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Agenda/Background
Global AIDS Strategy Meeting
Friday, March 31, 12:15 pm

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OBJECTIVES:

- Affirm Administration's Global AIDS strategy.

The prevention-focused LIFE Initiative established two approaches to meeting the UNAIDS goals of reducing the spread of HIV, increasing access to basic care, caring for orphans, reducing mother-to-child transmission, and increasing resources available for HIV/AIDS. These approaches would ensure direct, immediate USG response to a rapidly spreading epidemic.

1. Increase the US Government investment in the global battle against AIDS. FY 2001 Budget includes a \$100 million increase for the LIFE Initiative and a \$50 million contribution to the Global Alliance for Vaccine and Immunizations.
 2. Build partnerships with other key stakeholders (e.g., multilateral and bilateral donors) Although the President, Vice President, First Lady, as well as other Administration officials have publicly discussed the importance of the global AIDS activities, no USG agency has taken ownership of developing a strategy to leverage international support.
- Determine how this Global AIDS strategy will guide the Administration's response to proposed legislation.

LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY

Four Bills may warrant Administration discussion:

- **Amendment to Helms' SFRC Technical Assistance Bill** that authorizes the Administration's Budget proposals, in addition to authorizing the creation of two World Bank Trust Funds and earmarking global AIDS funds. This amendment was passed by the SFRC and included in the Committee bill.
- **Leach Bill** to create a World Bank AIDS Prevention Trust Fund.
- **Boxer Bill**, the Global AIDS Prevention Act, authorizing a 5-year, \$2 billion global effort that complements the Administration's proposals, but includes higher amounts in the outyears and earmarks funds geographically and administratively.
- **Lee Bill** to create an "AIDS Marshall Plan Fund for Africa Act" which most agencies feel is confusingly drafted, and creates a large new public/private funding mechanism focused only on Africa.

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The SFRC and Leach bills have been passed in Committee, and the Leach bill has been reported to the House, but no floor action is currently scheduled on either. The Boxer and Lee bills have been referred to Committee, but no Committee action has occurred or is scheduled. It would be helpful to have assessments from OMB, White House and agency legislative offices of the likelihood of the SFRC bill, the Leach bill, and other AIDS related bills getting floor time requiring SAPs.

Issues for Consideration:

- The Administration proposal does not include a mechanism for leveraging multilateral donations.
- The existing Budget proposal provides direct bilateral funding to expand HIV/AIDS activities that are already in place in high priority countries.
- Funds for alternative global AIDS strategies may come at the expense of the LIFE Initiative, or from other Function 150 priorities.

Questions:

- Should the Administration consider a new approach to leveraging multilateral donations?
- How can the Administration garner support for an expanded Global AIDS strategy while maintaining support for the FY 2001 Budget proposals?
- Would the Administration consider new strategies if they required trade-offs with existing FY 2001 Budget proposals?
- Specific question on World Bank Trust Fund proposals in the Leach and SFRC bills:
 - Should the Administration defer taking a position until it defines a clear strategy for increasing the commitment of other bilateral and multilateral donors to global HIV/AIDS?
 - If so, who should be responsible for developing a specific strategy, and over what time frame?
 - How should we structure an interim response on the Leach and SFRC bills?
 - How can the Administration garner support for alternatives without jeopardizing the FY 2001 Budget proposals?

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