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Porcelain bear figurine of Mishka, the official mascot of the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games.

Miniature size, stands 2 3/4" tall to its ear tips. "Dressed" in a belt with the buckle in the form of 5 joined rings, the symbol of Olympic Games.

In very good condition. The bear's right ear split off at some point but was very well repaired, leaving just a "bearly" visible line at the point of the fracture. Other than that, it has a tiny chip at the tip of its right ear and a minuscule other chip near its left heel.

The 1980 summer Olympics in Moscow were the games of the largest boycott in the history of the Olympic movement. In response to the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan in 1979, approximately 60 countries world-wide boycotted the games, led by the USA and its then president Jimmy Carter. Notably, a number of Western countries did not participate in the boycott. Among them were Sweden, Italy, France and Great Britain. This boycott caused an interesting side effect in that, in lieu of a lot of competition, the Soviet Union won 80 gold medals and 195 medals total, the most lopsided Olympic total of the 20th century.

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