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Dear Bob:

I have several letters in front of me concerning the questions of when your work with IIOE will be finished, and would like to make the following comments:

1. Both the SCOR announcement of the transfer of coordination, and our announcement to IOC Members (CL/18) gave 31 December 1962 as the termination date. Any change of this announced date if proposed by me to the Commission would require strong justification including a statement that we were unable to carry out the job entrusted to us by the Bureau. For obvious reasons, I am not willing to make such a statement nor do I believe it to be true. Thus I do not agree with the implication in your letter of 19 June to Dr. Böhnecke that you and I are in agreement that it is unrealistic to think that the IOC Secretariat can take over full responsibility by the end of the year.

2. Although at the moment I do not have anyone on my staff who can spend full time on Expedition matters, I am quite prepared to assume responsibility for the Expedition personally. By the first of September we will have an additional professional staff member, and by then we will have the equivalent of one persons or more working full time on Expedition matters.

3. Although our circular letter (CL/18) announcing transfer of coordination responsibility was signed by Fedorov in my absence, it was written by me and I take full responsibility for its contents. It is unfortunately true that there will be some confusion for a while on where to send information. But if we are to be responsible for coordination now, we must receive the necessary information and preferably directly. This transitional period will require patience and understanding on the part of all concerned, and good communication between your office and mine. If one accepts that a transfer of the coordinating responsibility has taken place, then inevitably along with this goes a transfer of the central place where information is sent. I regret that this was not made clear at the Laurence Marques meeting (or at least is not reflected in its record).

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4. With regard to the question of contacts with governments, I don't believe you should be unduly concerned with the apparent restriction of this function to the Secretary of IOC. I believe that in practice this refers to formal contacts and reflects the intergovernmental character of the IOC and of its interest in the IIOE. There is no intent, to my knowledge, to restrict you in your informal contacts with government officials, which are certainly an essential part of your negotiations on behalf of the US program.

I would welcome correspondence with you on any of these points or any others which you feel may adversely affect the orderly transfer of the coordinating task to my office. I believe that the successful carrying out of the Expedition is of prime importance, and we should deal frankly with any problems which tend to decrease the chances of success.

Sincerely,

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