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June 12th, 1947.

JAMES C. THOMPSON, *chairman*

Mr. Otto Mayer,
International Olympic Comm.,
Grand Hotel,
Stockholm, Sweden.

Dear Mr. Mayer,

Greetings - from the Chicago Citizens' Committee!

As Chairman of that Committee, I join with the Mayor of the City of Chicago and with the 3,500,000 other Chicagoans in extending the city's cordial invitation to the International Olympic Committee to hold the XVth Olympiad in Chicago.

For the people of Chicago, for business, labor, industry and church united, I wish to offer these firm assurances:

1. Chicago, fourth metropolis of the world, is ready NOW :

In deliberating the advantages of one city against another as possible locations for the next Olympic games, you will agree, we are confident, that a city's readiness in every requirement is a paramount consideration. Here is what makes Chicago ready !

2. Chicago has the experience required. Here, in this host city, of the hemispheres, were held two of the most successful world's fairs ever conducted. Chicago is also the city that housed, fed and entertained more than 18,000,000 servicemen.

3. Chicago has the resources and vast facilities required.

Chicago is America's hotel city, breadbasket, meat and steel metropolis, toolmaker, railroad, highway and distribution center, communications hub, sports, vacation and cultural capitol. To accommodate the Olympics, not a single new major installation would have to be made. Great sports arenas, ready now, seat 160,000 spectators simultaneously. And Chicago's immense Great Lakes Naval Training Base would serve with distinction as a ready-made Olympic Village.

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4. Chicago..... Chicago's record of tremendous attendance at athletic and cultural events is in part due to its geographical location and center of population in the United States; but more so to the wonderful feeling that the peoples of Chicago hold for the ideals of clean sportsmanship, the cardinal principle of the International Olympic Committee.

We believe that profits arising from the Olympiad held in Chicago would be between \$2,000,000. and \$3,000,000.

Chicago, to further the fine work of the Olympic Committee will give the entire net profits of the Olympiad events to the International Olympic Committee and to the United States Olympic Committee to help expand their activities throughout the world.

As Chairman of the Chicago Committee I have given Mr. Avery Brundage carte blanche to arrange for distribution of all profits with your committee.

Yes - we are ready now. This very day the Olympic Contests could begin in Chicago!

Respectfully yours,

James C. Thompson
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June 3, 1947

Mr. Otto Mayer
International Olympic Committee
Stockholm, Sweden

Dear Mr. Mayer:

As Mayor of the City of Chicago, I have the honor to invite the International Olympic Committee to hold the XVth Olympiad in Chicago. To the Committee, and to the youth of the world, we extend the warmest of welcomes.

In issuing this invitation I speak for the three and one-half million people of Chicago - and for the city's representatives in business, labor, industry and church.

Chicago has the facilities and the experience to entertain the thousands of contestants and the hundreds of thousands of spectators to the next Olympiad.

Without any new major construction we have sports arenas now to accommodate 110,000 - 22,000 - 12,000 - 8,600 - and 6,500 persons simultaneously, as well as additional facilities for every type of athletic event.

All these accommodations plus the enthusiasm for athletic competition and the traditional hospitality of the people of Chicago, make this the ideal site for the XVth Olympiad. I hope the Olympic Committee will agree with us.

Sincerely,

Martin H. Kennelly
Mayor



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