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The Interdepartmental Committee that coordinates Federal activities for the 1976 Olympic Games advised that there will have to be a Cabinet Memorandum submitted covering explanations for the increase of \$9,635,400 for security functions at the Olympic Games.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned requirement, this Program Approval submission must go forward for the following reasons:

- (a) The renovations to the old "C" Division Headquarters have to commence in September if the building is to be ready for training purposes one year later.
- (b) Rental agreements have to be entered into with Notre Dame College, Montreal, P.Q. and Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario or else no accommodation will be available at the time of the Olympics.
- (c) The Force must know its position now as the situation involves the jurisdictional responsibilities of Quebec and Ontario provincial and municipal police forces. Full consultation is required at the next meeting in November 1974, as that arrangement for the coordination of these responsibilities with federal responsibilities can be defined and agreed upon. This may require consultation up to the Ministerial level.
- (d) The threat to security at 1976 Olympics in Montreal has three principal aspects;
 - (i) There is the possibility that international terrorists, revolutionaries or violence prone groups will try to create a serious incident within the Olympic milieu itself, taking advantage of the instant and world wide publicity which will result, to advertise their real or imagined grievances.
 - (ii) Despite the jurisdictional responsibilities of various levels of police forces, Canada and not the Provincial or Municipal governments will be held responsible for any failure to prevent breaches of security which could result in an international incident. This must be made clear to

the Quebec and Montreal authorities and to the Canadian and International Olympic Committees.

- (iii) For planning purposes, it must be assumed that the current trends in international terrorism and the growth of social unrest in many parts of the world will continue to escalate and that security planning must be based on maintaining strong and effective security. If the actual threat is not as serious as current developments indicate it will be, then the initial strong security measures can be modified. The reverse process would be much more difficult if not possible.
- (e) The escalation of acts of terrorism and violence in recent years presents a serious threat to the maintenance of national internal security at the Olympics and to the thousands of foreign dignitaries, athletes, trainers, newsmen and other visitors for whose safety Canada will be responsible. The problem may be illustrated by the growing threat to diplomatic personnel. In the past five years, for example, over two dozen diplomats from various countries have been kidnapped and six assassinated. While law enforcement authorities are endeavouring to develop effective measures to deal with political violence, the international community remains vulnerable to a variety of tactics and techniques employed by organized terrorist groups with an alarming degree of success, as exemplified by the Lod Munich and Khartoum tragedies.