UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum
TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan
FROM: W. R. Wannall
SUBJECT: OLYMPIC GAMES, MEXICO CITY, MEXICO
OCTOBER 12-27, 1968

PURPOSE:

To seek approval of Letter to All Special Agents in Charge (SACs) alerting them to furnish information indicating involvement by persons in United States in attempt to disrupt games or use games as situs for espionage directed against United States.

BACKGROUND:

Current student riots in Mexico City, influx of large number of communist contingents to Olympic games and racial overtones of current boycotts of the games give weight to fears by Mexican Government of leftist attempts to disrupt the international proceedings.

U.S. RAMIFICATIONS:

While there have been no allegations of direction of current Mexican student unrest by U. S. subversive elements, we do know that individuals from this country with subversive backgrounds have been arrested for participation therein. Arrested have been members of militant Black Panther Party, representatives of the National Lawyers Guild and persons active in facets of peace and "New Left" movements in the United States.
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OBSERVATIONS:

The current tensions in Mexico City point toward possibility that Olympic games will be used as a focal point for demonstrations and activity favoring leftist, subversive and militant racial elements. It is not impossible persons from the United States may gravitate to Mexico City in furtherance of these demonstrations and activity. The field should be alert to such movement and appropriately advise Bureau instituting investigations called for if current investigations are not being conducted regarding individuals involved.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That all offices be alerted to furnish information received indicating travel to Mexico of persons in United States with background and activity of nature described above.

If approved, attached SAC Letter will be sent.