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**Congress of the United States**  
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COMMITTEE ON RULES

MAJORITY WHIP AT LARGE

BOARD OF VISITORS TO THE UNITED  
STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY

January 18, 1980

*Autée CAB.*  
29 JAN. 1980

*Mr. Rowan*

Mrs. Simone Veil  
President  
The European Parliament  
c/o Case Postale  
Luxembourg, Grand Duchy

Dear Mrs. Veil:

As you know, the delegates of the European Parliament and the delegates of the U.S. Congress will meet in Washington, D.C., for the second plenary session on January 29. At that time, I plan to offer a resolution calling on the members of both delegations to urge their respective governments to withdraw their Olympic teams from competition in the 1980 summer Olympics unless the site is transferred from Moscow.

I believe that the democracies of the West must make absolutely clear to the Soviet Union that its invasion of Afghanistan will be increasingly costly until it withdraws its military forces. The Olympics are not merely athletic contests. They are, in addition, an ongoing tribute to the noble principles of peaceful competition and international cooperation. The invasion of Afghanistan is totally inconsistent with these principles that underlie the Olympics and reveals the Soviet Union's contempt for international law and the U.N. Charter. I believe that the Soviets must be shown that the political and economic price they must pay for their invasion will be high and long-lasting.

I hope you'll be able to support such a resolution when we meet on Tuesday, January 29, at 2:30 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing you in Washington, I remain

Very truly yours,

*Christopher J. Dodd*  
CHRISTOPHER J. DODD  
Member of Congress

De la part du CABINET DU PRESIDENT

pour M. BUYSE, DIRECTEUR GÉNÉRAL

CONC.: LETTRE DU M. CHRISTOPHER J. DODD,  
MEMBRE DU CONGRÈS DES ETATS-UNIS.

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POUR ATTRIBUTION A LA COMMISSION  
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*The President  
of the European Parliament*

Strasbourg,

18 FEB. 1980

Dear Mr Dodd,

Your letter of 18 January 1980 arrived at the European Parliament on 29 January after my departure for the United States.

As I explained to Mr PEASE, chairman of the Delegation of the Congress of the United States on relations with the European Parliament, it is not usual practice for joint resolutions to be adopted following such meetings and this was the reason for not discussing your draft resolution. In view of the fact that the European Parliament had already adopted a resolution on the situation in Afghanistan, it would in any case have been superfluous to reiterate its point of view.

Yours sincerely,

The Hon. Christopher J. DODD,  
Member of Congress,  
Congress of the United States,  
House of Representatives,  
WASHINGTON D.C. 20515.

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Traduction de la lettre adressée à Mr Christopher DODD,  
Membre du Congrès américain

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Votre lettre du 18 janvier 1980 est arrivée au  
Parlement européen le 29 janvier, après mon départ pour  
les Etats-Unis.

Ainsi que je l'ai expliqué à Monsieur PEASE, pré-  
sident de la délégation du Congrès américain chargée des  
relations avec le Parlement européen, il n'est pas d'usage  
d'adopter des résolutions communes à l'issue de telles  
réunions, et c'est la raison pour laquelle votre projet de  
résolution n'a pas été discutée. Eu égard au fait que le  
Parlement européen avait déjà adopté une résolution sur la  
situation en Afghanistan, il aurait de toute manière été  
superflu d'exprimer à nouveau son point de vue.

(Formule de politesse).

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