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Mr. John J. Raskob,
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Dear Sir:

United States participation in the Olympic games in Germany this year was vigorously opposed by Jewish individuals and Jewish organizations. They were defeated in their fight to have the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States and the American Olympic Committee vote against participation. After they were defeated, they withdrew all financial support and one of their number was quoted in the "New York Times" as saying substantially that the fight to prevent the teams going to Germany is not over. The Summer games are from August 1st to 16th.

The result of this opposition has disrupted the campaign for funds and we are in most urgent need for money right at this moment.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association at its annual convention in New York City passed the following resolutions:

"RESOLVED, that the N.C.A.A. record its hearty approval of the representatives on the American Olympic Committee and of the Committee itself in refusing to be influenced by consideration of race, religion or politics by adhering to the decision that America shall be honorably and adequately represented in the Olympic Games of 1936,

"And be it further resolved, that the N.C.A.A. urge upon its constituent universities, colleges and collegiate conferences generous financial support of the American Olympic Committee teams."

We believe Jews have a right to protest against any movement which they think is persecution but since the Olympic games are run by an International Committee which functions entirely apart from the German Government, we firmly believe that Jews have no right to use the Olympic games as a lever to chastise Germany.

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Millions of boys and girls are striving through exercise and competition to some day become Olympic contestants. We believe that keeping them thus engaged tends to make them healthier and better citizens. Many of our best athletes, boys and girls, are poor and it is a principle of the Olympics that lack of funds should not prevent them from competing. That is why we need funds. We are striving to raise \$250,000. by contribution. If by lack of support and passive resistance Jews can upset our campaign for funds, then the American participation in August will be a farce.

We appreciate your contributions in the past and we hope you will again give us support, especially at this time.

All checks are made payable to "American Olympic Committee" address Woolworth Building, New York City.

If you do not want your name listed, we can mark your subscription "Anonymous".

Yours sincerely,

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