

HISTORICAL AND CHRONOLOGICAL OLYMPIC SECURITY FACTS.

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May 1972

First meetings between Ministry of State and Urban Affairs and Manpower and Immigration concerning policies for entry of Olympic participants and Accreditation. Dr. R.M. Adams, then Deputy Minister of Immigration assists.

Canadian delegation headed by Dr. Adams visit Bonn and Munich. COJO discuss normal prevalent accreditation procedures (where national Olympic Committees issue Olympic ID cards, see accreditation Part VI)

Letter sent by Mitchell Sharp The Minister of External Affairs to the International Olympic Committees' HQ in Lausanne, Switzerland, endorsing Montreal's application for hosting the 1976 Olympic Summer Games.

1973

March 22,

Cabinet directs formation of Interdeprtmantal Committee composed of 25 senior officials from various ministries "... for the purposes of coordinating federal activities related to the 1976 Olympics".

March 30

Committee meeting in Montreal appoints Asst./Dir. of the M.U.C.P.D. Guy Toupin Chief Coordinator, since prime responsibility for jurisdiction for policing the games lies with that Force.

Initial meetings to plan security organization (shown in table I of this section) appoints following Committees:

1. Joint Policy
2. Joint Operations
3. Olympic Security Secretariat (RCMP)

June 1

Crucial date for Olympic security organization formation.

Cabinet issues document 525/73 which states:

- 1. Fedral leadership should be shown in all aspects of security planning to develop an overall strong security posture.
- 2. To develop close cooperation with provincial and municipal police forces, *" involving federal leadership in security planning which requires delicate negotiation and ultimate agreement on matters of jurisdiction."*
- 3. *"In event of a crisis...it will be the Canddian Government who will ultimately be held both accountable and responsible for maintaining the peace and good order during the Olympic period in the eyes of the World Community."*
- 4. Control by Canada not the International Olympic Committees of Olympic participant entry.
- 5. Normal customs examinations rather than prevalent blanket customs exemptions afforded to Olympic delegations

June 8

Solicitor-General Warren Allmand informs Commissioner M.J. Nadon of the RCMP of Cabinet directive 525/73 and instructs him to augment RCMP material, financial and personnel resources to support the *strong security posture* recommended.

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July 9

Chief Superintendent J.T.J. Oumet appointed Federal Security Coordinator

Terms of reference:

Coordination of the Federal involvement and liaison with COJO.

Conducting liaison with DND, provincial and municipal police forces, reporting his findings through the Commissioner and the Solicitor General to a Committee of Ministers. Preparing progress reports and determining the level and nature of security resource requirements based on agreed task sharing.

November

RCMP appeals to Treasury Board for budgetary increase.

1. Renovations to old 'C' division in Montreal to accomodate an additional 200 members during the Games.
2. Security Maintenance at 'C' division
3. Renting Notre Dame Coll. ege for 500 security personnel
4. Notre Dame College security
5. Equipment to maintain the 500 men in the College during Olympic period.

November 8

13 Sub-Committees on security formed.

1. Emergency measures
2. Vital points
3. Alcohol, Drugs and Morality
4. Personnel training
5. Traffic
6. Communications and Transport
7. V.I.P. Security
8. Public Relations
9. Detection and Prevention (sites and villages)
10. Internal Security
11. Exterior Sites (Quebec)

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12. Information and Intelligence

13. Kingston activities

1974

April 19 RCMP and COJO accept responsibility for Accreditation procedures.

May 9 First meeting of senior representatives at three government levels (Federal, Provincial, Municipal.) Committee agrees on global nature of Olympic security plan. Police Forces in attendance asked to work out their task sharing problems. (See Division of Responsibilities under JURISDICTION part II)

May Series of CPSPJO meetings over the summer of 1974 and Security Planning really gets under way. Budget of \$ 23 million dollars approved and a meeting in November stresses that "...the Force (RCMP) must know its position now as the situation involves the jurisdictional responsibilities of Quebec and Ontario Provincial and Municipal Police Forces "

The CPSPJO will meet 95 times during the Olympic period.

May 17 C.S.S.O. created (See tables)

June 1 DND appoints a Military Liaison officer to R.C.M.P. "HQ" to assist in operational planning. (Major J.J. Donahue)

November At a further meeting of the CPSPJO the force reiterates that Jurisdictional problems and "... arrangement for the coordination of these responsibilities can be defined and agreed upon. This may require consultation up to the ministerial level."

July 16 Preliminary identification card design accepted in principle by International Accreditation Committee.

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August 12

Assistant Commissioner J.R.R. Quintal replaces Chief/Supt, Ouimet as Federal Security Coordinator.

August 14

RCMP Olympic Security Secretariat prepares *Country Profiles* to identify terrorist organizations from foreign countries, as well as to accurately assess the threat these organizations pose, <sup>possible</sup> in incidents directed against the Olympic Games.

The Canadian Government recognized this threat in three principal aspects.

- 1: Possibility of international revolutionary ~~to~~ prone groups causing incidents in the Olympic milieu.
- 2. Canada, not the ~~municipal~~ nor the provincial Governments will be held responsible for any failure to prevent breaches of security which could result in an international incident, despite the jurisdictional responsibilities of various levels of police forces.
- 3. The trend of terrorism is on the increase throughout the world and the Canadian Government is fully responsible for the security of athletes and their delegations while in Canada.

August 14

The Emergency Measures Committee formed basically to deal with tactical situations requiring urgent intervention, met 6 days after it was formed, on the 20th of August, for the first time. This committee elaborated contingency planning in the event of any major disaster (Fires, Earthquakes, Air disasters as well as Bomb incidents and so on) Members: MUCPD QPF RCMP and CAF.

October 1

First athlete lists arrive in Montreal as well as lists of Asian Games participants, sent by IOCs. Other lists are gradually collated and gathered. Manpower and Immigration plan to enter athlete data on COILS.

1974

A.A. Russell Q.C. Solicitor-General for Ontario writes to Federal Solicitor General requesting *armed assistance* for the Olympic Games in Kingston.

1975

January

Security Screening Philosophy elaborated:

*The philosophy here is: every person who has any contact with players or V.I.P.s or the opportunity to contact them, must be the subject of a security examination."*

February 9

Committee of Directors created (C.D.F.S.)

CANADIAN FORCES PARTICIPATION.

March 27

Tasking authority, Cabinet Document 108.75

Canadian Forces participation was considered essential, as the magnitude of the tasks involving security went beyond the normal scope of police forces. The request for armed force assistance came from the respective provincial governments involved. The extent of Canadian armed forces participation, in the order of 5000 men, exclusive of Command and Control, Logistics and Support teams is confirmed by Cabinet on the 27 March 1975.

The RCMP is notified in a letter from Warren Allmand (Canadian Solicitor General) dated April 8 1975.

Requests for CAF participation had to come from provincial authorities each Province seperately requesting the Sol-Gen in writing. The Sol-Gen contacted the Chief of Defense Staff, then James Richardson stating:

*"Accordingly I formally request that the Canadian Forces provide armed assistance in support of the RCMP in the provinces of Quebec and Ontario, immediately before, during and immediately after the 1976 Olympic games".*

to which the C.D.S. replied:

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"In accordance with Cabinet decisions reached on June 7, 1973 and March 27 1975, the Canadian Armed Forces will provide armed assistance in support of the RCMP in the Province of Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick in connection with the 1976 Olympic Games.

April 8 The Governor-in-Council formally approves CAF employment in support of security forces.

1976  
June 30 Chief of Defense Staff forwards recommendations to the Federal Solicitor-General and these are passed in Privy Council on the 6th July, 1976.

17 July Queen Elizabeth II opens Olympic Games