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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 March 1980

Dear Sir Anthony,

As you will be aware, the Government has advised that, in present circumstances, British athletes should not go to the Olympic Games in Moscow this summer. The same view has been taken, on a free vote, by the House of Commons.

However, the British Olympic Association decided yesterday that a team should go to Moscow. I hope that in the time between now and the opening of the Games the decision may be reconsidered. But in the meantime my own position as a patron of the British Olympic Association Appeal Fund has become anomalous.

The Appeal Fund has had three objectives: to send British athletes to the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid; to send British athletes to the Moscow Olympics; and to support preparations for the 1984 Olympics (including the Association's administrative costs until then). The first objective has of course been achieved. The third I fully support: I remain deeply committed to upholding the Olympic ideal. But I do not accept the second objective and must, to that extent, withdraw my patronage from the work of the Appeal. I am informing my fellow Patrons of this and shall wish to make my position clear in public.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Anthony Tuke

Raymond Johnston



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The Rt. Hon. David Steel, M.P.

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The Rt. Hon. L. James Callaghan, M.P.