

To  
The Honorable J. Sigfrid Edström, President,  
and  
My dear Colleagues of the International  
Olympic Committee  
London, England.

Gentlemen :

It has been my duty and pleasure to serve as a member of the International Olympic Committee since 1922, a full quarter of a century. Am today tendering my resignation as a member of the Committee, feeling that a younger man from the United States should be selected in my stead, but I shall carry with me many happy memories and friendships.

I feel that my City, as well as myself, were greatly honored when in 1932 you selected Los Angeles as the site of the celebration of the Xth Olympiad. Our City is ready and anxious to welcome the Games in 1956. As a matter of fact, we could be fully prepared with all facilities to again celebrate the Games with one year's notice or even less.

Mrs. Garland and I are both very sorry to miss the Games in London this year. I know they will be most delightfully celebrated under the splendid management of the British Organizing Committee. We will both miss greeting you on this happy occasion.

May I not wish you continued and continuous success in your efforts to achieve the high ideals and objectives of Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of our organization and my friend.

Most sincerely and cordially yours,  
William May Garland.