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Soviet delegation visit

During its one-week visit to the Olympic city, the Soviet delegation led by Mr. Marat Gramov, NOC President, met with Mr. Peter V. Ueberroth, LAOOC President, to discuss a number of matters.

The talks, "from sportsman to sportsman", were held in a warm atmosphere, and did not stray into political considerations. They dealt with, and settled, practically all of the outstanding details. A draft declaration was signed on 7th December, which specified that : the LAOOC will consider the Soviets' request of accomodating their athletes in the Olympic Village at UCLA in a positive light ; twenty-five charter planes will be provided with all available landing facilities during the period of the Games ; the Soviet delegation's journalists and some officials will be provided with accomodation aboard a ship which will proba-



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bly be allowed to berth in either Los Angeles or Long Beach ports. Other agreements were reached concerning vehicles that will be provided, training and competition sites, the medical service and security.



Messrs. Marat Gramov and Peter V. Ueberroth (from left to right).

The Soviets are firmly standing by their decision to be in Los Angeles this summer. "The most important thing", said Mr. Gramov, "is that all parties respect the Charter". The Soviet NOC will make the final decision over the participation of their athletes in the Olympic Games, at the end of May, a few days before the commitment deadline.

This meeting provided both parties with the opportunity of sharing information and giving excellent advice. "The experience gained by the Soviets during the previous Olympiad has been very useful to us", Mr. Peter V. Ueberroth declared.

The delegation which visited the different competition sites within the host city, and those in the surrounding areas of Long Beach, Carson, and Lake Casitas, was welcomed by Mr. Tom Bradley, mayor of the city. He assured its members that "all the athletes would be wholeheartedly welcome in Los Angeles".