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# “U.S. willing to help secure Sochi games”

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**VOICE OVER:** Even with Russia’s “Ring of Steel” around Sochi, at the White House – worry and limited reassurance.

**JAY CARNEY:** We have seen an uptick, in threat reporting prior to the Olympics, which is of course of concern, although it is also not unusual for a major international event.

**VOICE OVER:** The chairman of the House Homeland Security committee has just returned from Sochi.

**MICHAEL MCCAUL:** The area that needs to be improved, quite frankly, is the intelligence sharing component that the Russians have been, not as quite as, as candid with us.

**VOICE OVER:** The U.S. is pressing urgently for Russia to ask for help.

**JAY CARNEY:** We have offered, as I said, assistance to the Russians, any assistance that they might need, to counter that threat.

**VOICE OVER:** That assistance might include the Pentagon, sending IED detection and jamming equipment, the same high-tech gear used in Iraq and Afghanistan. General Martin

Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, and his Russian counterpart, are leading an effort to figure out if U.S. military gear would be compatible with Russian equipment against terrorist bombs. It is possible U.S. troops could be sent to operate the systems, but only if the Russians ask for help, something U.S. officials say is unlikely. The FBI and State Department’s diplomatic security personnel will be protecting U.S. officials attending the Games.

Some U.S. Olympic teams are lining up private security to get them out of Sochi in a crisis. Boston-based Global Rescue will have personnel and aircraft near the Games to evacuate members of the U.S. ski and snowboard teams in an emergency.

**DAN RICHARDS:** I think the level of concern, Barbara, is unquestionably higher, and I think that the amount of effort and resources that have been allocated to this Olympic Games is unparalleled.

**BARBARA STARR:** Look, here’s the bottom line Wolf, right now Russian intelligence services, U.S. intelligence services, and several other nations, scrutinizing every piece of information, every piece of intelligence they can to try and make sure these are peaceful games. It will be very tough going they say.