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Dear Dr. Thurman,

You are cordially invited to

**Partnerships for Health:
The Effects of Health on India's Development
A reception on Capitol Hill**

Wednesday, June 7, 2000, 6-8 pm
Room 1300, Longworth Building
Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20515
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Indian Industries, US-India Business Council

Presented by:

South Asian Public Health Association, Network of South Asian
Professionals-DC, Indian American Political Awareness Committee,
VISIONS Worldwide, and Indian-American Bar Association-DC

This reception follows a briefing of the Congressional Taskforce on
International HIV/AIDS, led by the Honorable Congressman Jim
McDermott, at 4:00pm in Room 2172 Rayburn House Office Building.

*Renuka Kher has probably told you about this event already.
We truly hope you can attend. Your leadership +
presence will be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Ketan Joshi*



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Briefing: The Impact of HIV/AIDS in India

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

4:00-5:50 pm

2172 Rayburn House Office Building

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Congressman McDermott, (D-WA) will moderate.

4:00 - 4:05 Congressman Jim McDermott, (D-CT) Opening Remarks

4:05 - 4:10 Congressman Sam Gejdenson, (D-WA) Opening Remarks

4:10 - 4:15 Sandra Thurman, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

4:15- 4:35 Mr. J.V.R. Prasada Rao, Director, National AIDS Control Organization, India

4:35- 4:55 Ms. Laliitha Kumaramangalam, Executive Director, PRAKRITI

4:55 - 5:15 Mr. Omkar Goswami, Chief Economist, Confederation of Indian Industries

5:15- 5:35 Peter Lamptey, Sr. Vice President, Family Health International

5:35- Speaker will take questions from media and audience

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Thanks Mary!



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May 24, 2000

Sandy Thurman
Office of National AIDS Policy
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Dear Ms. Thurman:

On behalf of the Global Health Council, I invite you to be a speaker at a Congressional Briefing on HIV/AIDS in India, sponsored by the Congressional Task Force on International HIV/AIDS. The briefing, "The Impact of AIDS in India", will be held on June 7, 2000 at ~~3:00~~ 4:00 pm in the Rayburn Office Building, Room 2172.

Speakers include J.V.R. Prasada Rao, National AIDS Control Organization, Government of India, and Lalita Kumaramangalam - Prakriti, AIDS Organization, India. Representative Jim McDermott (D-WA), Co-Chair of the Congressional Taskforce on International HIV/AIDS, will moderate the panel.

This event has been put together in collaboration with Partnerships for Health, a coalition of the South Asian Public Health Association, Network of South Asian Professionals, Indian American Political Awareness Committee, Visions Worldwide, Inc., and the Indian American Bar Association.

As a leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS in our nation, we appreciate your efforts to educate U.S. political figures, their staff and AIDS organizations about the global AIDS pandemic. It will be incredibly valuable to have you and Prasada Rao both present your views on the critical role of government in the response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic and how important collaboration is for a comprehensive response.

I hope that you will be able to take part in this briefing. Please contact Mary Partlow, Global AIDS Program Officer, 202.833.5900 to let her know of your availability.

Sincerely,

Nils Daulaire, M.D., M.P.H.
President and CEO

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
Congressional Briefing on HIV/AIDS in India
Wednesday, June 7th, 4:00 PM

Location	Rayburn Office Building, Room 2172
Layout	Front table where speakers will be seated - panel format with Congressman Jim McDermott (D-CT, Co-chair, Congressional Taskforce on International AIDS) moderating
Audience	50 - 100. Large number of community organizations based in Washington, and people representing professional Indian organizations throughout the U.S.
Theme	'The Impact of AIDS in India'
	4:00 PM Opening remarks by Congressman McDermott
	4:05 Remarks by Congressman Gejdenson (D-WA)
	4:09 Introduction of Sandy Thurman by McDermott
	4:10 Sandy Thurman (5 minutes, longer if needed) • Role of governments in the response to global HIV/AIDS; • Importance of government collaboration, partnerships, leadership from the top; and, • The example of Africa, the importance of the national response in dealing with the epidemic there (Uganda and Senegal success stories?).
	4:15 Mr. Prasada Rao , Director, National AIDS Control Organization, Government of India • Current epidemiology, future predictions.
	4:35 Ms. Lalita Kumaramangalam , ED, PAKRITI AIDS Org (Community based organization in India) • What the community is experiencing on the local level, what they've seen, and what community-based organizations, like this one, are doing in response.
	4:55 Mr. Omkar Goswami , Chief Economist, Confederation of Indian Industries • Current and future economic impact
	5:15 Peter Lamptey , Sr. Vice President, Family Health International
	5:35 Q & A - moderated by McDermott
	5:50 PM End

NOTE: There will be a reception for this briefing at 6:30 in 1300 Longworth. You will not be able to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

Sponsored by	The Congressional Task Force on International HIV/AIDS
Organized by	Global Health Council Pathfinders for Health (South Asian Public Health Association) Network of South Asian Professionals Indian American Political Awareness Committee Visions Worldwide, Inc. Indian American Bar Association
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June 12, 2000

Sandra L. Thurman, Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
The White House

Dear Ms. Thurman:

We met briefly at the recent congressional briefing on HIV/AIDS in India, hosted by Congressman Jim McDermott. You mentioned that you plan to visit India in August or September and I mentioned that I had been Science Attaché and Public Health Service Regional Representative at U.S. Embassy, New Delhi from 1992-1998. When Secretary Shalala visited there in 1997 accompanied by Helene Gayle, I arranged her activities including several that focused on the AIDS epidemic.

My friend, Dawn Liberi, mentioned that during your visit last year to Uganda you were particularly interested in visiting NGOs and others involved in grassroots programs. If I can be of any assistance as you plan your trip, please let me know. The visibility of such a visit will be very important to those concerned with the epidemic.

I also wanted to let you know that it is likely a team from NIH will be in India late in August or early in September. We will be launching joint research to address issues related to mother-to-child HIV transmission, including breastfeeding. This will be an early activity under the new joint statements, which, as you know, will be signed on Tuesday, June 13 by the recently appointed Indian Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Secretary Shalala. Both these joint statements encourage HIV/AIDS research cooperation.

Again, if there is anything we can do to assist your efforts in South Asia, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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June 9, 2000

Sandra Thurman, Director
White House Office of National AIDS Policy
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Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Ms. Thurman:

On behalf of the Global Health Council, I would like to thank you for speaking about the impact of HIV/AIDS in India at the June 7th briefing. We admire your efforts in representing the U.S. in the fight against HIV/AIDS and appreciate your dedication to these crucial issues.

As we witness the HIV/AIDS epidemic take hold of India, it is more important than ever that public health professionals within the United States be actively engaged in building alliances between health workers and community leaders in developed and developing countries. It is apparent from the outpouring of support both for the briefing and reception that there is a strong Indian American professional community that is eager to become involved in the fight against AIDS in India.

We applaud you for your efforts and are very excited to hear you may be leading a fact-finding mission to India in the fall. It has been a pleasure to work with you as we have worked on raising awareness about the global pandemic and look forward to our continued relationship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nils Daulaire", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nils Daulaire, M.D., M.P.H.
CEO and President