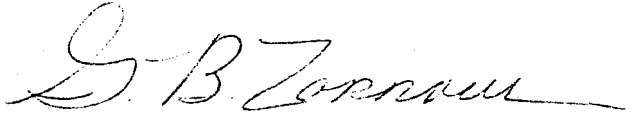
Your charge to the Commission on Olympic Sports is to improve the environment of the American athlete in the United States by recommending to you improvement in the organization of amateur sports and to determine ways to finance amateur sports.

Recognizing that the following is not part of its direct charge, the Commission, nonetheless, respectfully suggests that the United States government take appropriate action to honor the achievements of the American athlete at the recently completed Winter Olympic Games. The Commission believes that these athletes, who have sacrificed so much to represent their country in Olympic competition, should be given national recognition.

U. S. Senators:
J. Glenn Beall, Jr.
John C. Culver
Ted Stevens
Richard (Dick) Stone

Sincerely yours,

U. S. Representatives:
Jack Kemp
Ralph H. Metcalfe
Robert H. Michel
Norman Y. Mineta


Gerald B. Zornow

Michael T. Harrigan
Executive Director

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4/19 - 8:00 am

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 16, 1976

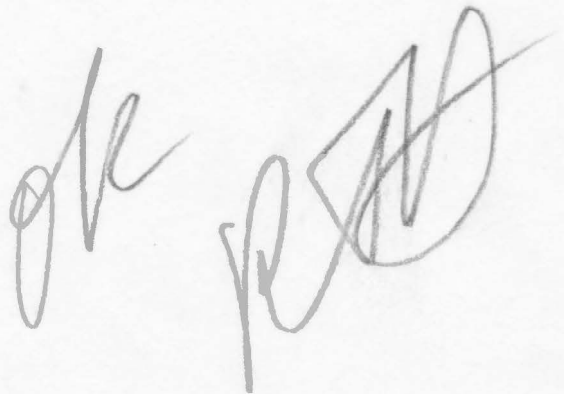
MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT T. HARTMANN

FROM: JIM CANNON 

SUBJECT: Gerald B. Zornow

I would appreciate your concurrence on the attached letter to Gerald B. Zornow, Chairman of the President's Commission on Olympic Sports.

Thank you.



ENCLOSURE

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 16, 1976

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

DATE: April 29, 1976
FROM: Lynn May
THRU: Jim Cannon
VIA: William Nicholson

MEETING: Announcement of funding for 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid.

DATE: Wednesday or Thursday, May 5 or 6

PURPOSE: To announce Administration legislation to provide financing for the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid and to honor some of the medal winners at the 1976 Winter Olympics.

FORMAT: -Oval Office
-Participants: See attached list
-5 minutes

SPEECH MATERIAL: Briefing paper to be prepared by the Domestic Council.

PRESS COVERAGE: White House Press Corps; Photo Opportunity.

STAFF: Lynn May

RECOMMEND: Jim Cannon and Jack Marsh.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION:

The President has not met with any of the 1976 Winter Game medal winners.

BACKGROUND: In 1974, the President invited the International Olympic Committee to stage the 1980 Winter Games at Lake Placid. Responding to Congressional legislation that would authorize Federal financing of games, the President recently made the decision to finance the construction of permanent sports facilities at Lake Placid. The proposed event would provide an opportunity for the President to dramatize his position on the matter and pay tribute to some of the medal winners of the 1976 Winter Games.

APPROVE _____

DISAPPROVE _____

Proposed Participants:

1976 Winter Game Medal Winners:

Dorothy Hamill - Figure Skating
Sheila Young - Speed Skating
Bill Koch - Cross Country Skiing

Congressmen:

Senator Jacob K. Javits
Senator James L. Buckley
Congressman Robert C. McEwen

Sports Officials:

Philip O. Krumm - President of the United States
Olympic Committee
Gerald B. Zornow - Chairman of the President's
Commission on Olympic Sports

Members of the Lake Placid Organizing Committee:

[4/30/76]

Closed

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Nicholson does not
yet have ^{the} a time for
Lake Placid Ceremony.
When that is firm
I recommend that Jim
cannot make the call
to McEwen A.S.A.

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION

WASHINGTON

April 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM CANNON

THROUGH: JIM CAVANAUGH

FROM: LYNN MAY 

SUBJECT: Lake Placid Winter Olympics

Attached is a schedule proposal for the President to announce his support for Federal funding of permanent sports facilities at Lake Placid, prior to the 1980 Winter Olympics. Bill Nicholson is currently trying to block out a time next Friday.

Because of the extreme concern of Congressman McEwen and the Lake Placid Organizing Committee over resolution of this issue, I think that it would be appropriate, once the event is cleared, to notify the Congressman and possibly Senators Javits and Buckley, that the President has made a decision and is planning to announce it next week in an event in which they are invited to participate. Attached are talking points that you might use in your conversation.

Attachment

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Members of the Lake Placid Organizing Committee:

TALKING POINTS

1. The President has decided that it would be appropriate for the Federal Government to finance permanent sports facilities at Lake Placid prior to the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid. The funding level would be \$28 million.
2. The President would like to announce his proposal next _____ at an event honoring some of the 1976 Winter Olympic medal winners. Your participation along with key members of the Lake Placid Organizing Committee would be appreciated.

NOTE: Congressman McEwen might be concerned about the effect of the new Congressional budget procedure on the timing of the introduction of a new authorization bill. OMB assures me that this won't be a problem because most of the funds necessary for Lake Placid will be available from the new EDA appropriations.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

May 5, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM CANNON

FROM: LYNN MAY *Lynn May*

SUBJECT: Lake Placid Ceremony

I developed at your request a schedule proposal for a ceremony at which the President could announce Federal funding for Lake Placid.

Tentatively, it is to be held Friday at 12:00 noon. Since last Friday Bill Nicholson has led me to believe that the ceremony was virtually a sure thing except he had not obtained final clearance. As this week wore on I was forced to notify the Olympic medal winners, Congressmen and others that we were thinking of holding a ceremony to announce our position and could they please hold Friday open for us.

Today I discovered that Jim Lynn has been holding the matter up and is now trying to kill it by a phone call to Cheney. I was led to believe earlier, however, that his objections had been overcome by Jack Marsh and Paul O'Neill. Tomorrow I'll be forced to call everyone and tell them its no go. I'm sure that the Congressional Committees and Governor Carey, who has taken an interest in this, will be angry. I recommend that you talk to Lynn and Cheney to resolve this in favor of the ceremony.

ccL Jim Cavanaugh

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EDA

*\$28. Amount for
ski jump
speed skating rink
stadium for hockey
not the Olympic
village.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

CEREMONY HONORING UNITED STATES MEDAL WINNERS
OF THE 1976 WINTER OLYMPICS AND
ANNOUNCING ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATIVE
PROPOSAL FOR SPECIAL FEDERAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE 1980 WINTER OLYMPICS AT
LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK

Friday, May 7, 1976
11:15 a.m. - (10 minutes)
The Rose Garden

From: James Cannon

I. PURPOSE

To honor U.S. Medal Winners and announce Administration legislative proposal to fund certain permanent sports facilities at Lake Placid for the 1980 Winter Games.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS, AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

On April 22, 1976, you decided to adopt an OMB recommendation to provide special financial assistance for the 1980 Winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid which would:

- . give the Secretary of Commerce the responsibility for coordinating the Federal assistance for the construction of the permanent sports facilities required for the Games (estimated cost of \$28 million). The Secretary would use existing program authorities and budgets to the maximum extent possible, and could request additional appropriations, if needed, to finance the construction;
- . permit the Federal Government to pay up to \$50 of cost overruns on the construction of the sports facilities; and
- . the Federal Government would not assume any special responsibility for financing other facilities or services which may be needed for these Games. These costs would be the responsibility of the State and local governments.

The sports facilities expected to be built with Federal financial support include:

- . A new field house with two ice sheets and a seating capacity of 9,000;
- . A 90-meter ski jump which would be the only one of its kind in the country;
- . A 400-meter outdoor speed skating oval; and
- . A luge run.

B. Participants:

See attached list (Tab A).

C. Press Plan:

White House Press Corps and Sports Press. Photo opportunity.

III. TALKING POINTS

See attached speech (Tab B).

Participants

1976 Winter Olympic Medal Winners

Peter Mueller - Speed Skating
Leah Poulos - Speed Skating
Colleen O'Connor - Dance Skating
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Bill Koch - Cross Country Skiing

Lake Placid Organizing Committee Members

John A. Shea
Senator Ronald B. Stafford
Ronald M MacKenzie
J. Bernard Fell
Norman L. Hess
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Sports Commission Members

Philip O. Krumm - President of the United States
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Howard K. Smith - Commissioner, President's Commission on
Olympic Sports

Senate

Senator John C. Culver
Senator Ted Stevens
Senator Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.

House

Congressman Jack F. Kemp
Congressman Norman Y. Mineta
Congressman James J. Delaney
Congressman Fred B. Rooney
Congressman John M. Slack
Congressman Robert C. McEwen

New York State Representatives

James L. Larocca - Deputy Secretary to the Governor
Mario Mathew Cuomo - Secretary of State for New York
Herman Forrest Cole - Director, Division of Economic
Opportunity
Brad Craig Johnson - Legislative Counsel

Administration

James Baker - Under Secretary of Commerce

TALKING POINTS

I want to extend a very warm welcome to all of you today - the representatives of the Lake Placid Organizing Committee, Philip Krumm, President of the United States Olympic Committee, Gerald Zornow, Chairman of the President's Commission on Olympic Sports and other Commissioners of that body, distinguished Congressmen and finally and most particularly to the seven athletes, who won medals at the 1976 Winter Olympic Games in Innsbruck.

We are gathered here today to pay tribute to your recent accomplishments and to look forward toward the future of amateur sports and the Olympic efforts of this country. I doubt anyone here, except you athletes, really comprehends the tremendous sacrifices that each of you and your fellow teammates had to endure to be able to compete in the Olympic Games. I would like to thank you on behalf of all Americans for your achievements which have so honored our country and advanced the cause of international fellowship. You make us all very proud.

I believe that the time is right for greater understanding and support of amateur athletic competition in this country. For this reason, I appointed a Presidential Commission on Olympic Sports last year to examine the nature of American amateur athletics. Their report, due later this year, will assess the organization and financing of amateur sports in this country and how it affects American participation in international competition like the Olympic Games.

Another factor of importance in the success of American Olympic teams under examination by the Commission is the availability of first class facilities for training and competition. Many of the most thrilling events of the 1976 Winter Olympics, like the bobsled races and ski jumping events, were held on facilities that required tremendous expenditures to construct. Europe has several speed skating rinks and 90 meter ski jumps. The United States has only one speed skating rink and no 90 meter ski jumps. As a result, American athletes in these events are forced to spend long months abroad to prepare for competition or curtail their training.

I believe that America is proud of her Olympic athletes and proud to have them take part in the great Olympic pageant. I am proposing, therefore, legislation that will provide special financial assistance for the 1980 Winter Olympic Games to be held at Lake Placid, New York. The funds will be used to build permanent sports facilities, including a speed skating rink, a 90 meter ski jump, a luge run and others. These facilities will not only be used for the 1980 Winter Games but will also be available for United State athletes to train on thereafter.

I know that many of the Senators and Congressmen here today, like Bob McEwen of New York, have been working hard to improve amateur athletics and also to bring the 1980 Winter Games to the United States. I trust that my Administration can work with you to realize these goals. Thank you very much for coming.

MAY 7, 1976

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

FACT SHEET

Federal Assistance for the 1980
Winter Olympic Games

The President announced today that he is requesting legislation to provide for special financial assistance for the 1980 Winter Olympic Games, to be held in Lake Placid, New York.

The proposed legislation will:

- Give the Secretary of Commerce the responsibility for coordinating the Federal assistance for the construction of the permanent sports facilities required for the Games (estimated cost of \$28 million). The Secretary would use existing program authorities and budgets to the maximum extent possible, and could request additional appropriations, if needed, to finance the construction;
- Stipulate that the Federal Government not assume any special responsibility for financing other facilities or services which may be needed for these Games. These costs would be the responsibility of the State and local governments.

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Administration

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TALKING POINTS

I want to extend a very warm welcome to all of you today - the representatives of the Lake Placid Organizing Committee, Philip Krumm, President of the United States Olympic Committee, Gerald Zornow, Chairman of the President's Commission on Olympic Sports and other Commissioners of that body, distinguished Congressmen and finally and most particularly to the seven athletes, who won medals at the 1976 Winter Olympic Games in Innsbruck.

We are gathered here today to pay tribute to your recent accomplishments and to look forward toward the future of amateur sports and the Olympic efforts of this country. I doubt anyone here, except you athletes, really comprehends the tremendous sacrifices that each of you and your fellow teammates had to endure to be able to compete in the Olympic Games. I would like to thank you on behalf of all Americans for your achievements which have so honored our country and advanced the cause of international fellowship. You make us all very proud.

I believe that the time is right for greater understanding and support of amateur athletic competition in this country. For this reason, I appointed a Presidential Commission on Olympic Sports last year to examine the nature of American amateur athletics. Their report, due later this year, will assess the organization and financing of amateur sports in this country and how it affects American participation in international competition like the Olympic Games.

Another factor of importance in the success of American Olympic teams under examination by the Commission is the availability of first class facilities for training and competition. Many of the most thrilling events of the 1976 Winter Olympics, like the bobsled races and ski jumping events, were held on facilities that required tremendous expenditures to construct. Europe has several speed skating rinks and 90 meter ski jumps. The United States has only one speed skating rink and no 90 meter ski jumps. As a result, American athletes in these events are forced to spend long months abroad to prepare for competition or curtail their training.

I believe that America is proud of her Olympic athletes and proud to have them take part in the great Olympic pageant. I am proposing, therefore, legislation that will provide special financial assistance for the 1980 Winter Olympic Games to be held at Lake Placid, New York. The funds will be used to build permanent sports facilities, including a speed skating rink, a 90 meter ski jump, a luge run and others. These facilities will not only be used for the 1980 Winter Games but will also be available for United State athletes to train on thereafter.

I know that many of the Senators and Congressmen here today, like Bob McEwen of New York, have been working hard to improve amateur athletics and also to bring the 1980 Winter Games to the United States. I trust that my Administration can work with you to realize these goals. Thank you very much for coming.

Federal Assistance for the 1980
Winter Olympic Games

The President has decided that he will request legislation to provide for special financial assistance for the 1980 Winter Olympic Games to be held in Lake Placid, New York.

The proposed legislation will:

- . Give the Secretary of Commerce the responsibility for coordinating the Federal assistance for the construction of the permanent sports facilities required for the Games (estimated cost of \$28 million). The Secretary would use existing program authorities and budgets to the maximum extent possible, and could request additional appropriations, if needed, to finance the construction;
- . Permit the Federal Government to pay up to 50% of cost overruns on the construction of the sports facilities; and
- . The Federal Government would not assume any special responsibility for financing other facilities or services which may be needed for these Games. These costs would be the responsibility of the State and local governments.

The sports facilities expected to be built with Federal financial support include:

- . A new field house with two ice sheets and a seating capacity of 9,000;
- . A 90-meter ski jump which would be the only one of its kind in the country;
- . A 400-meter outdoor speed skating oval; and
- . A luge run.

UNITED STATES MEDAL WINNERS
OF THE 1976 WINTER OLYMPICS

THE ROSE GARDEN

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1976



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-- THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LAKE PLACID ORGANIZING COMMITTEE;

PHILIP KRUMM, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE;

GERALD ZORNOW, CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

ON OLYMPIC SPORTS, AND OTHER COMMISSIONERS OF THAT BODY;

DISTINGUISHED CONGRESSMEN; AND FINALLY AND MOST PARTICULARLY
TO THE SEVEN ATHLETES WHO WON MEDALS AT THE 1976 WINTER OLYMPIC
GAMES IN INNSBRUCK.



TODAY WE ARE HERE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO YOUR RECENT
ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF AMATEUR SPORTS
AND THE OLYMPIC EFFORTS OF THIS COUNTRY.

I DOUBT WHETHER ANYONE HERE, EXCEPT YOU ATHLETES,
FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE TREMENDOUS SACRIFICES THAT YOU
AND YOUR FELLOW TEAMMATES HAVE MADE IN ORDER
TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES.



I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF ALL AMERICANS
FOR THE HONOR WHICH YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE BROUGHT
TO OUR COUNTRY AND FOR ADVANCING THE CAUSE OF INTERNATIONAL
FELLOWSHIP. YOU MAKE US ALL VERY PROUD.

I BELIEVE THAT THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR GREATER
UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF AMATEUR ATHLETIC COMPETITION
IN THIS COUNTRY. FOR THIS REASON, I APPOINTED
A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON OLYMPIC SPORTS LAST YEAR
TO EXAMINE THE NATURE OF AMERICAN AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

THEIR REPORT, DUE LATER THIS YEAR, WILL ASSESS THE ORGANIZATION
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THE FULL REALIZATION OF THESE GOALS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

END OF TEXT

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

May 5, 1976

Honorable James M. Cannon
Director
The Domestic Council
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Jim:

This is addressed in further regard to the subject of our recent telephone conversation.

For the 1932 Olympics at Lake Placid, the bobsled run at Mount Van Hoevenberg, the 70 meter ski jump at Intervale and the Olympic Arena were all constructed. Most significant is the fact that these facilities have been continuously used for succeeding winter games and competitions for the past 44 years, and, in fact, will be utilized again in the 1980 Games.

The additional sports facilities to be constructed for the 1980 Games will likewise be used for years to come. They will serve to make this community a complete winter sports center for both training our athletes and for national and international competitions.

What has concerned me, and others, is how to meet the need for athlete housing, i.e. an Olympic village.

Because Lake Placid is a beautiful small mountain village, it is an ideal setting for the Games. At the same time, however, this presents a problem on finding a use for this housing after the Games are over.

One of the sites that has been considered is the state facility at Ray Brook. It was originally constructed as a hospital for the care and treatment of tuberculosis patients. With the advent of the so-called wonder drugs and the control of tuberculosis, it was no longer needed for that purpose. Subsequently, it was used as a drug treatment center. Now, it is surplus, and the state is looking for some use for Ray Brook.

*By your -
At some
point, you
might want to
go up and
look at the
Ray Brook and
determine.
Jim*



May 5, 1976

It is situated between Lake Placid and Saranac Lake and would be a convenient location for an Olympic village. The fine buildings of this facility are set back at some distance from the main highway in a very beautiful wooded area.

It now occurs to me that this facility might be improved, including security fencing desirable for an Olympic village, and find an after use as a federal youth center.

I am told that we now have federal youth centers at Morgantown, West Virginia; Ashland, Kentucky; Englewood, Colorado; and Pleasanton, California. Additionally, youth centers are under construction at Miami, Florida; Memphis, Tennessee, and Bastrop, Texas. This year, there is a request for an appropriation to build such a center at Talladega, Alabama.

You will note from this list the absence of any federal youth center in the Northeast. I am told that there has been appropriated planning money for locating such a facility in New York, as well as the Pennsylvania-Maryland area and Ohio.

With the anticipated announcement to be made by the President concerning the 1980 Winter Games, we shall be committed to successfully hosting this event. It would seem that a site, such as Ray Brook, might be considered for a federal youth center. There would be adequate time to make the necessary renovations and improvements in order to have it available for the Games in 1980 and immediately thereafter to be used as a correctional facility.

It is my understanding that these federal youth centers are minimum security institutions with dormitory-type living accommodations.

For both your interest in this matter and your anticipated inquiry into it, I am most appreciative.

With kindest regards, I remain

Cordially,



Robert C. McEwen

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 5/25/76

TO: Jim Cannon

FROM: LYNN MAY

Comments:

Attached is a transmittal letter to Bob Hartmann for his concurrence on the attached Presidential letter to Bill Koch (1976 Olympic Medal winner).

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 25, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT T. HARTMANN

FROM: JIM CANNON *Jm*
SUBJECT: Attached Letter

I would appreciate your concurrence on the attached Presidential letter for William Koch. He was the Olympic Medal winner in the cross country skiing event.

Thanks.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 25, 1976

Dear Bill:

I want to thank you for your participation in the White House ceremony honoring the 1976 Winter Olympic Medal winners. I'd especially like to express my appreciation for the can of maple syrup which you brought for me. Both were very enjoyable.

Although I'm a downhiller myself, I really admire your performance in the Olympics in an event that is very gruelling. I believe the example you set will inspire future American athletes to do well in events like cross country skiing that have not traditionally been sports in which we have excelled. I am very proud of you and all your fellow teammates.

Sincerely,

Mr. William C. Koch
RFD #4
Box 299
West Brattleboro, Vermont 05301

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Congressman Robert C. McEwen
30th Congressional District, New York

NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Cary R. Brick (315-782-3150)
For Release: Immediate
May 27, 1976
Release # : 76-64-526

WASHINGTON---Congressman Robert C. McEwen, R-N.Y., announced today the Federal government will take a close look at the former hospital and drug rehabilitation center at Ray Brook, N.Y., for dual use as housing by athletes participating in the 1980 winter Olympics at Lake Placid and later as a Federal correctional facility for youthful offenders.

The considerations result from a meeting initiated by Congressman McEwen with Rep. John M. Slack, D-W.Va., Chairman of the State, Justice and Commerce Appropriations Subcommittee of the House of Representatives, which will oversee the Federal funding for the Olympic facilities and already oversees the funding for the Federal Bureau of Prisons of the Justice Department.

Norman A. Carlson, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, who also met with the Congressmen, told them his Bureau is looking for a Northeast site for a youth correctional facility to house 500 inmates in the 18-25 year old age bracket. The facility would employ 150-200 persons.

"The Ray Brook site will be considered for both purposes," Congressman McEwen said, "The Olympic village and its security system would have a long term after-use because the initial review indicates it would also meet the housing and security requirements of a youth correction center."

"I am delighted that Mr. Carlson will be making a first-hand inspection of the Ray Brook site in the very near future," Congressman McEwen said.

"My primary concern with the possible selection of the site as a correctional facility," the Congressman emphasized, "is its acceptability for this use by the community, and its suitability for use by the Bureau of Prisons."

"Should the community be willing to accept the correctional facility concept and it is also found acceptable as Olympic housing, the Federal government has an obligation to pursue the use of the Ray Brook site," he said.

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Note to Broadcasters: An audio tape is available from the
Congressman's office. Telephone - 315-782-3150

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Hale:

Thank you for your kind letter regarding Mike's visit to Lake Placid in June. From what I have been told, your description of hiking on some of your mountains is no exaggeration.

Regarding your question about Federal funding for the 1980 Winter Games at Lake Placid, I submitted to the Congress legislation for the construction of permanent sports facilities at Lake Placid for future American Teams. This bill, which would cost approximately \$28 million, has been passed by the Senate. A larger authorization, sponsored by your Congressman Bob McEwen, has been passed by the House. The House bill includes funds for the housing of Olympic athletes as well as the construction of sports facilities.

I am convinced that we can do more, in the long run, to train future American champions. To that end, I am asking the Congress to extend the life of my Commission to examine the problems of sports organization in our country and to recommend effective funding mechanisms for training and development. I am confident we can find ways to preserve our athletes' bona fide amateur status and still provide the means of Olympic training and development.

Again, I thank you for your kind words and your invitation to visit Lake Placid during the 1980 Games. I know they will be a great success and am currently planning to attend.

Sincerely,

Mr. Edward Hale
Editor
Lake Placid News
Lake Placid, New York 12946



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 7, 1976

Dear Senator Stevens:

I just read copies of your correspondence with the President in the matter of the 1980 Winter Games at Lake Placid. I thought it would be appropriate for me to let you know that amateur sports is one of my areas of responsibility for the Domestic Council and that I have been working closely with the President's Commission on Olympic Sports, OMB and Congressman Bob McEwen's office on the matter of Federal funding for Lake Placid.

I would be more than happy to establish the same working relationship with you and your staff. I plan to visit Lake Placid shortly to inspect the area for myself. I welcome any suggestions or criticisms you might have about our current policies toward amateur sports and the Olympic Games.

Sincerely,

F. Lynn May
Associate Director
Domestic Council

The Honorable Ted Stevens
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510



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bcc: Jim Cannon/Max Friedersdorf/Central Files

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CANNON

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEZ*

SUBJECT:

Funding for Lake Placid
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Lake Placid, New York 12946

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