

PRIME MINISTER

told DAL (Mark Hodges) on 2/6

that the PM had noted this minute.

MWH agreed to tell the BM that

she had not reacted adversely.

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British Museum: Olympic Games Exhibition

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On Thursday next week the British Museum are to open an Exhibition on the ancient Olympic Games. They wanted you to be aware of this, and of the fact that they have devoted much thought to the question of going ahead with this Exhibition or cancelling it. They say that the Trustees have discussed the question three times over the last few months, and that they concluded that since the Exhibition is confined to the ancient Games, and makes no reference to the modern Games, there is no reason to call it off.

The Director of the Museum telephoned me himself about all of this, and is clearly concerned that what they are doing should not be interpreted as in any sense a political act. I said that I would report the facts to you but that it did not seem to me to be an issue which you yourself would want to take up directly with the Museum.

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30 May 1980