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Mr. R. P. Bourne,  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
(Police & Security),  
Ministry of the Solicitor General,  
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Bourne:

You probably have already seen the attached clipping from a column in the Montreal Gazette which discusses Olympic security arrangements.

It does not appear that any of this information resulted from federal "leaks" and the information does not appear to be damaging in any way, but it does indicate the level of interest which seems to prevail in security arrangements for the Olympics.

Since there is this interest and since a strong security posture has been adopted for the Games, it might be worth considering the drafting of a public statement on Olympics security, for government approval. Perhaps this would forestall conjecture and questions which seem to be becoming more prevalent.

Yours truly,

*D. W. Hall*

D. W. Hall,  
Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet  
(Security and Intelligence).

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# Montreal this morning.

By L. Ian MacDonald

## Secret squad gears to tackle security for Olympic Games

Operation Alpha is the code name for a top secret security plan of the Olympic Organizing Committee (COJO) to combat any Munich-style guerrilla action that might occur here during next summer's Games.

The confidential preparations call for the creation of a "special tactical unit," which presumably will include officers and men from the three forces co-ordinating Games security — the Montreal Urban Community police, RCMP and Canadian Armed Forces.

COJO plans to spend \$133,334 in equipment alone, supplying the men of Operation Alpha with a bomb disposal unit, communications equipment, 30 bullet proof vests, machine guns and high-powered rifles.

A second confidential security plan, Operation Delta, has been drawn up against the possibility of potentially explosive demonstrations.

But Operation Delta will be a more routine policing function as compared with the crack anti-terrorist squad of Operation Alpha.

Size of the elite force remains secret, but it's understood the men will train at CFB Camp Borden, Ont., and be split into two 12-hour shifts during the Games. Physical and mental stamina, as well as expert marksmanship are obvious requirements for membership in Operation Alpha. Another criterion is that no one will be accepted who has the slightest blemish on his record.

And that includes being late.