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Which is the most significant—the Olympic Games or the invasion of one country by another? What effect, if any, would a partial boycotting of the Summer Games by the United States and certain other nations have upon Soviet activities currently underway in Afghanistan? Not any, except may be a shrug, as recent past history would tend to indicate.

I understand that the International Olympic Committee has a contractual agreement with Moscow, and I ask are dollars or contractual obligations with representatives of a nation which is currently, and has in the recent past, forced its will through armed aggression upon citizens like you and I of other nations, more important than an individual's freedom? I would suggest cancellation of all matters relating to scheduled Olympic Games in Moscow. This would cause some slight embarrassment and hurt the Soviet Union to some degree economically. Whether or not such action would bring about a withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan, I do not know. But, at least, it would be a step in the right direction.

I beg you to use your influence in helping to put human freedom above all else and do as I have suggested. If freedom is preserved, the Olympic Games will be also.

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