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OTTAWA, May 23, 1975.

The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
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ATTENTION: Chief Superintendent J.R. Quintal
Federal Olympic Security Co-ordinator

You will recall discussions with Mr. Venner of this Division concerning the necessity for us to give Mr. Soukharev of the Soviet Embassy an answer to his request for a security briefing on the Olympics. On 14 May Mr. Chistoff of our Eastern European Division had a discussion with Mr. Soukharev on this matter and he has reported as follows:

" At Mr. Chistoff's request, Mr. Soukharev visited the Division on May 14 so that we could discuss with him a few matters before his return to Moscow on May 15 for a five week holiday.

Olympic Security Briefing

Mr. Chistoff informed Mr. Soukharev that, following the representations made by him and Mr. Makarov, it had been decided that security briefings would be given to those governments requesting them. He went on to say that the mechanics of these briefings had not yet been settled, i.e., "who would give them, where they would be given and when they would be given." These questions would probably be decided before Mr. Soukharev's return from holidays. In any case, it was probably too early at this stage to provide such briefings, since there was a whole year before the Olympics were to take place.



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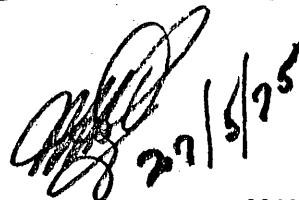
Mr. Soukharev appeared pleased to receive this bit of news. He said, however, that in his view it was not too early to begin thinking about security problems, since terrorists from the Middle East would begin well in advance their penetration of Canada. He said that, depending on how forthcoming the Canadian side was in its security arrangements, the Soviet authorities would be able to hand the Canadian security authorities a list of known terrorists, six of whom were Japanese, a number Indian, one Canadian and one American. He assured Mr. Chistoff that the information he would be able to hand over would be completely authoritative. In reply to Mr. Soukharev's question, Mr. Chistoff said he thought that there could be a general type of briefing for all governments concerned and individual briefings that would take into account the particular concerns of each government. He said that, after the briefings were given, Mr. Soukharev would be in a position to say whether he thought the Canadian security authorities were sufficiently forthcoming to satisfy the Soviet authorities and he would be able to decide whether to hand over the information which the Soviet side had. Mr. Chistoff cautioned Mr. Soukharev about expecting the Canadian security authorities to be 100% forthcoming, since their main concern was security and there was a danger that whatever information was handed out would leak to non-authorized people. Perhaps because of a misunderstanding about what Mr. Chistoff said, Mr. Soukharev commented that on such questions he spoke to no one in the Embassy except the Ambassador, so that we could be assured there would be no leaks."

You will note that Mr. Soukharev has some information on terrorists which he will provide during the security briefing. Please let us know when the arrangements for this briefing are finalized in order that we may put Mr. Soukharev in direct touch with the appropriate authorities.



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