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SPEECH BY TAN ENG LIANG, CHAIRMAN, SINGAPORE SPORTS COUNCIL, AT THE MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT'S CHEQUE PRESENTATION TO THE SPORTS AID FUND AT THE NATIONAL STADIUM THEATRETTTE ON FRI 20 MAY 83 AT 10.00 AM

In the short time since the establishment of the Sports Aid Fund, one feature has emerged that is worthy of mention. Individuals with a few dollars to spare have come forward to donate with the same alacrity and sincerity as corporations with their donations of thousands of dollars. This spontaneity, coupled with the spirit of giving and abiding concern for the betterment of sports in Singapore, speaks well of our contributors, big and small. I salute them all for their generosity.

This morning it is my duty and pleasure to acknowledge with thanks the magnanimous support given by McDonald's Restaurants to the development of sports excellence in general and to Ang Peng Siong, Junie Sng, Mavis Ee and others. Their \$64,000 donation drives home one message: that any sportsman or woman of calibre and potential, genuinely deserving of help need not harbour any fear of the lack of support from well-wishers. When assistance is needed, there will always be altruistic organisations like McDonald's around, willing, ready and able to give a helping hand.

McDonald's Restaurants are not strangers in the sporting world. Those of you who follow the preparations for the next Olympic Games in Los Angeles know that they have invested vast sums of money in the building of an ultra modern swimming complex in the University of Southern California which will be donated to the University after the Los Angeles Olympics.

McDonald's Olympic spirit has come to Singapore and although this is the first time that they are involved in sports in Singapore, I am confident it will not be the last time we hear of them.

I wish to thank Mr Robert Kwan, the Managing Director of McDonald's Restaurants for his great interest in and support for the Sports Aid Fund. We share his hopes that Ang Peng Siong, and hopefully a few others, will carry the flag of Singapore high at the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1984.