

The Detroit-Windsor area is the 17th largest metropolitan centre in North America with a population of 100 million people within a 200-mile radius. We have had great teams and outstanding athletes in virtually every type of sport, both professional and amateur. In support of these athletes and because of the great sports enthusiasm shown by so many of our people, this region has produced outstanding athletic facilities. Facilities which, I believe, can meet the Olympic standards and regulations. The Detroit Olympic Pool, Tiger Stadium, the Olympia, Cobo Arena and Convention Centre are made to order for many Olympic events. The Detroit River and Lake St. Clair are both suitable for the aquatic events. I commend you for your efforts to get the Olympic Games here in the summer of 1968.

The City of Calgary has made application for the Winter Olympics in 1968 to be held in nearby Banff National Park. I know that Banff's facilities for the Winter Olympic events will be excellent. What a fine thing it would be if Banff were selected for the Winter Olympics and Detroit for the Summer Olympics in 1968.

The mention of the Olympic Games brings to my mind two of the most important necessities in the world today. I speak of the concept of internationalism and the quality of excellence, both of which might be termed Olympian Virtues. Since the days of Ancient Greece, when athletes would travel from Athens to Syria to Rome and throughout the Mediterranean Basin, the Olympic concept has always represented true internationalism. I think also of the quality of excellence which must permeate the efforts of the great athlete as he strives to excel and to give forth his very best efforts. The pursuit of true internationalism, by which I mean peoples of the entire