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Mr. William E. Lang  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
International Security Affairs  
Department of Defense

Dear Bill:

The Department of State has received an official request from the Mexican Embassy for assistance in obtaining expedited delivery of 100 AN/PRC-77 military radio sets, with batteries and spare parts, from the Radio Corporation of America. Details of this request and of the original contract between the Mexican Government and RCA are set forth in the enclosed translation of Mexican Embassy Note No. 2330 of May 14, 1968.

This written request has been supported by oral statements from Mexican Embassy officers on the urgency of the requirement and on the need to receive this equipment by August in order for it to be used during the period of the Olympic games in Mexico City.

An RCA official has stated that the factory cannot meet the Mexican request for early delivery unless shipments are made from current production earmarked for Department of Defense use. In view of the importance which the Mexican Government gives to the smooth functioning of the Olympic games, and our own Government's desire to see that this event be as successful as possible, I recommend prompt and favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Sayre  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Inter-American Affairs

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

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