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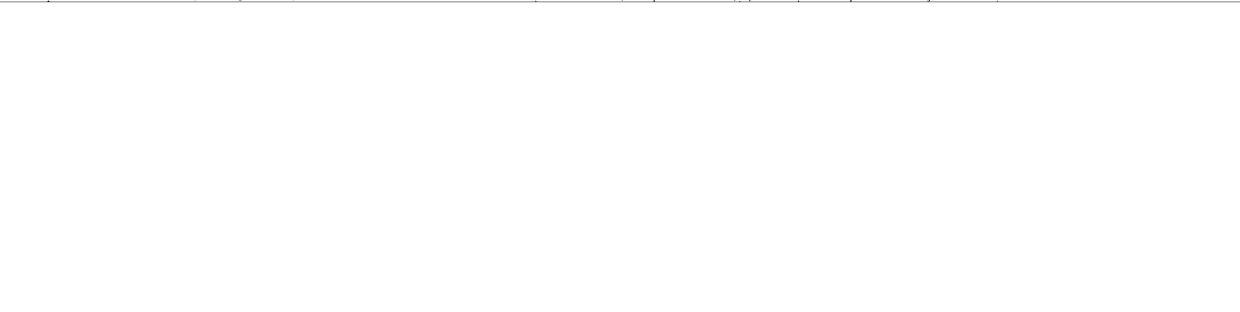
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1. In the late 1940's, when the USSR began to participate more actively in international sports, the Committee of Physical Culture and Sport established a Foreign Section, which was under the overall direction of MGB Colonel Fedoseyev's section (otdel) of the Committee of Information (KI). This separate section was established shortly after the establishment of the KI in 1947. [redacted] the title of this section was the Intelligence Liaison Section, but it was commonly known as "Colonel Fedoseyev's Section". This section gave support to KI personnel covered at that time by various governmental and semi-official organizations, including the Ministry of Foreign Trade, GUSIMZ, VOXS, Committee of Physical Culture and Sport, etc.
2. The Foreign Section of the Committee of Physical Culture and Sport was responsible for the collection and study of sports abroad (individual athletes and sporting teams and clubs) through secret means. This section had the authority to recruit, if necessary, Soviet athletes, coaches, trainers, and managers to accomplish these tasks. It was this section which had the direct responsibility for the collection of data required by the Soviet Government in anticipation of the 1952 Olympics (see below).
3. The Foreign Section also had the function of counterintelligence or protective surveillance of Soviet athletes traveling abroad. Colonel Fedoseyev was under strict instructions that under no circumstance should a team of USSR athletes traveling abroad be "left alone", that is, without the company of CI officers. These CI officers came from the KI from 1947 until 1949. After the return of the KI directorates' fifth sections to the Chief Counterintelligence Directorate

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of the MGB in 1949, this function was probably assumed by the latter directorate.

4. The Soviet Union purposely did not send winter sport teams abroad for the 1952 Olympics because the position of Soviet winter sports was still relatively weak. There was an apprehension at the Committee of Physical Culture and Sport level that the USSR would not gain sufficient points from their participation in skating, skiing, etc. This fear was based on the results of the 1948 winter competition in Switzerland when a Soviet ski team was defeated.

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5. As soon as the scores became known in Moscow, the Central Committee of the Party, acting through the Council of Ministers, ordered the discharge of Nikolay Nikolayevich Romanov, the chairman of the Committee of Physical Culture and Sport. Romanov was not dropped from the Committee altogether; he remained in the second-or third-position post. His former post was filled by Colonel General Arkadiy Nikolayevich Apolonov, a paramilitary officer from the then MVD, who until this time commanded the Chief Directorate of Border Troops. Although Apolonov had "absolutely no background" for the job of chairman of the Committee of Physical Culture and Sport, he was probably appointed because of the need for the enforcement of a military-type of discipline in Soviet national sports.

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