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Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
'Coping with Africa's AIDS Crisis'
210 Cannon House Office Building
9:45 AM, September 15, 1999

Note: Most panelists will be present for the entire event. However, it is up to you whether you arrive at 8:30 or 9:30 AM, just before your panel.

Co-sponsored by the Corporate Council on Africa and the Constituency for Africa

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| 9:30 AM | Arrive at 210 Cannon. Panelists will have reserved seats up front in the hearing room. Slip into a seat until your panel is called to present. |
| 9:45 AM | Panel 2: US Government Efforts on AIDS in Africa
Sandra Thurman
Helene Gayle, Center for Disease Control and Prevention
Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA)
Moderators: Melvin Foote, Constituency for Africa
Gregory Simpkins, Corporate Council on Africa |
| Panel | Each panelist will be introduced in the beginning of the session. Remarks should keep to approx. 10 minutes per panelist. A question and answer session will commence once all panelists have finished presenting. |
| Remarks | Dr. Gayle will focus on research and epidemic tracking devices. Rep. Lee will speak to the importance of her bill. Though there is very little support on either side of the aisle for the particular bill, this is a good forum in which to highlight the need for legislation. Panel organizers hope that this discussion will lead to either a reworking of Lee's bill or the disposal of it for an entirely new piece of legislation that has the ability to garner support from both Rs and Ds.

You, as the first presenter, have been asked to talk about: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Administration accomplishments, defend the notion that 'the Administration doesn't care about this issue'▪ POTUS in Ghana▪ Your trips to Africa, Presidential Mission, Global AIDS Initiative▪ Importance of partnership across partisan lines, and between corporate and governmental entities |

Suggestions for remarks: Ghana revisited, Administration accomplishments, report and testimony language on partnerships.

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM Panel 3: US Corporate Efforts on AIDS in Africa
Maurice Tempelsman, Lazare Kaplan
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Remarks from the Kenyan Minister of Health. This was just added to the agenda, as he will only be in town for a few hours and has agreed to stop by.

11:00 AM Question and Answers
Moderated by Gregory Simpkins and Melvin Foote

11:30 AM Wrap-up and policy

12:00 PM Program adjourns

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Regarding a Sept. 15 AIDS forum

THE CORPORATE COUNCIL ON



September 2, 1999

Ms. Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
Office of the President
808 19th Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20006
By telefax: 456-2439

Dear Ms. Thurman:

The Corporate Council on Africa, a membership association of American businesses operating in Africa, and the Constituency for Africa are co-sponsoring a forum on AIDS in Africa, focusing on American strategies to cope with the transmission of this disease.

There are three panels. The first panel concerns the spread of the disease in Africa, its impact on African society and African efforts to cope with this malady. The second panel concerns U.S. government effort to deal with the incidence of AIDS in Africa, including discussion of AIDS in Africa legislation. The final panel deals with U.S. corporate efforts to create policies and strategies to deal with AIDS in Africa. An agenda is attached.

We would appreciate very much if you or someone you designate from your agency can appear on the second panel to discuss the Administration's efforts to assist African nations to cope with the devastation of this pandemic.

We appreciate any assistance you can provide on this forum.

Sincerely,

Gregory B. Simpkins

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Policy Director

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- 12:00PM:** Lunch (site to be determined)
Speakers: Introduction of speaker by lunch sponsor
Senator Bill Frist (R-TN), Chairman, Senate Africa Subcommittee
- 1:30PM** Program adjourns

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July 26, 1999

Ms. Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Confirmed
8/12/99

Dear Ms. Thurman:

Thank you again for your presentation last week at the AAI "Africa Thursdays" breakfast. There is a great deal of excitement being generated by the new initiative announced by the White House to combat HIV/AIDS in Africa. I'm sure that the many organizations present at the breakfast benefitted greatly from your remarks.

As you know, the Congressional Black Caucus holds its annual conference in the fall each year. As part of the CBC Caucus I am charged with organizing the Foreign Affairs Braintrust, which I do each year in conjunction with Mel Foote and the Constituency for Africa (CFA). The Foreign Affairs Braintrust will take place this year on Friday, September 17th, from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in room 2172 of the Rayburn House Office Building. Last year the Braintrust attracted more than 400 people, and featured the First Lady, Mrs. Hillary Clinton.

This year's theme for the Foreign Affairs Braintrust is, "Improving the Health of Africans". In this context we plan to discuss critical health issues in Africa, and strategies for U.S. and global intervention. We also will expand our discussion to look at the impact of regional conflicts and political developments on the health of the continent. Further, we will be having an update on developments in the "giant countries" of Africa -- the Congo, Nigeria and South Africa.

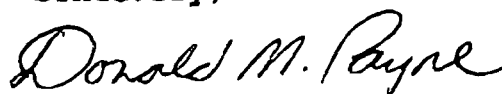
It would be a tremendous honor for us if you would accept our invitation to address the Braintrust on the new White House initiative and efforts to combat HIV/AIDS in Africa. You would be speaking as part of panel, with others discussing malaria and mother and child health issues. Each of the panelists will have about 10 minutes for their remarks, followed by a questions and

answers period.

I would add that Cong. Ron Dellums, who now Chairs the Board of the Constituency for Africa and Congresswomen Barbara Lee, who will soon be sponsoring legislation on HIV/AIDS in Africa, will also appear on the Braintrust program to buttress U.S. support for the White House initiative.

I would greatly appreciate if you would confirm your participation with my Assistant Chirisse Glassman at (202) 225-3436 or with Mel Foote at CFA at (202) 371-0588. I have attached a draft of the program for your review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald M. Payne".

Donald M. Payne
Member of Congress

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July 27, 1999

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

Foreign Affairs Braintrust
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
September 17, 1999
2172 Rayburn House Office Building
Capital Hill

"Improving the Health of Africa"

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Hon. Donald M. Payne (D-NJ) +
Moderator

Opening Statments

Members of CBC

Keynote Speaker

Hon. Al Gore
Vice-President
United States of America

Questions & Comments

PANEL I

"Improving the Health of Africa"

"Combatting HIV/AIDS in Africa"

10ish - 5-10 minutes

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

"Impact of Malaria & Water-borne Diseases"

**Dr. Mustafa El Tayeb +
Director
Policy Analysis & Operations Division
UNESCO
Paris, France**

"Improving the Health of Women & Children"

**Yolonda Richardson +
Senior Vice-President
Africare**

- Response -

**Hon. Barbara Lee (D-CA) +
Sponsor
Legislation to Combat HIV/AIDS in Africa**

Questions & Comments

PANEL II

"Moving Towards Peace & Reconciliation"

Sudan

**John Garang
Director General
Sudan Peoples Liberation Army**

Sierra Leone

**Rev. Jesse L. Jackson
President
National Rainbow Coalition
U.S. Special Envoy/Peace & Democracy**

Eritrea & Ethiopia

**Melvin P. Foote +
Executive Director
Constituency for Africa (CFA)**

Questions & Comments

PANEL III

"Prospects for the Africa Giants"

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Dr. Ernest J. Wilson +
Director
Center for International Development and Conflict Management
University of Maryland

Nigeria

Dr. Connie Freeman +
Director of the Africa Program
Center for Strategic & International Studies

South Africa

Gay McDougall +
Executive Director
International Human Rights Law Group

Questions & Comments

CLOSING REMARKS

C. Payne Lucas +
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August 18, 1999

CFA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FALL 1999

September 1999:

Sept. 15 - 18:

The 1999 Ronald H. Brown African Affairs Series:

September 15, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Washington, D.C.

Event: Forum on HIV/AIDS and Business in Africa

Venue: Rayburn HOB (tentative)

Forum: In conjunction with the Corporate Council on Africa this forum will bring together business leaders to discuss the implications of HIV/AIDS on business on the continent. CFA Chairman Ron Dellums, and California Congresswomen Barbara Lee (who has introduced legislation on the subject) will be featured.

September 15, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Washington, D.C.

Event: Forum on trade and technology in Africa

Venue: TBD

Forum: In conjunction with Southall Walker International, this forum will explore links between technology and business in promoting development in Africa.

September 17, 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Washington, D.C.

Event: Congressional Black Caucus Foreign Affairs
Braintrust -- "Improving the Health of Africans"

Venue: 2172 Rayburn HOB

Forum: Annual CBC forum, featuring the Assistant Secretary for African Affairs at the State Department, Dr. Susan Rice; members of CBC; former Cong. Ron Dellums

September 17, 1:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Washington, D.C.

Event: CFA/Ronald H. Brown Foundation, "African Leadership Luncheon"

Venue: 2200 Rayburn (tentative)

Forum: Featured speakers are the Presidents of Liberia and Tanzania. Also participating members of CBC, officials from the Clinton Administration, and

Tanzania. Also participating members of CBC, officials from the Clinton Administration, and leaders of Africa-focused non-governmental organizations. There is a \$50 fee for the lunch.

October 1999:

October 1, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Detroit, Michigan

Event: CFA Town Hall Meeting in Detroit, MI

Venue: Cobo Convention Center

Forum: CFA Town Hall Meeting is part of the 1999 Africa World Expo (September 30 - October 3). The theme for the Town Meeting is, "United States and Africa: Partnership in the 21st Century. Focus of this meeting will be on trade (the African Growth & Opportunity Act), and implications of HIV/AIDS in Africa. Congresswomen Carolyn Kilpatrick is the Convener, and African Diplomats are expected to participate. This event is open to the public.

October 9, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Columbia, Maryland

Event: CFA Town Hall Meeting in Columbia, MD

Venue: Howard County Community College

Forum: CFA Town Hall Meeting in Columbia, under the auspices of Commissioner Claude Lignons. Focus for this meeting is trade (the African Growth & Opportunity Act); the implications of HIV/AIDS in Africa; Culture; and U.S. Policy Towards Africa. A reception will follow the program. This event is open to the public.

October 29 - 30, Kansas City, Missouri

Event: A welcoming reception on Friday, October 29, from 6 - 8 p.m. (venue TBD); and Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, October 30, from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Kansas City, Missouri.

Venue: Penn Valley Community College, Kansas City, MO.

Forum: Welcoming reception during the evening of October 29th, followed by the Town Hall Meeting on October 30th. Tentatively, Robert Mallett, the Deputy Secretary of Commerce, is confirmed as the Keynote Speaker for the Town Meeting. The focus for the Kansas City Meeting is trade (the African Growth & Opportunity Act); the implications of HIV/AIDS; and U.S. Policy Towards Africa. These activities are open to the public.

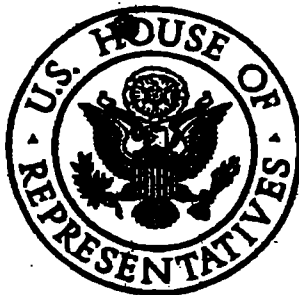
November 1999:

November 12 - 17, Libreville, Gabon

Event: CFA Town Hall Meeting in Africa, in conjunction with the World Conference of Mayors Meeting.

Venue: Gabon Conference Center or Intercontinental Hotel

Forum: The first CFA Town Hall Meeting in Africa is being hosted by Gabon and the Mayor of Libreville, Hon Paul Mba Abessole. Approximately 150 U.S. participants (mayors, legislators, business leaders, and NGO representatives) are expected to take part in the Libreville Town Meeting and World Conference of Mayors meeting. The three them issues CFA will caucus on are trade and investment; HIV/AIDS, and Health Issues in Africa; and human rights, democracy and conflict-resolution. Discussion will also center around the establishment of a "U.S. - Gabon Commission", in order to promote stronger ties between the countries. Participation in the conference is by registration. An attractive travel package is being prepared and will be ready before September 1, 1999.



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Regards,

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Moderator

Opening Statements

Hon. Cynthia A. McKinney
Hon. Alcee Hastings
Hon. Earl Hilliard
Hon. Gregory Meeks
Hon. Barbara Lee
Hon. Corrine Brown
Hon. Carolyn C. Kilpatrick

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Susan Rice
Assistant Secretary for African Affairs
U.S. Department of State

Special Guest

John Garang
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Howard Ross

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10 minutes

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on design and BIOS in
Africa

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is doing in connection

→ Barbara Lee - doesn't have
a lot of training in one

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Etc. what are we doing

US for partnerships

Karyn Hunt - instr
auth
3rd panel

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July 26, 1999

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Ms. Sandra Thurman
Director, National Aids Policy
The White House
736 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Ms. Thurman:

The Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust will be holding a follow-up session on the Declaration of "a severe and ongoing crisis for HIV/AIDS in the African American Community" on Thursday afternoon, September 16, 1999 during the Annual Legislative Conference. During that time we will be hearing from community and faith based organizations, people living with AIDS, and others on how effective they think we have been in bringing new resources and technical assistance to communities and indigenous organizations of color.

The White House has been a full and active partner in this process. We are proud of the forward strides we have made, and you have been an important part of making it happen.

We would be very honored if you would join us to give opening remarks. At this time we are still finalizing the room arrangements, but all of the issue sessions and braintrusts will be held on the Hill.

I do hope that despite this relatively late invitation, your schedule would permit your participation. We are inviting the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Honorable Donna Shalala, and several key Members of Congress to also give greetings.

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Please contact Mrs. Lorraine Hill of my office at 202-225-1790, if your staff has any questions and also to let us know whether or not you will be able to join us. As soon as we have a completed draft agenda we will forward it to your office.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donna M. Christian-Christensen', written over a diagonal line that extends from the bottom left towards the center.

Donna M. Christian-Christensen
Chair, CBC Health Braintrust



Congressional Black Caucus (CBC)

Honorable James Clyburn,

Chairman, CBC

Honorable Donna Christian-Christensen,

Chairman, CBC Health Braintrust

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August 16, 1999

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Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
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Dear Ms. Thurman,

As Chair of the Health Braintrust for the U.S. Congressional Black Caucus, I am pleased to invite you to participate in an unprecedented discussion concerning the global impact of the AIDS pandemic among of people of African descent. The event, hosted by the Bristol Myers Squibb Company will be held at the **29th Annual Legislative Conference of the Congressional Black Caucus, September 16, 1999 in Washington, D.C.** This discussion provides a unique opportunity for legislators, global health care officials, community-based organizations and people living with AIDS to critically examine international AIDS policies; including the U.S. Congressional State of Emergency Declaration, and their effectiveness in meeting the demands of global populations threatened by HIV and AIDS.

Panelists comprised of leading experts in the fields of medicine, public policy, research; and representatives of faith and community based organizations and people living with AIDS will discuss the current political, socio-economic conditions which have contributed to the AIDS pandemic. Discussions will conclude with the development of policy recommendations which complement current international strategic planning efforts addressing this health crisis. Selected topics for discussion will include:

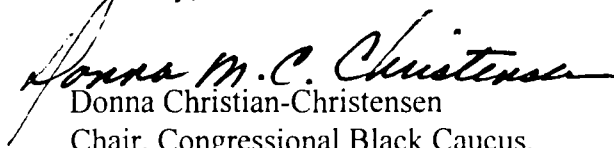
- * Exploring barriers which have accounted for the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS on African and African American people;
- * Evaluation of the U.S. response to the AIDS crisis nationally and internationally;
- * The importance of public/private partnerships to produce an effective global response to the AIDS pandemic.

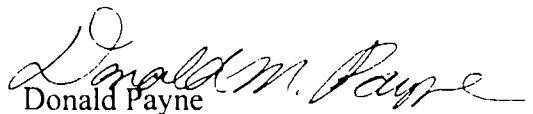
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The severity of the disproportionate impact of AIDS among African Americans and indigenous populations of Africa is the subject of a growing political debate within the international community. It is estimated that over 90 percent of AIDS-related deaths and new infections worldwide have been recorded in Africa. Since the initial stages of the epidemic, African Americans have been disproportionately impacted by the AIDS virus. African Americans make up one-seventh of the U.S. population, yet constitute one-third of the nation's AIDS cases. The alarming rate of newly diagnosed AIDS cases among African Americans fueled intensive lobbying efforts by the Congressional Black Caucus to secure \$156 million in federal funds to support local HIV prevention and intervention efforts. This effort served to underscore the complexity of issues confronting local communities that are challenged to meet an increasing demand for services with strictly limited resources. The devastating impact of AIDS worldwide demands the development of a strategic response by the global community to reduce the rate of new infections and prolong life.

We hope that you will commit to sharing your knowledge and expertise as a panelist in this forum as we strive to improve the human condition both here and abroad. Please confirm your attendance with event coordinators Mori Taheripour, or Monica Sudduth of Innovative Health Solutions by calling (510-450-0190) or by e-mail address, Mori@InnovativeHealth.com. We will consult with your designee to ensure briefing packets, information on personal accommodations and conference schedules are appropriately forwarded to you upon confirmation.

Sincerely,


Donna Christian-Christensen
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CFA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FALL 1999

September 1999:

Sept. 15 - 18:

The 1999 Ronald H. Brown African Affairs Series:

September 15, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Washington, D.C.

Event: Forum on HIV/AIDS and Business in Africa

Venue: Rayburn HOB (tentative)

Forum: In conjunction with the Corporate Council on Africa this forum will bring together business leaders to discuss the implications of HIV/AIDS on business on the continent. CFA Chairman Ron Dellums, and California Congresswomen Barbara Lee (who has introduced legislation on the subject) will be featured.

September 15, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Washington, D.C.

Event: Forum on trade and technology in Africa

Venue: TBD

Forum: In conjunction with Southall Walker International, this forum will explore links between technology and business in promoting development in Africa.

September 17, 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Washington, D.C.

Event: Congressional Black Caucus Foreign Affairs
Braintrust -- "Improving the Health of Africans"

Venue: 2172 Rayburn HOB

Forum: Annual CBC forum, featuring the Assistant Secretary for African Affairs at the State Department, Dr. Susan Rice; members of CBC; former Cong. Ron Dellums

September 17, 1:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Washington, D.C.

Event: CFA/Ronald H. Brown Foundation, "African Leadership Luncheon"

Venue: 2200 Rayburn (tentative)

Forum: Featured speakers are the Presidents of Liberia and Tanzania. Also participating members of CBC, officials from the Clinton Administration, and

Tanzania. Also participating members of CBC, officials from the Clinton Administration, and leaders of Africa-focused non-governmental organizations. There is a \$50 fee for the lunch.

October 1999:

October 1, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Detroit, Michigan

Event: CFA Town Hall Meeting in Detroit, MI

Venue: Cobo Convention Center

Forum: CFA Town Hall Meeting is part of the 1999 Africa World Expo (September 30 - October 3). The theme for the Town Meeting is, "United States and Africa: Partnership in the 21st Century. Focus of this meeting will be on trade (the African Growth & Opportunity Act), and implications of HIV/AIDS in Africa. Congresswomen Carolyn Kilpatrick is the Convener, and African Diplomats are expected to participate. This event is open to the public.

October 9, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Columbia, Maryland

Event: CFA Town Hall Meeting in Columbia, MD

Venue: Howard County Community College

Forum: CFA Town Hall Meeting in Columbia, under the auspices of Commissioner Claude Ligons. Focus for this meeting is trade (the African Growth & Opportunity Act); the implications of HIV/AIDS in Africa; Culture; and U.S. Policy Towards Africa. A reception will follow the program. This event is open to the public.

October 29 - 30, Kansas City, Missouri

Event: A welcoming reception on Friday, October 29, from 6 - 8 p.m. (venue TBD); and Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, October 30, from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Kansas City, Missouri.

Venue: Penn Valley Community College, Kansas City, MO.

Forum: Welcoming reception during the evening of October 29th, followed by the Town Hall Meeting on October 30th. Tentatively, Robert Mallett, the Deputy Secretary of Commerce, is confirmed as the Keynote Speaker for the Town Meeting. The focus for the Kansas City Meeting is trade (the African Growth & Opportunity Act); the implications of HIV/AIDS; and U.S. Policy Towards Africa. These activities are open to the public.

November 1999:

November 12 - 17, Libreville, Gabon

Event: CFA Town Hall Meeting in Africa, in conjunction with the World Conference of Mayors Meeting.

Venue: Gabon Conference Center or Intercontinental Hotel

Forum: The first CFA Town Hall Meeting in Africa is being hosted by Gabon and the Mayor of Libreville, Hon Paul Mba Abessole. Approximately 150 U.S. participants (mayors, legislators, business leaders, and NGO representatives) are expected to take part in the Libreville Town Meeting and World Conference of Mayors meeting. The three themes CFA will caucus on are trade and investment; HIV/AIDS, and Health Issues in Africa; and human rights, democracy and conflict-resolution. Discussion will also center around the establishment of a "U.S. - Gabon Commission", in order to promote stronger ties between the countries. Participation in the conference is by registration. An attractive travel package is being prepared and will be ready before September 1, 1999.