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May 16, 2000

Ms. Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
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Dear Ms. Thurman:

I am the program officer for the Izumi Foundation, which is located in Boston. The mission of the Izumi Foundation is to support programs that will reduce the burden of infectious disease and blindness, and also strengthen health care delivery systems in developing countries. In the area of infectious diseases, the Foundation places particular funding emphasis on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, measles, and diarrhoeal diseases.

The Foundation is small and newly established. We are still in the process of refining our mission to insure the maximum effectiveness of our funding efforts. One of the areas that we are strongly considering focusing on is the health care needs of children who have been orphaned by AIDS. I was very much impressed with the information in the "Report on the Presidential Mission on Children Orphaned by AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa: Findings and Plan of Action" that was produced by your agency. If it is possible, could you suggest someone, perhaps a member of your staff, who might be willing to speak with the Izumi Foundation Board of Directors in more depth about this area of the AIDS crisis in Sub-Saharan Africa?

The Directors of the Foundation, who are all based in Japan, will be in Boston in late June. Should you wish to speak with me directly, I can be reached at 617 303-0345 or my e-mail address is cbryant@izumi.org.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this inquiry. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours truly,

Catherine Bryant



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Alex- Sandy was wondering if you (or
someone you could suggest....) could
speak to this group.

Thanks!
Cheryl

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