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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL HAIG

FROM: Richard T. Kennedy

SUBJECT: Munich Situation

The Olympic Games were suspended today as German officials, including Chancellor Brandt, attempt to negotiate the fate of the 10 Israeli hostages held by the "Black September" Arab guerrilla group. The Arab demands, as listed in a leaflet at the AFP Office in Cairo are:

- Israel release all Palestinian prisoners named as listed.
- The prisoners be transferred to any plane except an Israeli one, to any Arab capital except Amman and Beirut.
- After the arrival of the Palestinians in the chosen capital, negotiations open with the FRG to hand over the hostages and to insure the departure of the commandos from the FRG.
- That any attempt by the FRG to attack the site where the hostages are being held will result in the death of the Israeli hostages and the FRG will be fully responsible.
- "We are not willing to bargain in our demands."

The 1200 EDT deadline has passed without any report on the fate of the hostages. Thus far, there has been one confirmed death, an Israeli wrestling coach, and possibly a second. The body of the wrestling coach was handed over to police, but died en route to the hospital.

The American Olympic Headquarters staff announced that Mark Spitz left this afternoon for California.

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