

### **THE LORD KILLANIN ARCHIVES**

As a prelude to the 89th Session, the members of the Executive Board gathered in the Museum for the official presentation of the Lord Killanin Archives. The honorary life President of the IOC wished all his writings pertaining to his presidency from the period between 1972 and 1980 to be added to the collection made up of the successive legacies of his predecessors. With the exception of those of President Avery Brundage, who donated them to the University of Illinois in Champaign, the Olympic Museum contains the archives of all the IOC Presidents.

The entire body of writings of the honorary life President, his speeches, his correspondence and all the notes he took in the course of his journeys and his meetings with personalities all over the world, will help future historians to find out the facts about important subjects: the rapprochement with the People's Republic of China, the question of the apartheid policy and the exclusion of South Africa, the problem of the boycotts of Montreal and

## PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES



*The Lord Killanin, President Samaranch and the Members of the Executive board gathered around the bust by Mrs. FitzGibbon.*

Moscow, which were in the news during his Presidency.

President Samaranch warmly thanked the Lord Killanin for this gift which is of great significance to the memory and history of Olympism.

The reception ended with the presentation of a bust of the former President. This sober and classical work was created by the talent of Mrs. Marjorie FitzGibbon, a well-known sculptress and wife of the Irish writer Constantine FitzGibbon who died in 1983. The bronze, exhibited for the first time at the Royal Hibernian Academy of which Mrs. FitzGibbon is an Associate (ARHA), completes the series of presidential portraits in the possession of the Museum.

The President also took the Board members to visit the future site of the IOC building to view the work in progress.