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cc. A. Renward

7 February 1980

Prime Minister
At last!

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Dear Michael,

Lord Carrington suggests that the Prime Minister might like to see extracts from 'The Party Activist's Booklet' published in June 1979 which give a Soviet view of the political importance of the Olympic Games. These might be quotable in a speech or a media interview. I enclose two of the more telling extracts.

I am copying this to David Edmonds (Department of the Environment) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours etc

(P Lever)
Private Secretary

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EXTRACTS FROM A SECTION ON THE OLYMPICS IN 'A PARTY
ACTIVISTS BOOKLET' PUBLISHED JUNE 1979

The decision to award the honour of holding the Olympic Games to the capital of the first socialist state in the world is convincing proof of the general acknowledgment of the historical importance and correct foreign policy of our country, of the huge services of the Soviet Union to peace, its contribution to the international Olympic movement, and the development of physical education and sport.

It is understandable that the Olympic Games, as any major social phenomenon, bears the imprint of international relations, the disposition of political and class forces in the world arena and the existence in the world of two contradictory systems . . .