



"A" DIVISION

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C.O. "A" DIVISION
ATTN: Officer i/c C.I.B.

Re: 1976 Summer Olympics
Post Olympic Report

This refers to Telex "H.Q." E.O.C. 231. The following post olympic report covers "A" Division olympic operations (C.I.B.) both in Ottawa and Kingston. This report confines itself to problem areas and recommendations for future operations of this nature. As you are aware the "A" Division Olympic Operational Manual outlines fully operational procedures, manpower and resources utilized in our Olympic operation.

(1) Joint Forces Planning Structure

Kingston: The overall Olympic planning at Kingston was controlled by a Chief Security Committee, (C.S.C.) comprised of the O.P.P., K.C.P., D.N.D. and R.C.M.P. The C.S.C. met monthly during the year and a half prior to the Olympics and more often in the latter stages. Joint forces sub/committees appointed under the C.S.C. held separate meetings and reported back to the C.S.C. regularly. The joint forces planning approach used at Kingston proved very successful. This is in my opinion attributable to the fact that at the very outset the various areas of responsibility were clearly defined and accepted by the different police jurisdictions involved.

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Ottawa: In the Ottawa area the only joint force approach was to deal with Contingency Planning. In other areas, for example athlete security and V.I.P. security, the different police jurisdictions met as required and worked in an atmosphere of mutual cooperation. The activity in Ottawa centred mainly on athlete security at the soccer matches which was handled by the Ottawa City and V.I.P. security (R.C.M.P.). Although I felt the security planning was adequate, I would suggest a joint forces approach similar to that in Kingston for future events.

(2) Division Planning Structure

The "A" Division planning structure was adequate. The number of Olympic positions granted for operational planning was minimal, however because of the cooperation of the different specialized sections in "A" and "H.Q." Divisions the planning proceeded on schedule.

(3) Operational Plans by Function

(a) Border Security: The operational plan for "A" Division was adequate for the fulfilment of our objectives. R.C.M.P. and D.N.D. personnel took a keen interest in this duty and no major problems surfaced. A total of 54 occurrences comprising of 19 charges under Section 18 of the Customs act (failing to report), 1 charge under Section 3.1 of the Narcotic Control Act (possession) and 34 assistances, were handled. R.C.M.P. telecommunications along the seaway are excellent and the use of the O.P.P. net should not be required in future operations.

(b) V.I.P. Security: The Operational Plans for Kingston and Ottawa were adequate however the number of V.I.P.s visiting was minimal (Ottawa 10 and Kingston 11). There were no untoward incidents.

(c) Athlete Security (Regatta Race Course Site)

The R.C.M.P. had accepted responsibility for security of the athletes while they were within the restricted area encompassing the race courses ensuring the integrity of the yachting events. The O.P.P. were responsible for security outside this area. The R.C.M.P. objectives

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were met as no hostile or other security related incidents occurred on the water during the Olympic events.

At no time did our members find it necessary to charge anyone. The R.C.M.P. boats were frequently involved in preventing unaccredited pleasure craft from entering the restricted area. However, these were all casual intruders and not considered a threat to the athletes' security. On several occasions R.C.M.P. boats assisted pleasure craft in distress, although none of the incidents were of a serious nature.

(d) Accreditation (Press and General): In my opinion our role in the accreditation centres was necessary to provide security in an area where this was not uppermost in the eyes of the employees. The security duties in the general accreditation centre were shared with the Ontario Provincial Police.

Although some accreditation cards were lost none of these turned up in any security related incident.

(4) Operational Control Centre

Ottawa: The "A" Division Control Centre at 400 Cooper Street, Ottawa, Ontario, operated from 14 JUL 76 to 2 AUG 76. It was very adequate for the requirements. No particular problems surfaced. The R.C.M.P. had a liaison officer in the Ottawa City Police Control Centre on the days of the soccer games. This proved beneficial to both forces.

Kingston: The Kingston Operations Centre was located at the R.C.M. Police Detachment, 1061 Johnson street, Kingston, Ontario, and was staffed 24 hours a day by O.P.P., D.N.D. and R.C.M. Police personnel. The Chief of the Kingston City Police did not feel that it was necessary to station a representative of his Force in the Ops. Centre.

The Kingston Centre was operational from 12:01 a.m. 17 JUN 76 until 11:00 p.m. on 31 JUL 76. Throughout the entire olympic period, the Centre operated smoothly and efficiently. No problem areas surfaced.

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The facilities at Kingston Detachment were adequate, although in a crisis situation the Centre would have been too small. In future operations of this nature, it is strongly suggested that ample floor space be allocated to the Ops. Centre and as much privacy as possible be afforded the Commanders.

(5) Co-Ordination Centres

N/A "A" Division.

(6) Joint Forces Operations

Excellent cooperation existed at all levels in the joint forces operations at Kingston and Ottawa.

In the Kingston operation extensive assistance was given the Force by D.N.D. in our border, athlete, and V.I.P. security operations. The Canadian Forces personnel were in most cases competent and cooperative. Numerous requests for D.N.D. resources and expertise were made throughout, and prior to, the Olympic period. Most of these requests were granted.

Cooperation between the R.C.M.P., O.P.P., K.C.P. as well as other police and government agencies in the Kingston, Ottawa and border areas was excellent.

(7) Human Resources

Personnel was utilized according to our operational plan. The number of personnel allotted for the olympic duties was adequate.

(8) Communications

The "A" Division communications net was complex by nature however fulfilled the intended objective. Minor problems surfaced in the area of planning and equipment however these areas were handled efficiently by our Divisional and "H.Q." telecommunications personnel.

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(9) Accommodation

The accommodation arrangements made at Queen's University proved completely satisfactory. There were no complaints from our members in this respect. Officials at Queen's University verbally indicated that they were impressed with the deportment and conduct of our members.

(10) Equipment

The equipment used in "A" Division was satisfactory.

The video equipment was a useful aid to security and investigations. The following suggestions are made for future operation involving VTR coverage:

1. V.T.R. Co-Ordinator involved in all operational briefings.
2. Photographs of possible target persons supplied to V.T.R. teams and monitors.
3. Separate radio frequency for V.T.R. use.
4. Fully competent V.T.R. technician available at all times.
5. Back-up batteries supplied for each portable unit.
6. Proper tripod for 1000MM lens.
7. Gyroscope adapter (or facsimile) for helicopter V.T.R. camera to reduce camera movement.

(11) Training

The divisional training program combined with on site familiarization was adequate.

(12) Cooperation with other Forces, Departments and Agencies

The spirit of cooperation that existed among the various police forces, departments and agencies prior to and during the olympic period was excellent.

Two New York State Police Troopers patrolled on R.C.M.P. and O.P.P. vessels in the area of the Regatta Course adjacent to the Canada/U.S. Border. Their role was one of liaison between Canadian and U.S. Agencies.

The border patrol units experienced excellent cooperation from both government departments in Canada and the United States.

(13) Public Relations

The general public at Ottawa and in Kingston appeared receptive to the security measures. Although several minor concerns were expressed by residents near official sites in Kingston these were soon dispelled by the Kingston City Police.

(14) Media Relations

No problems were experienced with the media in Ottawa and Kingston. A joint forces press committee was set up in Kingston to deal with the media

(15) Morale

Throughout the Olympic operation in "A" Division the morale of our members was high.

The members accepted their roles willingly and with enthusiasm. No complaints were received which is noteworthy when considering the numbers involved in the operation.

(16) Financial Arrangements

These were satisfactory and no problem areas encountered.

2. I wish to express my gratitude for having had the services of Insp. John RELIGA and S/Sgt. [REDACTED] during both the planning and operational period. Both these members have displayed

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a great sense of responsibility. Their planning abilities and effective performance have rendered my task of Divisional Olympic Coordinator relatively easy. May I ask that these comments be noted on their personal files.

3. I would like to convey to the Olympic Secretariat our appreciation for the support and assistance they rendered to "A" Division during the planning and operational periods.

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THE COMMISSIONER, R.C.M.P.
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FORWARDED for your information. I am pleased with the overall outcome of this event and wish to thank all those involved in the planning and execution of this task.

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