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Terri N. Tolliver
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Dear Terri Tolliver:

Thank you for your letter of May 19th, 2000, in which you included a video of your series *Africa: A Dying Continent*.

In a world of twenty-second attention spans and glamorous, easily digestible news, it takes courage, compassion and conviction to delve into a subject as tragic, as disturbing, and as enormous in scope and consequence as that of the AIDS epidemic in Africa. A challenge as monumental as AIDS in Africa can easily seem too monumental to tackle. Your decision to invest your time and money into such a project demonstrates the commitment and conscience that will carry us through to an eventual end to AIDS. I can only hope that others may be as inspired and motivated by the example you have set forth.

Thank you again for your letter and your hard work. I wish you all the best in your future projects.

Sincerely,

Sandra Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Katherine Green, News Director, WTTG TV
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Dear Ms. Thurman,

As you know the devastation and destruction left in the wake of the AIDS pandemic, in not only our country but around the world, is a cause for great concern. That is why Fox 5 News has made the commitment to examine the global impact of the disease in an effort to urge our viewers to get involved in a solution.

Ten o'clock news anchor Tracey Neale and I travelled to several countries in sub-saharan Africa to document what effect AIDS is having on the development of these nations, the people, what solutions are being implemented, and most importantly what we can do to help.

On Sunday, May 21st we will air the first story in our series on Fox 5 News at Ten. There will be two additional stories that will air on Monday and Tuesday, both on the 10 o'clock news and then again on Fox Morning News. Our series will conclude with a half hour documentary that will air on Wednesday, May 23rd at 10:30pm. This documentary will examine the number of children orphaned by the AIDS pandemic, issues dealing with rape and women's empowerment, research of a possible AIDS vaccine, as well as economic and education programs that are providing alternatives that will bring about changes.

I'm sure that you will agree it is a worthy topic of great interest to our viewers. We are hoping that you will watch and encourage others monitoring this issue to watch as well. At a time when so much news is dumbed down and celebrated up, I'm sure you'll agree it was a courageous decision for management to green light a project of this magnitude. After you watch, please take a moment to comment on the stories we've aired.

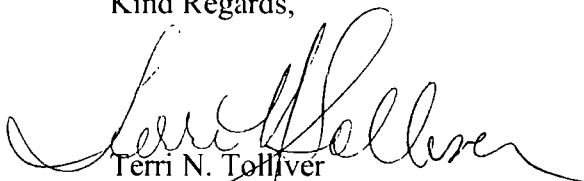
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Many thanks for your time and attention. Please feel free to call me at (202) 895 3367 if you need any more information and please feel free to share this information with anyone you know who may have an interest in this subject matter.

Kind Regards,



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