

The press release of 3rd December

“Lord Killanin, President of the International Olympic Committee, states that he and the Directors are in constant communication with the Organising Committee of the Games of the XXIst Olympiad in Montreal and all authorities connected with the 1976 Games. A change of venue to another city does not arise and speculation by any NOC, as reported in the press, is regretted.

Dr. Victor Goldbloom, the Minister responsible for the Installations Board and for Municipal Affairs in the Government of Quebec, will be informing the President of the International Olympic Committee of any proposed alterations in the construction of the Montreal Olympic Park in the next fortnight.

The President of the International Olympic Committee wishes to remind the people of Canada of the unity of the federal and provincial governments, the city of Montreal and the Canadian Olympic Association in the original 1966 and successful 1970

candidacy when Montreal was entrusted to organise the Games of the XXIst Olympiad with the support of the people of Canada.

Time is short and much has been lost, but with renewed unity of effort it is possible to complete the necessary work and technical facilities for all the 21 sports for the 18th Olympic Games.

The President stresses that the International Olympic Committee considers all priorities must be given to the competitors and that the Olympic stadium affects two basic sports—athletics and swimming. Therefore the greatest attention must be given to completing all facilities for these events.

As regards the main press centre, which is also involved, the International Olympic Committee will insist that facilities equivalent to those previously planned will be at the disposal of all professional media.”

