

● Circular letter from the President of the IOC

To: Members of the International Olympic Committee

Lausanne, 15th December 1980

Dear Colleague,

On 14th August 1980, I sent you the first letter of my presidential mandate. I would like to thank all those they were many and I am very pleased who replied, informing me of their opinions on the various questions which were put to them. A summary analysing the replies is attached to this letter.¹

On 15th October I officially left my post as Ambassador in Moscow. Thus my time from now on will be divided between my professional occupations in Spain and the duties involved with the presidency of the International Olympic Committee. You should address correspondence to the Chateau de Vidy.

For this second letter, the following is a short summary of my activities during the past three months.

Having attended the meeting of the Commission for the International Olympic Academy under the chairmanship of Mr. Mohamed Mzali, in Lausanne on 25th August, I chaired the meeting of the Tripartite Commission on 29th and 30th September in Monaco. I was to return to Monaco from 15th to 18th October on the invitation of Mr. Thomas Keller, President of the GAISF, in order to follow the work of the organisation's congress. During this time I met all the presidents and secretaries general of the International Olympic and recognised Federations, and was received in audience by HSH Prince Rainier.

In London on 22nd October I met my predecessor, Lord Killanin, and discussed with him all the business of our Committee. I officially invited him to speak on the first day of the Congress in Baden-Baden on his activities at the head of the Olympic movement from Munich to Moscow.

At the invitation of Mr. Georges-Andre Chevallaz, President of the Swiss Confederation, I went to Berne to discuss the international status of the IOC with the President and the Syndic of Lausanne.

On 24th October in Lausanne I presented the IOC's award for the Golden Ring, a competition for the best televised sports film, to Mr. Horst Seifart, Director of regional programmes of the "Nord Deutscher Rundfunk" (FRG).

On 30th and 31st October the Executive Board met for the first time since the Games of the XXIInd Olympiad in Moscow. As usual you will receive the various recommendations which were made and decisions which were taken at the meeting. The new IOC Commissions were nominated at the meeting.²

From 11th to 15th November I carried out my first official visit to Paris. I was received by Mr. Valery Giscard d'Estaing, President of the French Republic, and by Mr. Jean-Pierre Soisson, Minister of Sport. I visited the French National Olympic and Sports Committee, presided by Mr. Claude Collard, and met all the principal French administrators holding international posts in sport. There was also a meeting with two members of the Academic Francaise, Mr. Maurice Druon and Mr. Michel Droit. The former, in his capacity as member of the European Parliament, is President of the Committee for Culture and Education responsible for studying the proposal to hold the Olympic Games permanently in Greece.

I went personally to enquire about Mr. Charles de Coquereumont, who is slowly recovering from the heart attack he suffered in Moscow.

From 19th to 22nd of the same month, I was in London for the meeting of the European Committees. I was able to meet my colleagues Lord Exeter and Lord Luke, as well as the Honorary Life President, Lord Killanin. I was present at the dinner held in honour of the 75th anniversary of the British Olympic Association, after having met its President, Sir Denis Follows, its Vice-President, Mr. Charles Palmer, and its Secretary General, Mr. Richard Palmer.

I then visited the President of the IAAF, Mr. Adriaan Paulen, who was accompanied by the Treasurer, Mr. Frederick Holder, and the Secretary General, Mr. John Holt. We spoke in particular about the Olympic programme, the eligibility rules, protocol at the Games,

¹ See "Olympic Review" No 158 page 690.

² See "Olympic Review" No 156 page 546.

television rights and the Solidarity programme. A working meeting with the President of the Association of National Olympic Committees, Mr. Mario Vazquez Raña, also took place in London.

The Director of the IOC, M^{me} Monique Berlioux, accompanied me both to Paris and to London.

On 25th November, Mr. Pedro Ramirez Vazquez came to Lausanne on his way to Athens, where he was to meet the members of the Commission for Greece, whose report I am awaiting at the moment.

On 27th November after conferring with the Comte de Beaumont, Mr. Holder and Mr. Gafner, we held a meeting with the representatives of the city of Lausanne under the chairmanship of Mr. Jean-Pascal Delamuraz in order to discuss the international status of the IOC, the possibility of extending our offices and the re-opening of the Olympic Museum. A second meeting on this will be held on 30th January 1981.

Finally, in Tunis on 29th and 30th November at the meeting of the International Committee of the Mediterranean Games, I handed in my resignation as Vice-President of the organisation. Our colleague, Mr. Mohamed Mzali, currently Prime Minister of Tunisia, had arranged a meeting for me with the Head of State, Mr. Habib Bourguiba. During my stay in Tunis I was also able to meet Mr. Milan Ercegan, President of the International Amateur Wrestling Federation (FILA).

Also, during the periods I have spent at Vidy, it has been possible for me to receive various sports personalities, including Mr. Pierre Ferri, President of the International Fencing Federation (FIE), Mr. Paul Libaud, President of the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB), Mr. Ignati Novikov, President of the Organising Committee of the Games of the XXIInd Olympiad, Mr. Philippe Chatrier, President of the International Tennis Federation, Mr. J.-J. Finsterwald, President of the World Union of Water Skiing, and Mr. Lu Jin Dong, Vice-President of the Chinese Olympic Committee.

On 26th November a delegation from the city of Nagoya, headed by its Mayor, Mr. Motoyama, and the Deputy Governor of the Aichi district, Mr. Suzuki, presented me with the official candidature of the city of Nagoya for the organisation of the Games of the XXIVth

Olympiad. This followed the application by Melbourne, which had already been received, and was followed in its turn by applications from Seoul and Athens for the Games of the XXIVth Olympiad, while Falun, Cortina d'Ampezzo and Calgary confirmed their wish to organise the XVth Winter Games.

On 5th December I chaired the meeting of the Press Commission, the day before leaving for a week's visit to Los Angeles with the Director. On 23rd and 24th January the Tripartite Commission will meet in Baden-Baden and in February, together with Mr. Raymond Gafner, we will visit several African countries. The next meeting of the Executive Board is planned for 21st to 24th February 1981, in Los Angeles.

In my previous letter, I mentioned the Baden-Baden Congress. Since then, the Tripartite Commission has designated a working group, under the chairmanship of Mr. Vitaly Smirnov in his capacity as First Vice-President of the IOC, made up of Mr. Thomas Keller, Mr. Raoul Mollet and M^{me} Monique Berlioux. The group is responsible for preparing the work of the Tripartite Commission and accelerating its operations. It has already met twice, in Lausanne and in Brussels. The final programme and the statutes of the Congress have been drawn up and will be proposed at the next meeting of the Tripartite Commission on 23rd and 24th January in Baden-Baden. The topics of the Congress will also be definitively adopted at that time; at the moment these topics are divided into three parts :

- the future of the Games ;
- international co-operation ;
- the Olympic movement in prospective.

I would like to have your opinions on this choice, as well as your ideas on the subdivisions which could be adopted for each topic. Finally, we must think about the aims we hope to achieve by the Congress.

You will soon be receiving under separate cover an IOC insignia which I am very pleased to offer to you on the occasion of the New Year. I would like to express my best wishes that 1981 be a prosperous year for you and those dear to you.

Yours sincerely,
Juan Antonio Samaranch
President

To: National Olympic Committees which did not participate in the Games of the XXIInd Olympiad in Moscow.

Lausanne, 16th December 1980

Re: Participation in the Games of the XXIInd Olympiad.

According to Rule 248 of the "Olympic Charter" :

"The object of NOCs, in accordance with the fundamental principles contained in these Rules, shall be to ensure the development and safeguarding of the Olympic movement and sport. NOCs shall be the sole authorities responsible for the representation of their respective countries at the Olympic Games..."

Consequently, one of the major roles of National Olympic Committees is to ensure the participation of their best athletes in the Olympic Games.

On the occasion of the Games of the XXIInd Olympiad in Moscow, a certain number of NOCs, including your own, did not participate in these Games.

Following the decision of the Session, and in order for the Executive Board to be able to study the situation fully and with the aim of avoiding any repetition of such an occurrence I would urge you to send to the IOC Headquarters, before 31st January 1981, a certified copy in French or English, of the minutes of the meeting at which this decision took place, together with the voting list (if any), and a copy of all relevant documents.

Once more, I should particularly like to draw your attention to the fact that this request is made so that the IOC may have as complete and exact a view of the situation as possible, and to ensure that the "Olympic Charter" is upheld...

To : Presidents and Secretaries-General of the International Federations.

- Games of the XXII Olympiad - Moscow

Lausanne, 27th November 1980

Re: Television rights for the Games of the XXIInd Olympiad.

With reference to our circular letter No. 1536 of 24th June 1980, we would like to in-

form you that the total amount of revenue from the sale of television rights for the Games of the XXIInd Olympiad which took place in Moscow now stands at US\$ 11,560,000.-.

From this figure, after setting aside the IOC's share, i.e., US\$ 3,854,000.- (1/3), 10%, i.e., US\$ 770,000.-, has been deducted to pay the expenses of officials who participated in the Games of the XXIInd Olympiad.

Of the balance of US\$ 6,936,000.-, the International Federations are entitled to the sum of US\$ 3,468,000.- (50%).

The federations have already received advances totalling US\$ 1,186,080.-.

Therefore, there remains to be paid a balance of US\$ 2,315,437.23 (after inclusion of a surplus of US\$ 33,517.23 from the reserve of 10% for officials' expenses), to which will be added the amount of interest calculated on the amount due to the International Federations.

We would like to point out that this does not take into account amounts which are under dispute.

Pending :

1. negotiations still to be held with the television companies; the first is to be held with the EBU on 19th January 1981,
2. the decision to be taken by the International Federations among themselves regarding distribution, and having discussed the matter with Mr. Keller in London, we have agreed to forward to you immediately the following amounts (calculated on the balance of US\$ 2,315,437.23) :

- 10% for the International Amateur Athletic Federation, i.e., US\$ 232,000.-.
- 2 % for the other federations, i.e., US\$ 46,000.- per federation.

In order to enable us to pay the amount due to your federation, we would ask you to inform us of the name of your bank, its address and the account number...