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LAST EVENING LANGENDORF TALKED WITH BOTH DR. CURTIUS AND HANS KLEIN ABOUT THE ISSUE OF RFE DURING THE RECENT LUXEMBOURG MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE. BOTH GENTLEMEN REPORTED THAT EVERYTHING HAD GONE VERY WELL AND THAT HERR DAUME WAS VERY PLEASE WITH THE RESULTS. ACCORDING TO BOTH CURTIUS AND KLEIN, DAUME, AFTER HAVING STATED IN HIS REPORT TO THE IOC THAT HE HAD RECEIVED IDENTICAL LETTERS FROM BOTH STATIONS, QUOTED THAT PART OF THE STATEMENT BEGINNING "IN DOING SO. . . ." TO THE END OF THE STATEMENT. ACCORDING TO CURTIUS, DAUME THEN EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT OTHER RADIO STATIONS BROADCASTING FROM OUTSIDE OF GERMANY TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC (HENCE AUDIBLE IN MUNICH) WOULD ALSO BROADCAST IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LETTERS HE HAD QUOTED. THE OBJECTIONS RAISED BY THE RUSSIAN AND POLISH DELEGATES WERE CONSIDERED BY CURTIUS AND KLEIN AS PRO FORMA. THEY SAID NO ONE TOOK THESE COMPLAINTS SERIOUSLY. KLEIN STATED THAT THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE HAD INDICATED THAT THE RADIO STATIONS WERE NOT A PROBLEM FOR THE GERMAN ORGANIZING COMMITTEE BUT SHOULD BE DEALT WITH BY THE IOC ITSELF. HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT THE IOC INTENDED TO PURSUE THE QUESTION ANY FURTHER.

NEITHER CURTIUS NOR KLEIN WAS ABLE TO EXPLAIN THE REPORT FROM SOME NEWS AGENCIES THAT HERR BRANDT HAS WRITTEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON ON THE ROLE OF THE RADIOS. THEY SAID THEY HAD NEVER HEARD OF ANY SUCH LETTER NOR OF ANY INTENTION OF BRANDT'S TO WRITE TO NIXON.

DR. CURTIUS SUMMED UP HIS IMPRESSIONS AS FOLLOWS:
"THE CLOSER WE GET TO THE DATE OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES
THE FURTHER REMOVED ARE THE QUESTIONS OF THE RADIOS."

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