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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 22, 2000

Warm greetings to everyone gathered in our nation's capital for the African-African American Summit Dinner 2000. I am delighted to join you in honoring Reverend Leon Sullivan. As President of the International Foundation for Education and Self Help and as a dedicated human rights advocate, Reverend Sullivan has brought hope and help to thousands of people in Africa and throughout the world, and I have long relied on his wise counsel.

My mission to Africa two years ago renewed my commitment to strengthening the partnership between the people of the United States and the people of Africa. I am proud of the progress that we have made in this effort since then. From the U.S.-Africa Ministerial, to the U.S.-Africa Transportation Ministerial, to the U.S.-Africa Energy Conference, we have worked to expand and accelerate economic development, trade, and investment, focused on transportation infrastructure problems, and addressed concerns and issues in the development of a sustainable energy program. Most important, last month I signed the Trade and Development Act of 2000. This legislation advances U.S. economic and security interests by strengthening our relationship with regions of the world that are making progress in the areas of economic development and political reform. It expands two-way trade and creates incentives for the countries of sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean Basin to continue reforming their economies and participate more fully in the global economy.

The African-African American Summit has been instrumental in this progress and has served as an invaluable forum for my Administration to engage in a dialogue with the nations of Africa. You can each be proud of your role in strengthening this important partnership. I commend Reverend Sullivan and all of the participants of the African-African American Summit for your leadership in our effort to combat HIV/AIDS and to strengthen U.S.-Africa ties in the areas of development, trade, and investment. By working to fight HIV/AIDS and bring prosperity to the African continent, you are helping to create a brighter future for our world.

Best wishes for a productive summit and continued success in your important work.

*Bill Clinton*

**Sandra L. Thurman**  
**Director**  
**Office of National AIDS Policy**  
**Second Biannual Summit Dinner**  
**June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00 PM**  
**The Washington Hilton & Towers**  
**1919 Connecticut Avenue**

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| <b>Dress</b>        | Black Tie                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Seated -&gt;</b> | You will be up front at one of Rev. Sullivan's two head tables. Dr. Wright should be seated at your table. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Attendees</b>    | 800 - 1000 people expected (reps from over 300 American companies, NGOs, churches, etc.)                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Honorees</b>     | President Clinton (You)<br>Charles Rangel<br>Alexis Herman<br>& the chairmen of several companies          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Agenda</b>       | 5:35 PM                                                                                                    | Car to Washington Hilton                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                     | 5:45 PM                                                                                                    | Meet Michelle Pascal in the Georgetown Room, Concourse Level<br><br>(Michelle and Danielle are two of the people that worked with you at the Summit in Ghana)                                                                                                            |
|                     | 6:00                                                                                                       | VIP Reception                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                     | 7:00                                                                                                       | Dinner begins                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                     | 9:00                                                                                                       | Carol Simpson will introduce Rev. Leon Sullivan<br><br>Rev. Sullivan will present you with the award to be accepted on behalf of the President                                                                                                                           |
|                     |                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 1 - 2 minute remarks - no more!</li><li>▪ Thanks to Rev. Sullivan for all of his work;</li><li>▪ Some comments about how committed the President is to supporting their work and all of the work being done in Africa.</li></ul> |
|                     | 10:00                                                                                                      | Program ends                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                     | 10:00 PM                                                                                                   | Car return                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Contact</b>      | C.T. Wright                                                                                                | @ Washington Hilton (202) 483-3000<br>@ Cell phone (601) 617-4071                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                     | Danielle or Michelle                                                                                       | @ (202) 797-4803, 4804, 4807                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

**AFRICAN-AFRICAN AMERICAN SUMMIT DINNER**  
**DRAFT #5 OF PROGRAM RUN-DOWN**  
**JUNE 22, 2000**

- 6:45 - 7:00      Doors open [African drum music overhead]  
Guests are seated, Luddy Hayden (VOG) asks guests to be seated  
As program is about to begin  
**[two screens have Artist logo on them]**
- 7:00 - 7:09      **[Once guests are seated]**  
Procession of African Dancers & Drummers from back of room  
(dance down the aisle, around the head tables and on the stage)  
African Dance & Drum Performance  
**[IMAG dancers on stage]**
- 7:09 - 7:10      Luddy intro of Carole  
**[IMAG podium]**  
  
**[Dancers dance out of the ballroom followed by drummers]**  
**Drum Music as Carole walk on stage**
- 7:10 - 7:15      Carole Simpson and Luddy Hayden – welcome guests, introduce &  
thank dancers & drummers  
**[Summit logo goes up then fades to IMAG]**
- 7:15 - 7:16      Carole intro Ayanna Gregory to sing Anthem/ Table 15  
**Music as Aynanna walks on stage**
- 7:17 - 7:20      Ayanna Gregory sings Lift Every Voice and Sing  
**[IMAG]**
- 7:21 - 7:22      Luddy – intro Rev. Roman/ Table 4  
**Music as Rev. walks on stage**
- 7:23 - 7:26      Rev. Roman – invocation  
**[IMAG]**
- 7:20 - 7:21      Carole Simpson – intro Fountain & Gillum  
**Music as Fountain walks on stage**
- 7:22 - 7:27      Fountain & Gillum– purpose of dinner  
**[IMAG]**
- 7:28 - 7:29      Fountain – intro Luddy Hayden  
**Music as Luddy walks on stage**

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| 9:15 - 9:17   | Carole - intro Robert Campbell (Sunoco)/ Table 3<br>[slide of Campbell]<br>Music as Campbell walks to podium                                 |
| 9:18 - 9:21   | Robert Campbell Remarks<br>[IMAG]                                                                                                            |
| 9:22 - 9:24   | Luddy - intro Roderick Gillum (GM)/ Table 3<br>[slide of Gillum]<br>Music as Gillum walks to podium                                          |
| 9:25 - 9:28   | Roderick Gillum remarks<br>[IMAG]                                                                                                            |
| 9:29 - 9:32   | Carole - Koby Koomson/ Table 4<br>[slide of Koomson]<br>Music as Koomson walks to podium                                                     |
| 9:33 - 9:35   | Koomson remarks<br>[IMAG]                                                                                                                    |
| 9:35 - 9:40   | Luddy - intro His Royal Highness King Mswati III -- Monarch of Swaziland and <i>Presentation to King Mswati from Rev. Sullivan</i><br>[IMAG] |
| 9:41 - 9:55   | His Royal Highness King Mswati III -- Monarch of Swaziland<br>[IMAG]                                                                         |
| 9:55 - 9:56   | Carole - re-intro Rod Gillum                                                                                                                 |
| 9:57 - 10:00  | Rod Gillum presentation to Rev. Sullivan<br>[IMAG]                                                                                           |
| 10:00 - 10:01 | Carole - intro Rev. Gus Roman<br>[IMAG]                                                                                                      |
| 10:02 - 10:05 | Rev. Roman- Closing prayer<br>[IMAG]                                                                                                         |
| 10:06 - 10:08 | Rev. Sullivan, Frank, Luddy<br>Carole & TBD<br>Good night and God Bless<br>and announce CRAC group photo                                     |

**CORPORATE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE GROUP PHOTO WITH REVEREND SULLIVAN**

7:30 - 7:39 Hayden – introduce sponsors, IFESH Board & VIPs  
[IMAG until Luddy announces sponsors, sponsor logos come up– ]

7:40 - 7:41 Luddy – intro Summit Video  
[Carole stays on stage to introduce Dr. Wright]  
[Roll Beta Video]

7:41 - 7:46 Summit Video

7:46 - 7:47 Luddy intro Dr. Wright/ Table 4  
Music as Wright walks on stage  
[IMAG]

7:47 - 7:57 Dr. Wright gives Summit Report  
[IMAG]

7:57 - 8:30 Luddy – enjoy your dinner/overhead music – (Najee begin during dessert)  
(Overhead music while guests eat dinner)

8:29 - 8:30 Terrez Thompson, Coca-Cola - intro Najee/ Table 9  
[IMAG]

8:30 - 8:45 Najee and band  
[IMAG]

8:45 - 8:48 Frank Fountain – intro Rev. Sullivan  
Music as Rev. walks on stage  
[IMAG]

8:50 - 9:05 Rev. Sullivan (speech)  
[IMAG]

9:05 - 9:06 Carole – and now the honorees - intro Sandra Thurman  
[IMAG]

[\*as each honoree walks up on stage, he will first pause for photo w/Rev. Sullivan, award, C. Simpson, then give remarks  
\*music comes up as each honoree walks off and on stage]

9:06-9:08 Sandra Thurman Remarks  
[IMAG]

9:08- 9:10 Luddy - intro Kenneth Derr (Chevron)/ Table 3  
[slide of Derr]  
Music as Derr walks to podium

9:11 - 9:14 Kenneth Derr Remarks  
[IMAG]

## **Reverend Leon H. Sullivan**

**Pastor Emeritus – Zion Baptist Church, Philadelphia**  
**Founder and Chairperson – OIC of America, OIC International**  
**Author – The Sullivan Principles for Fair Employment in South Africa**  
**Author – The Global Sullivan Principles**  
**Author – “Build Brother Build,” “Moving Mountains”**  
**President – International Foundation for Education and Self-Help**  
**Chairman and Convener – The African-African American Summits**

Born in Charleston, West Virginia in 1922 Leon married Grace Banks in 1944. The Sullivans currently reside in Phoenix, Arizona and have three children - Howard, Julie and Hope (who all work for IPESH) and seven grandchildren.

He was educated at Garnett High School, West Virginia State University, Columbia University, and Union Theological Seminary. The Reverend also holds honorary doctorate degrees from over 50 colleges and universities.

In his late teens, Leon Sullivan was the pastor of two churches in West Virginia before going on to pursue his education and ministry in New York. This lead to serving at a Harlem church and then in South Orange, New Jersey before being called in 1950 to Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia. Known as the “Lion of Zion” he served there until 1988 and during his 38 years at Zion, the congregation grew from 600 to 6,000 people. Reverend Sullivan extended the activities of the church to include a day care center, credit union, employment agency, community center for youth and adults, adult education classes, athletic teams, choral groups and family counseling services. In June 1988 he became Pastor Emeritus in order to spend his time educating, training and feeding the people of Africa and the developing nations of the world, and to assist in the expanding work of the Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC) of America and OIC International.

Most of Reverend Sullivan’s work has been built on his principle of “Self-Help,” under which people need to help themselves overcome barriers of poverty and oppression. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, Reverend Sullivan initiated a successful “Selective Patronage” operation in Philadelphia to boycott companies that did not offer employment opportunities to black men and women. As job opportunities began to open up Reverend Sullivan realized that a trained workforce did not exist to fill them. In 1964, as a response to these newly opened opportunities, he founded the OIC, a skills training program providing training and

retraining on a massive scale. The OIC, which was devised to train people of all races, ages and genders spread quickly across the country, there are now 56 centers in 27 states. In 1969 OIC International was formed mostly in Africa, but also in Europe, Central America and Asia. Currently there are 46 active centers in 18 countries. Since its beginnings, OIC has provided skills training to over three million people toward the goals of gainful employment and business creation, with billions of dollars added to the economies of the world.

About the same time, Reverend Sullivan also founded Progress Investment Associates (PIA) and the Zion Non-profit Charitable Trust (ZNCT). PIA was founded to establish minority owned businesses and employment in the Philadelphia inner city. ZNCT was established to fund housing, shopping, human services, educational and other non-profit ventures for inner-city dwellers. Zion Gardens, an apartment complex, constructed in 1965; Progress Plaza, a two million dollar shopping center, built in 1968 and the Progress Human Services Center built in 1978 are just a few examples of the ventures undertaken by PIA and ZNCT. Reverend Sullivan also established inner-city retirement and assisted living complexes in Philadelphia and other cities throughout the United States named Opportunities Towers.

In 1971, Reverend Sullivan became the first African American to be appointed to serve on a major corporate board, being elected as a director of the General Motors Corporation. He subsequently served for over 20 years as a director and now sits on the GM Advisory Council. This directorship helped Reverend Sullivan's work greatly in allowing him to meet with top business and political leaders throughout the world to initiate his programs. Reverend Sullivan has also served on a number of other boards of directors, most notably Mellon Bank, Boy Scouts of America and the Southern African Development Fund.

In 1977, he initiated the Sullivan Principles, a code of conduct for companies operating in South Africa, which became the standard for social responsibility and equal opportunity for companies in South Africa. The Sullivan Principles are acknowledged to be one of the most effective efforts to end discrimination against blacks in the workplace in the Republic of South Africa against the apartheid system. It became a major platform on which others could speak out for equal rights in South Africa against apartheid.

In 1983, Reverend Sullivan founded the International Foundation for Education and Self-Help (IFESH), and serves as its President. IFESH is a non-profit organization set up to train 100,000 skilled workers, 100,000 newly developed farmers and five million people in literacy. IFESH operates programs such as Teachers for Africa, SOS (school supplies for the children of Africa), International Fellows Program, Debt for Development, Best and Brightest Bankers, Schools for Africa (building and renovating schools in rural Africa), African-African American Summit (first convened in 1991), Self-Help Investment Program (SHIPS), Liberia Reconstruction Program, Angola Training Center and other activities. It also funds health and skills training organizations such as Africare, and many small, grassroots organizations.

Throughout the late 1990s Reverend Sullivan brought world and business leaders together to expand the highly effective Sullivan Principles to become the Global Sullivan Principles of Corporate Social Responsibility. In November 1999 at a special meeting at the United Nations, Reverend Sullivan and Secretary General Kofi Annan formally announced these new Principles before world and business leaders. An international oversight committee is being formed as are commissions on every continent composed of acknowledged representative leaders to oversee this global effort for the advancement of human rights, equal opportunity, and social and economic justice for workers and communities everywhere.

Back in 1963, Life Magazine cited Reverend Sullivan as one of the 100 outstanding young adults in the United States and indeed, he has gone on to become one of the most outstanding people not only in the United States, but also throughout the world. This is evidenced by the following: in 1992, Reverend Sullivan was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George Bush honoring him for his "voice of reason for over forty years" and a lifetime of work in helping the economically and socially disadvantaged people in the world; in November 1999 he received the prestigious Notre Dame Award which is conferred "annually on a person who has achieved international recognition for the contribution to the welfare of humanity; and in December 1999 the Reverend received the Eleanor Roosevelt Award from President Bill Clinton who recognized Leon's humanitarian efforts around the world. Truly he has turned out to be one of the world's most outstanding leaders.

At the 1999 African-American Summit in Ghana Reverend Sullivan announced the Peoples Investment Fund for Africa (PIFA), the goal of which is to address the critical need for grassroots economic development by supporting self-help microfinance initiatives to provide additional capital base for African micro and small business clients, thereby helping to create job opportunities and help alleviate poverty in Africa.

Reverend Sullivan has published several books over the past 45 years including "America is Theirs," "Build Brother Build," "Philosophy of a Giant," "Alternatives to Despair" and in 1998 "Moving Mountains." These books contain his life story, his sermons, accomplishments and philosophies and his dreams for the future.

## A Principled Life



For most of the 20th century Rev. Leon Sullivan has devoted his life to helping others help themselves. From Appalachia to South Africa, Leon Sullivan has maintained his identity and his ideals while he created an international revolution in race relations.

Born and raised in Charleston, WV, Leon Sullivan became pastor of Zion Baptist Church in urban Philadelphia in 1950, eventually increasing its membership from 600 to 6,000 - making it one of the largest congregations in America.



In 1964, he founded Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OICs), a self-help training program that has spread to 76 centers in the United States and 33 centers in 18 other countries, training more than two million people worldwide.

In 1971, Sullivan joined the GM Board of Directors and became the first African-American on the board of a major corporation. In 1977, Sullivan developed a code of conduct for companies operating in South Africa. The "Sullivan Principles" created a revolution in industrial race relations and were instrumental in dismantling apartheid.

Among his many other honors, in 1992 Sullivan was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award given in the United States.

In 1999, the Global Sullivan Principles were issued at the United Nations. This expanded code calls for multinational companies to take an active role in the advancement of human rights and social justice.

Today, Sullivan leads international efforts to bring investment and educational advancements to Africa.




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### Stand on your feet, black boy!

*Early experiences influenced Leon Sullivan. Click on the link above to learn more about his youth.*



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### Don't Buy Where You Don't Work

*In 1950, Rev. Sullivan moved to Philadelphia to pastor Zion Baptist Church. While there he began to gain national attention. Click on the link above to find out how his skills at persuading business to change would be put to the test.*

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### **The Sullivan Principles**

*Six years after joining the Board of Directors of General Motors, Sullivan developed the principles that became an international standard for businesses operating around the world. Click on the link above to explore the Sullivan Principles.*

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### **African-African American Partnerships**

*After leaving his full time ministry at the Zion Baptist Church, Rev. Sullivan continued to develop programs to fight injustice. Click on the link above for more information.*

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### **Global Sullivan Principles**

*Today, the Sullivan Principles continue to influence businesses worldwide. Click on the link above for information about the Global Sullivan Principles of Corporate Social Responsibility*

## African-African American Partnerships

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In 1988 Sullivan left his full time ministry at the Zion Baptist Church, where he is now pastor emeritus, and eventually moved to Arizona.

He founded the International Foundation for Education and Self-Help (IFESH), which has programs in 30 countries. IFESH administers a "Teachers for Africa" program and helps to build schools on the continent.

In 1991, IFESH sponsored the first biennial African-African American Summit, convened by Sullivan in 1991 in Cote D'Ivoire, the west coast of Africa. The summit brings world leaders to Africa to discuss ways to improve the quality of life in sub-Sahara countries through economic development, debt relief, industrialization, education and medical advancements. Every two years, the summit focuses on enhancing African and American partnerships.

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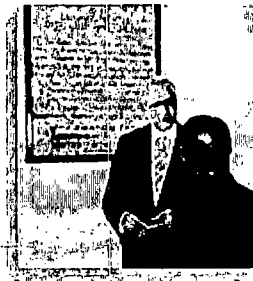
## The Sullivan Principles

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When Leon Sullivan joined the Board of Directors at General Motors in 1971, he used his corporate foothold to oppose apartheid, the government policy of segregation in South Africa. Since the passage of a Declaration of Grand Apartheid in 1948, a number of reformers, including Nelson Mandela, had tried unsuccessfully to end apartheid.

General Motors was the largest employer of blacks in South Africa at that time, and Sullivan decided to use his position on the Board of Directors to apply economic pressure to end the unjust system. The result was the Sullivan Principles, which became the blueprint for ending apartheid.



"Starting with the work place, I tightened the screws step by step and raised the bar step by step. Eventually I got to the point where I said that companies must practice corporate civil disobedience against the laws and I threatened South Africa and said in two years Mandela must be freed, apartheid must end, and blacks must vote or else I'll bring every American company I can out of South Africa," Sullivan recalls.

After two years with little change, Sullivan mobilized the companies and more than 100 left South Africa and apartheid began to fall apart. In November 1999, more than 20 years after the adoption of the initial Sullivan Principles, Leon Sullivan and United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan launched the Global Sullivan Principles of Corporate Social Responsibility. These expanded principles call for multinational companies to play a much larger role in the advancement of human rights and social justice.

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**For more information about the Global Sullivan Principles, contact IFESH, 5040 East Shea Boulevard, Suite 260, Phoenix, AZ, USA 85254-4610, Telephone: 1-800-835-3530.**

### Issued in 1977

1. Nonsegregation of the races in all eating, comfort, and work facilities.
2. Equal and fair employment practices for all employees.
3. Equal pay for all employees doing equal or comparable work for the same period of time.
4. Initiation of and development of training programs that will prepare, in substantial numbers, blacks and other nonwhites for supervisory, administrative, clerical, and technical jobs.
5. Increasing the number of blacks and other nonwhites in management and supervisory positions.
6. Improving the quality of life for blacks and other nonwhites outside the work

Remarks by Sandra Thurman  
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy  
Sixth Annual African American-Summit

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A little over one year ago, President Clinton came to Ghana to help Americans and Africans begin to see each other through new eyes. He was in fact the first American President ever to visit Ghana, and he came then, as we do now, to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Africa, and to create together a bold new partnership for the new millennium.

Beyond the old stereotypes and policies of paternalism, our shared vision is one of hope and empowerment, of democracy and freedom. It is a vision born of more than just compassion. It is a vision born of the realization that we are a global community with a shared destiny. And in this global community, both crisis and opportunity have no borders.

When President Clinton spoke here in Ghana he said:

“We need partners to deepen the meaning of democracy in America, in Africa, and throughout the world. We need partners to build prosperity. And we need partners to live in peace.

Well today, I would like to add that we need partners to confront our global battle against AIDS. To win, we will need to wage this war together.

As Africa stands on a brink of a new day, a silent killer stalks.

As the United States and Africa build a new partnership for growth and opportunity, a silent killer stalks.

And as we work together to build a better future for our children and grandchildren, a silent killer stalks.

And that killer is AIDS.

My friends, the American family has AIDS. The African family has AIDS. Our global family has AIDS. And so, in a very real way, we are all living with AIDS – with no cure or vaccine in sight -- and will be for generations to come.

If we are determined to hold fast to our new vision for the 21<sup>st</sup> century – we must commit today to join forces in an all-out war on a common enemy.

And that enemy is AIDS.

AIDS is a plague of biblical proportion, and it is claiming more lives than all armed conflicts waging around the world today . . . combined. While many of us have witnessed its devastation,

it is almost impossible to grasp the grip that AIDS has on villages across this continent and on communities around the world.

Today and every day, here in Africa, AIDS buries more than 5,500 women, men, and children. And that number will more than double in the next few years. AIDS is now the leading cause of death among all people of all ages in Africa -- and among young adult African-American men here in the United States.

And yet, the epidemic rages on. Each day, 11,000 people in Africa become HIV infected -- one every 8 seconds. Most of these new infections are among young people, under the age of 25. And by 2005, more than 100 million people worldwide will be HIV+.

In a host of different ways and from a variety of different vantagepoints, it is our children who are caught in the crossfire of this relentless epidemic, and who are crying out for our help. Our next generation is indeed in jeopardy.

In many communities throughout sub-Saharan Africa, AIDS has virtually wiped out parents and providers, leaving behind children and grandparents to care for each other.

In some countries, between one-fifth and one-third of all children have already been orphaned by AIDS. And the worst is yet come. Within the next decade more than 40 million children will be orphaned by AIDS -- 95% of who will live in sub-Saharan Africa -- and this tragedy will continue to grow for at least another 30 years.

In just a few short years, AIDS has wiped out decades of hard work and steady progress in development -- and will soon double infant mortality, triple child mortality, and slash life expectancy by 20 years or more. In South Africa, from 60 to 40. In Zimbabwe, from 65 to 39. And in Zambia, from 56 to 37. And AIDS has had a devastating impact on economic growth -- striking down skilled workers in their prime and forcing many companies to hire two employees for every one job -- assuming that one will die of AIDS.

Yet amidst this tragedy is hope. Amidst this crisis is opportunity; the opportunity to empower women and men, to protect children, and to support families and communities in our battle against AIDS. In cities and villages across Africa, efforts are being made to stem the rising tide of HIV infection, to prolong the lives of those who are sick, and to stitch together a tapestry of family support systems for the growing millions of children orphaned by AIDS.

Twice this year, I have visited South Africa, Uganda, and Zambia at the request of President Clinton. Together with leaders from Congress and the private sector, we came to bear witness to the AIDS emergency and to search for ways to enhance our understanding and support for sustainable solutions springing up across this vast continent.

During these trips, we were blessed to visit with some of the real heroes in the battle against AIDS. From Cape Town to Kampala, we were inspired by women, men, families, and communities who refused to give up or give in, despite the seemingly insurmountable odds.

Take Bernadette, a woman from a small village outside Masaka, Uganda.

Bernadette has lost 10 of her 11 adult children to AIDS. Today, at age 70, she is caring for her 35 grandchildren. With loans from a village banking system, she has begun growing sweet potatoes, beans, and maize, raising goats and pigs, and trading in sugar and cooking oil.

With the money she earns, she is now able to send 15 of her grandchildren to school, provide modest treatment for the 5 who are HIV+, and begin construction on a house big enough to sleep them all. In her spare time, she participates in an organization called "United Women's Effort to Save Orphans" -- founded by the first lady of Uganda, Mrs. Museveni -- linking in solidarity thousands of women allied in the same great struggle.

And these women are not alone. From the young people doing street theater in Lusaka to educate their peers about HIV to the support groups in Soweto providing home and community based care for people living with AIDS -- communities are mobilizing and creating ripples of hope.

These are the faces of children and families living in a world with AIDS. And their spirit, their determination, and their resilience lead us on.

But we must remember, the tragedy of AIDS is not slowly nearing its end, it is just beginning to unfold. So as we struggle to move forward together -- the futures of these children and families compel us all to find ways to do better, to be smarter, to move faster, and to develop whatever capacity we lack, so we can gear up for the long haul.

Luckily, painful experience has taught us some valuable lessons, and we should take them to heart.

First, in reality, we are much more alike than we are different. And while we must celebrate our diversity -- there is much we can learn from each other.

Second, leadership matters.

While this war will depend on the valiant efforts of dedicated soldiers in communities worldwide, it can not be won without leadership from the top. We learned this the hard way in the United States. Throughout the 1980s, a legion of volunteers fashioned a caring response to AIDS, while the government said nothing. With the leadership of President Clinton, we have made great strides -- but much more remains to be done.

Here in Africa, President Museveni has been a strong and effective AIDS leader. In partnership with communities and donor nations, Uganda has cut the rate of HIV by more than half -- and has organized model programs for HIV counseling and testing, and AIDS care and support. In Senegal too, early leadership and mobilization has kept their AIDS prevalence low. In the final analysis -- there is simply no substitute for real and committed leadership.

Third, this fight requires an investment -- of time, energy and resources.

Fourth, we pay a heavy price for the stigma that surrounds AIDS.

We must lift the shroud of secrecy that surrounds AIDS, so that individuals and families living with AIDS will no longer be forced to suffer in silence. For years in America, AIDS remained underground, and people living with AIDS lost their jobs, their homes, their health insurance, and their dignity to the fear mongering and finger pointing of others. Leadership, education, and expansion of civil rights laws can help to bring AIDS into the light, where it can be seen and combated. For Gugu Dlamini, the 36 years old mother in South Africa who was stoned to death by her neighbors for going public with her HIV status, and for the many others too afraid to seek help - together - we must learn to fight AIDS not people with AIDS.

Fifth, this battle will be won or lost at the community level. This is true in Detroit as it is in Durban.

And finally, partnerships among all sectors are essential. AIDS is not just a health problem - it is a development problem, a trade problem, a democracy and a civil society problem, a security problem.

AIDS is everyone's problem -- and everyone must be part of the solution.

Much has been written and said about each of these lessons -- and about what we need to do to turn the tide of this epidemic. It is now time for us to move from paper to practice - and from words to deeds.

Together, we must find ways to affirm that we are a global community and our battle against AIDS in America, in Africa, and around the world is a shared responsibility.

Together, we must join our voices and pool our skills and our resources to begin to keep pace with an epidemic that is out of control.

And together we must push past denial and blame and inevitability -- and toward a sense of real solidarity symbolized by shared commitment, collaboration, and constructive action.

Remember the charge of Reverend Martin Luther King, Sr.:

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly."

Can there be any greater injustice than to have a preventable and increasingly treatable disease and to fail to find ways to do what we can to save lives? I think not.

This is a time of great challenge. The destiny of millions of people hang in the balance. I pray that each of us can leave this Summit more confident in our commitment, more invigorated by

our new partnership, and more energized by our determination to doing everything that we can do to win the battle against AIDS.

Let me close with the words of Frederick Douglas, another great African-American civil rights leader:

“It is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shoulder, but thunder. We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake. The feeling of the nation must be quickened and the conscience must be roused.”

Let us commit together to not squander the loss of the nearly 14 million people around the world we have lost to AIDS, but instead build from this tragedy a foundation for hope, a legacy of compassion, and a partnership forged by our shared struggle.

Let us wage this holy war together and let's win.

Thank you and god bless you.

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**African-African  
American Summit**

# Fax

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**Sandra L. Thurman**  
**Director**  
**Office of National AIDS Policy**  
**Second Biannual Summit Dinner**  
**June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00 PM**  
**The Washington Hilton & Towers**  
**1919 Connecticut Avenue**

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| <b>Dress</b>        | Black Tie                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Seated -&gt;</b> | You will be up front at one of Rev. Sullivan's two tables. Dr. Wright and His Majesty Mswai III should be seated at your table. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Attendees</b>    | 800 - 1000 people expected (reps from over 300 American companies, NGOs, churches, etc.)                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Honorees</b>     | President Clinton (You)<br>Charles Rangel<br>Alexis Herman<br>& the chairmen of several companies                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Agenda</b>       | 5:50 PM                                                                                                                         | Car to Washington Hilton                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                     | 6:00                                                                                                                            | Reception                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                     | 7:00                                                                                                                            | Dinner begins                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                     | 9:00                                                                                                                            | Carol Simpson will introduce Rev. Leon Sullivan                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                     |                                                                                                                                 | Rev. Sullivan will present you with the award to be accepted on behalf of the President                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                     |                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 1 - 2 minute remarks</li><li>▪ Thanks to Rev. Sullivan for all of his work;</li><li>▪ Some comments about how committed the President is to supporting their work and all of the work being done in Africa.</li></ul> |
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|                     | 10:00                                                                                                                           | Program ends                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                     | 10:00 PM                                                                                                                        | Car return                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Contact</b>      | C.T. Wright                                                                                                                     | @ Washington Hilton (202) 483-3000<br>@ Cell phone (601) 617-4071                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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**To:** Honorable Sandy Thurman **Date:** April 26, 2000  
**Fax #:** (202) 456-2438/9 **Pages:** 4, including this cover sheet.  
**From:** Dr. C.T. Wright  
**Subject:** Please see attached

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**Please deliver immediately upon receipt.**

**Thanks!!!**

**SUMMIT OFFICE**

April 25, 2000

Honorable Sandra Thurman  
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy  
Executive Office of the President  
The White House  
736 Jackson Place  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Ms. Thurman:

It has been a while since I have had the opportunity of speaking with you. However, everywhere I travel in the world, I mention you and your work. We are so proud of the leadership that you are providing to our nation and indeed the world on HIV/AIDS. Please continue your great work!

My HIV/AIDS initiative for Africa is moving forward with all deliberate speed. In fact, Dr. C.T. Wright and I have just returned from Nigeria, South Africa and Swaziland where we will launch our pilot projects this fall. I shall seek an appointment with you shortly so that I can brief you on our work.

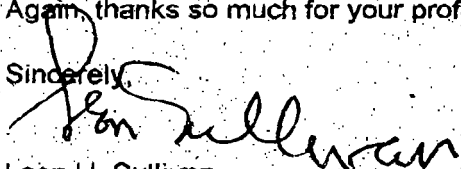
Sandy, I am sending this letter to respectfully seek your intervention at The White House regarding two matters. First of all, as you may recall, I am having our Second Biannual Summit Dinner at the Washington Hilton on June 23, 2000. As I promised, I am inviting President Bill Clinton as our special guest and we look forward to bestowing our highest honor upon him for the leadership he has provided in making the world aware of Africa and its potential (see enclosed letter). I would appreciate any assistance you can provide in facilitating his presence and participation.

Secondly, the King of Swaziland, His Majesty Mswati III has accepted my invitation to represent the leaders of Africa during the June 22 Dinner. It would be so wonderful if he and I could pay a courtesy call on the President during his visit to the US. I am seeking your personal intervention at The White House on my behalf. As you are aware, the King has become a major advocate for the containment and reduction of HIV/AIDS in his country and throughout Africa.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon regarding my requests. In the interim, should you need additional information, please feel free to contact Dr. Wright or his Deputy, Ms. Pearlina Jackson at (480) 451-1389, by fax at (480) 661-5407 or E-mail at [wrightjack@aol.com](mailto:wrightjack@aol.com).

Again, thanks so much for your professional leadership and for your personal friendship.

Sincerely,

  
Leon H. Sullivan

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February 11, 2000

Bill Clinton  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Bill:

June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Washington Hilton Hotel, we will have a report dinner on the successes of the work of the African-African American Summit with friends of Africa that have been held every two years. The Summit has become the largest gathering of Africans, Americans and people from every part of the world held on the African continent.

The last Summit was held last May in Ghana where 8,000 were present, including many African Heads of State and Government. As a result of the Summits there has resulted billions of dollars in debt reduction, billions of dollars in investments from American companies, hundreds of schools built and training centers established helping tens of thousands. Hundreds of African bankers have been trained who are now becoming leading bankers in their countries and now we are placing major emphasis on halting the spread of HIV/AIDS in Africa.

At the June 22<sup>nd</sup> dinner -- 2000 are expected, including representatives from 300 American companies and hundreds of non-governmental organizations and representatives from churches and other groups. We want to give you a special honor that evening for the wonderful efforts you have made on behalf of Africa. You have done more as a President to help Africa than any I've known in American history. I want to recognize you on that night.

When I saw you in the Oval Office last year and mentioned the dinner, you said you'd be there, and when I saw you at the Eleanor Roosevelt Award presentation in December I mentioned again my hope that you would attend the dinner and bring any remarks you see fit.

Because we are finalizing our program, I would like very much to have a confirmation that you will be with us for the dinner so that we can know how to proceed. Others being honored that evening are Congressman Charles Rangel, Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman, and chairmen of several companies who have been a great help to us in Africa with our work.

Dr. Andrew F. Brimmer  
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Rev. Leon H. Sullivan  
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Please let me know if you will be with us as soon as possible. My fax number is (480) 443-1824 and my phone number is (480) 443-1800.

I wish you well. You deserve all the recognition you can receive for the efforts you have made and continue to make to help Africa and I want the nation to know about it.

Awaiting your reply,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leon H. Sullivan".

Rev. Leon H. Sullivan  
President

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MEMORANDUM FOR BOB NASH

**From:** Cheryl Bauerle *CB*  
Associate Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy  
(202) 456-2437

**Date:** June 22, 2000

**Re:** Second Biannual African-American Summit Dinner -- June 22, 2000

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Sandy asked me to send you some information on the Second Biannual African-American Summit Dinner that is taking place tonight, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2000, at the Washington Hilton & Towers at 1919 Connecticut Avenue. The reception starts at 6:00 PM, and the dinner begins at 7:00 PM. 800 - 1000 people are expected to attend the event, which is black tie. The person from Reverend Sullivan's office to contact for information is Dr. C.T. Wright. His number at the Washington Hilton is 202-483-3000, and his cell phone number is 601-617-4071.

The purpose of the Summit Dinner is to promote further discussion on the successes of the African-American Summit that took place May 17-22, 1999. Among those honored at the Summit Dinner will be President Clinton, Congressman Charles Rangel, Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman, and several chairmen of various companies that have been of great assistance to The International Foundation for Education and Self-Help in their work in Africa.

Please feel free to contact me at 456-2959 if I can be of any further assistance.