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TELEGRAM

From Boston, dated 20th April 1946.

Gregorious Lazarides
Care Apeco
Athens.

First Kyriakides two hours twenty nine twenty seven seconds Kelley
America two thirty one twenty seven Third Cote Canada two thirty six
thirty four Hard race Happy at victory

Kyriakides

Translation

Boston, 23rd April 1946.

Dear Mr. Lazarides,

I have received Mr. Kemp's telegram and I thank you. Please convey my thanks to Mr. Kemp.

It was a hard fight and I made every effort to win first place. Of the 102 athletes who ran in the event 1 Indian, 2 Canadians, 1 Englishman and I were the only foreigners, the rest were Americans from all the States.

God and the wishes of the Greeks, it seems, were on my side and after a close run up to the 24th mile I started sprinting and so finished first and was awarded the diamond-studded medal of America.

The Governor and such American officials as Mr. Ferris, G.S. of U.S.A. were among those who watched the run.

The Governor of Massachussets invited me to his office the next day and after congratulating me for the second time, presented me with the badge and pennant of the State.

The Mayor also invited me and in the Municipality building I signed in the big book and had my picture taken together with those two personalities.

I was asked to speak in the State House, i.e. the Parliament, which I did expressing the thanks of Greece for what they have done, are doing and will do.

The Mayors of all the suburbs have invited me to speak and I do not know how I am going to respond to all these invitations.

What is being said about Greece is hardly imaginable and many are the gifts of food and clothing. I have asked a committee to undertake all that and shall hold myself at the disposal of A.H.R.P.A. and the Greek War Relief.

In any case, I will do nothing without the approval of the Greek Government, the A.A.A. Greece and of our company.

Please accept my greetings which kindly convey to all the personnel.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) S. KYRIAKIDES.

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