PHILADELPHIA MOST CORDIALLY INVITES OLYMPIC GAMES TO THIS CITY IN 1956 STOP A SPECIAL SWIMMING STADIUM WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AND ALL OTHER FACILITIES ARE EVEN NOW ADEQUATE AND AVAILABLE STOP THIS CITY WOULD ENTHUSIASMATICALLY WELCOME THE FIRST VISIT OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES =
TO THE EAST COAST OF AMERICA AND TO THE CENTER OF A TWENTYONE MILLION POPULATION WITHIN A HUNDRED MILE RADIUS

STOP

PHILADELPHIA STANDS AT YOUR SERVICE = JOSEPH S CLARK JR

MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA AND ARTHUR C KAUFMANN

1956 +
April 16, 1949

International Olympic Committee,
Mon Repos,
Lausanne, Switzerland.

Gentlemen:

In June of 1947, the City of Philadelphia sent a delegation to Stockholm to officially present this City’s bid for the 1952 Olympic Games.

Although this Committee was accorded every courtesy, as you know, the Games were awarded to Finland.

It has come to our attention that your Committee is going to meet shortly to select a city in which to organize the Games for 1956.

As our Committee pointed out in Stockholm, this City presently has all of the facilities that are necessary for holding these Games except a swimming stadium, which we are prepared to build, and a group of public-spirited citizens is wholeheartedly behind this movement to hold the Games in Philadelphia.

With the excellent facilities we have to offer and the enthusiastic support of this group, we strongly urge the consideration of this City as the 1956 Olympic City.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Bernard Samuel
Mayor
Philadelphia 7, Pa.
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