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Sir

I received your Excellency's letter with deep gratitude and your very kind words and too flattering appreciation of my work make it a most pleasant duty for me to express my sincerest Thanks without delay. It is extremely gratifying for me to learn that such a Sportsman as President Roosevelt has followed with a keen interest our progress and feels ready to give us his powerful support in our new undertaking.

I confess I am not astonished to hear that you do not think it possible yet to grant our request with regard to the

Chicago Games. But I hope that it will become possible later. May I be permitted to point out that at the Games of 1896, in Athens, were presided over by the King of the Hellenes, whilst President Luchet held the honorary leadership of the Paris Games of 1900, it would be a source of deep regret to all in Europe as well as in America if the President of the United States refused to patronize the American Games of 1904. Some wish a solution of the difficulty might be found.

I would beg to be allowed to present you, Sir, with copies of some of my books on Education or on Modern History, had I not to ask leave to dedicate to you the book which I am now writing on "Le Gymnastique nationale et l'Education Sportive". It will not be out before some months and indeed, I have been working at it for a long time as I meant to have a personal

experience of all the preparatory exercises  
which I think fit to be recommended

With renewed thanks for your  
Excellency's kindness and apologies for  
my imperfect English

I am, Sir

most respectfully yours

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