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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NIH ADDRESS  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1989  
11:30 A.M.

Secretary and Mrs. Sullivan, Dr. Novello, Dr. Raub, Dr. Fauci, Dr. Broder, Dr. Decker, Ladies and Gentlemen.

In these last days before Christmas, I wanted to stop by and salute what you are doing in biomedical research. Yes, you are helping to improve the health of millions of Americans. Even more, you're giving the greatest gift imaginable. The gift of ~~Christmas, and of life.~~

Nowhere is this gift more obvious than in your work to combat AIDS. And it's that I'd briefly like to talk about. For only together can we wage all-out war against this <sup>crippler</sup> ~~crippler~~ of <sup>crippler</sup> ~~crippler~~ America's body and soul ~~our kids~~ //

\_\_ months ago, in this very building, I met an AIDS patient who spoke of his prolonged suffering. And I've just come from two more meetings: One, with a patients' support group; the other, a family support group. Both reminded me of the need for compassion and <sup>understanding</sup> ~~non-fear~~.

By <sup>for</sup> compassion, I mean the <sup>moves as care</sup> ~~caring~~ that ~~draws~~ us to all those infected with the HIV -- especially kids innocent and vulnerable, who enter this world with the odds stacked against them. We must help them, and you are. And I want you to know: I am with you.

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And by <sup>understanding</sup> ~~non-fear~~, I mean educating Americans who don't want to help or become involved <sup>because of misplaced fear.</sup> They're afraid of holding an AIDS patient because they're frightened of getting AIDS. And Barbara and I want to say: They're wrong. I just hugged an AIDS child -- and I know there is no reason to ~~be afraid~~ <sup>fear say</sup> of your health, just theirs. And I want to thank those who are not afraid -- especially foster parents who've opened their homes and hearts. *and those of you here today who do so much for someone.*

Our good friend, Dr. Louis Sullivan, ~~is the~~ <sup>is</sup> Secretary of Health and Human Services, ~~He's~~ <sup>is</sup> up here today. And he knows about compassion and ~~non-fear~~ <sup>understanding</sup>. So does Assistant Secretary for Health, Dr. James Mason. Dr. William Raub, the acting director of NIH, has helped the institute's pioneering efforts. He knows those truths. And so does Dr. Anthony Fauci -- as I've said before, a true American hero.

Then, there's the Director of the National Cancer Institute, Dr. Samuel Broder, who discovered that AZT can be used to treat AIDS. And Dr. Robert Gallo, also of NCI. Or the 400 people involved in treatment and research activities on AIDS at the NIH Clinical Center. From chaplains to social workers. From teachers to dieticians.

All of you have helped, directly, preach compassion and non-fear. As have still others star who do those essential tasks related to the care of AIDS patients and research on the disease. The clinical pathology staff, the diagnostic radiology staff, and the nuclear medicine staff -- they are attacking the scourge of

*too many mouths*

AIDS. And so are the laboratory scientists engaged primarily in AIDS-related basic research.

You know, I talk about AIDS a lot. And I hear those who say, "We have far to go." And they're right. But I would also add: "Look how far we've come." Look at advances in vaccine development and early therapeutic intervention. At the recently reported success of a vaccine in monkeys. Or clinical studies which show how AZT can retard the disease in HIV-infected individuals. Look at the treatment to prevent the onset of PCP, the pneumonia that infects large numbers of AIDS patients and often leads to death.

Where did these advances stem from? ~~Not from blue smoke and mirrors.~~ They are rooted in the biomedical research conducted and supported by NIH. They show the value of <sup>your</sup> ~~commitment -- your~~ ~~commitment --~~ and I commend that commitment. For you know -- and show <sup>that</sup> ~~how~~ by stopping AIDS, we can ensure a year-round ~~Christmas of the mind and heart.~~

The Chinese philosopher Confucius said, "Recompense injury with justice, and kindness with kindness." Well, your justice is easing injury. And in this Christmas season, let me say: Your kindness can -- and must -- ensure good will toward all.

For that, I thank you. And I want to wish you -- and your families who, yes, suffer through long hours of research and patient care -- a warm and happy holiday season. God bless you. And God bless America.

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They will see  
in 17 or 18 years  
who they are

Two of the things  
the world is  
waiting for  
is a cure for  
AIDS or  
something  
that will  
stop  
it  
from  
spreading  
further  
and  
killing  
more  
people

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NIH CLINICAL CENTER  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1989  
11:30 A.M.

Secretary and Mrs. Sullivan, Undersecretary Horner, Dr. Mason, Dr. Raub, Dr. Fauci, Dr. Broder, Dr. Decker, Dr. Rall, Dr. Bick, Dr. Goodwin, Dr. L'Enfant, Dr. Alexander, Ladies and Gentlemen.

In these last days before Christmas, I wanted to stop by and salute what you are doing in biomedical research. Yes, you are helping to improve the health of millions of Americans. Even more, you're giving the greatest gift imaginable. The gift of life.

Nowhere is this gift more evident than in your work to combat AIDS. And it's that I'd briefly like to talk about. For only together can we wage all-out war against this terrible killer.

Two years ago, in this very building, I met an AIDS patient who spoke of his prolonged suffering. And I've just come from two more meetings: One, with a patients' support group; the other, a family support group. Both reminded me of the need for compassion and understanding.

By that, I mean the compassion that moves us to care for all those infected with the HIV -- especially kids innocent and vulnerable, who enter this world with the odds stacked against

them. We must help them, and you are. And I want you to know:  
I am with you. //

And by understanding, I mean educating Americans who don't want to help or become involved because of misplaced fear. They're afraid of holding an AIDS patient because they're frightened of getting AIDS. And Barbara and I want to say: They're wrong. I just hugged an AIDS child -- and I know there is no reason to fear for your health, just their health. And I want to thank those who are not afraid -- especially foster parents who've opened their homes and hearts, and those of you here today who do so much for so many. //

Our good friend, Dr. Louis Sullivan, our Secretary of Health and Human Services, is up here today. He knows about compassion and understanding. And so do other great men and women of science and medicine. I think of Assistant Secretary for Health, Dr. James Mason. Or Dr. William Raub, the acting director of NIH. Doctors Samuel Broder and Robert Gallo. Dr. Antonia Novello, the Surgeon General Designate. And Dr. Anthony Fauci -- as I've said before, a true American hero.

Each of these dedicated scientists preach compassion and understanding. As have still others involved in treatment and research activities on AIDS at the NIH Clinical Center. From chaplains to social workers. From teachers to dieticians. For example, the clinical pathology staff, the diagnostic radiology staff, and the nuclear medicine staff -- you are attacking the

scourge of AIDS. And so are the laboratory scientists engaged primarily in AIDS-related basic research.

You know, there is a lot of talk about AIDS today. And I hear those who say, "We have far to go." And they're right. But I would also add: "Look how far we've come." Look at advances in vaccine development and early therapeutic intervention. At the recently reported success of a vaccine in animals. Or clinical studies which show how AZT can retard the disease in HIV-infected individuals. Look at the treatment to prevent the onset of PCP, the pneumonia that infects large numbers of AIDS patients and often leads to death.

Where did these advances stem from? They are rooted in the biomedical research conducted and supported by NIH. They show the value of your commitment -- and I commend that commitment. They stem from your work which makes America proud.

Too often, we speak of compassion and understanding only in the Christmas season. You embody it all year round. And too often we forget the true message of this time of year. It's that justice, and kindness, can foster good will toward all.

You know that message. You live that message. And for that, I thank you. And I want to wish you -- and your families -- a warm and happy holiday season. God bless you and those you are working so hard to save. And God bless America.

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