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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Mr. Richard Goldman  
USAID Mission Director  
USAID/Rwanda  
Department of State  
Washington D.C. 20521-2140

Dear Mr. Goldman:

*Dick —*  
It was wonderful to see you during your visit to Washington. I hope you will accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

*P.S. Loved meeting your brother!*

*Pa. Tanis  
Tanis*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Ms. Dana Vogel  
Chief, Office of Population and Health  
USAID/Kenya  
P.O. Box 30261  
Nairobi  
Kenya

Dear Ms. ~~Vogel~~: *Dana-*

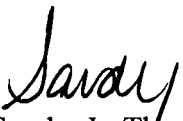
I can't begin to thank you enough for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Kenya. I am sure that you are still trying to recover! We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support and expertise.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Kenya and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment. I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS.

Please let us know if you are headed in our general direction. We would love to see you.

I hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

  
Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

P.S. I am determined to return to Kenya the next time with shopping high on the agenda!

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Dr. Elizabeth Ngugi  
Chairperson  
Society for Women and AIDS in Kenya  
P.O. Box 19676  
Nairobi  
Kenya

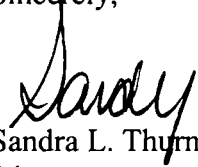
Dear Dr. Ngugi:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Kenya. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Kenya and to make a positive difference for so many women and their families serve as a shining example of leadership and compassion.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

P.S. Please give our regards to Susie. We are all enjoying the beautiful cloths she made!

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Mr. Jonathan Conly  
Mission Director  
USAID/Kenya  
P.O. Box 30261  
Nairobi  
Kenya

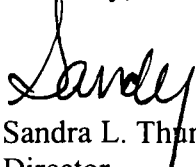
Dear Mr. Conly: Jack-

It was wonderful to see you during your visit to Washington. I hope you and your remarkable staff will accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Kenya. In particular, I would like to thank Dana Vogel and Neen Alrutz for all they did to ensure that our mission was a success. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without the kind support we received.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Kenya and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you do to inspire hope in the face of AIDS.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Ms. Neen Alrutz  
Chief, Office of Population and Health  
USAID/Kenya  
P.O. Box 30261  
Nairobi  
Kenya

Dear Ms. Alrutz: *Neen-*

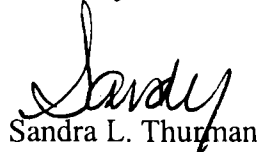
I can't begin to thank you enough for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Kenya. I am certain that you are still trying to recover! We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support and expertise.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Kenya and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment. I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS.

Next time you are in Washington, D.C. please let us know. We owe you a bottle or two of champagne, at least.

I hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

  
Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Dr. Joseph Ntarindwa  
Director  
Medical Services  
Ministry of Defense  
Rwanda

Dear Dr. Ntarindwa:

It was wonderful to meet with you during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we all seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Rwanda and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment. I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS.

I apologize for the tardiness of this note. We have been absolutely besieged with work since our return! I am hoping to come to Rwanda again before the end of the year. However, if by chance your travels bring you to Washington DC before that time, I hope that you will allow me the honor of returning your kind hospitality.

Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success. I hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

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WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Mr. Emmanuel Gakwaya  
Rwanda

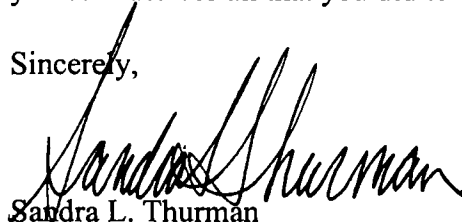
Dear Mr. Gakwaya:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. The roundtable discussion, in particular, helped us to better understand the issues facing Rwanda in its fight against AIDS. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we all seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Rwanda and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

The Honorable George Staples  
American Ambassador to Rwanda  
Kigali  
Rwanda

Dear Ambassador Staples:

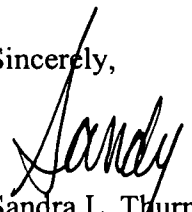
It was wonderful to see you during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. Thank you so much for your kind hospitality.

I cannot begin to articulate the impact that our visit to Rwanda had on each and every one of us. We are all eternally grateful for our experience. Certainly, we could not have accomplished so much in such a short period of time without your kind support and generous spirit.

As we seek to enhance the partnership between the United States and Africa in the fight against AIDS, your efforts to address this critical issue in Rwanda and to help make a positive difference in the lives of so many continues to serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment. I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can indeed envision a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS.

Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success and for all that you do to inspire hope in the face of AIDS. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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March 27, 2000

Brig. General Nwamwasa Kayumba  
Chief of Staff  
Rwandan Patriotic Army  
Rwanda

Dear General Kayumba:

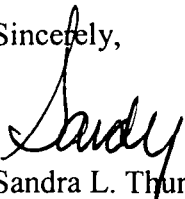
It was a delight to meet with you during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda and to learn more about the impact of HIV/AIDS in the Military. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your expertise and kind support.

The armed forces can play such a pivotal role in combating the spread of HIV/AIDS around the world. Rwanda's AIDS prevention program and your leadership on this issue are truly models for other nations to follow.

I cannot begin to articulate the impact that our visit to Rwanda had on each and every one of us. However, it would not have been the same had you and Dr. Ntarindwa not spent so much time with us. We are all eternally grateful for our experience. While I continue to be awed by the task you face in securing and charting Rwanda's future, I am equally in awe of what I believe in my heart is your capacity to succeed. If I can ever return the favor, in any way, please let me know.

If ever your travels bring you to Washington DC, I hope you will give me the honor of returning your hospitality. Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success. I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

P.S. I am planning to return to Rwanda before the end of the year and have every intention of taking you up on your offer to visit the gorillas!

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Mr. Jeffrey A. Nedoroscik  
Executive Officer  
USAID/Rwanda  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20521-2140

Dear Mr. Nedoroscik: *Jeff-*

I hope you will accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. We all realize that our visits create an enormous amount of work for all of you. However, we were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your generous support and expertise.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Rwanda and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS.

If your travels bring you to Washington, D.C., please let us know. We would love to see you! And again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Mr. Eric Kagame  
Health Specialist  
USAID/Rwanda  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20521-2140

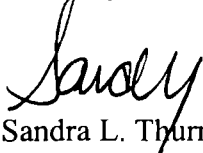
Dear Mr. Kagame: *Eric-*

I can't begin to thank you enough for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support and expertise.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Rwanda and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. If you find yourself in Washington, D.C., please let us know. We would love to see you! And again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Mr. Chris Barratt  
Health Officer  
USAID/Rwanda  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20521-2140

Dear Mr. ~~Barratt~~: *Chris*

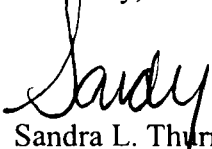
I can't begin to thank you enough for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. It must have been horrible for us to show up on your doorstep such a short time after your return from the States. However, we were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support and expertise.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Rwanda and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS.

If you find yourself in Washington, D.C., please let us know. We would love to visit with you! And again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Mr. Steve Giddings  
Deputy Director/Program Officer  
USAID/Rwanda  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20521-2140

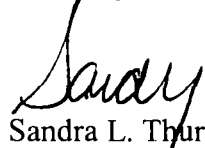
Dear Mr. Giddings: *Steve -*

I hope you will accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support and expertise.

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Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Mr. Robert Cunnane  
Health and Population Officer  
USAID/Tanzania  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20521-2140

Dear Mr. Cunnane: *Rob*

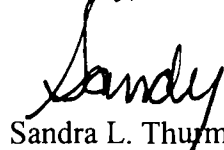
I can't begin to thank you enough for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Tanzania. I am sure you are still trying to recover! We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support and expertise.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Tanzania and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS.

Please let us know when you are headed to Washington, D.C. We would love to see you. And again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Ms. Janis Timberlake  
HIV/AIDS Advisor  
USAID/Tanzania  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20521-2140

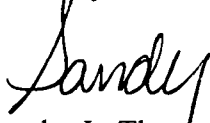
Dear Ms. Timberlake: *Janis*

I can't begin to thank you enough for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Tanzania. I am certain that you are still trying to recover! We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support and expertise.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Tanzania and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Please let us know when you are coming to D.C. We would love to see you! And again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy



THE WHITE HOUSE

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March 27, 2000

The Honorable George Staples  
American Ambassador to Rwanda  
Kigali  
Rwanda

Dear Ambassador Staples:

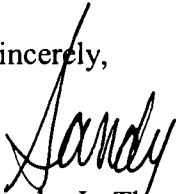
It was wonderful to see you during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. Thank you so much for your kind hospitality.

I cannot begin to articulate the impact that our visit to Rwanda had on each and every one of us. We are all eternally grateful for our experience. Certainly, we could not have accomplished so much in such a short period of time without your kind support and generous spirit.

As we seek to enhance the partnership between the United States and Africa in the fight against AIDS, your efforts to address this critical issue in Rwanda and to help make a positive difference in the lives of so many continues to serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment. I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can indeed envision a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS.

Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success and for all that you do to inspire hope in the face of AIDS. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Ms. Lucretia Taylor  
USAID Mission Director  
USAID/Tanzania  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20521-2140

Dear Ms. Taylor: *Lucretia*

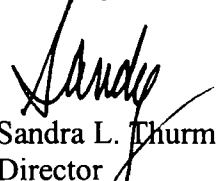
It was fabulous to see you during your visit to Washington. I hope you and your staff will accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Tanzania, and for hosting the wonderful luncheon. In particular, I would like to thank Robert Cunnane and Janis Timberlake for all they did to ensure that our trip was a success. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without the kind support we received.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you do to inspire hope in the face of AIDS.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

  
Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Mr. Richard Goldman  
USAID Mission Director  
USAID/Rwanda  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20521-2140

Dear Mr. Goldman: *Dick -*

It was wonderful to see you during your visit to Washington. I hope you and your staff will accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. In particular, I would like to thank Jeffrey Nedoroscik, Steve Giddings, Eric Kagame and Chris Barratt, all of whom did so much to ensure that our mission was a success. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without the kind support we received.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you do to inspire hope in the face of AIDS.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

*RS - loved meeting your brother!*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Mr. Kikuli  
Administrator  
National AIDS Control Programme  
Ministry of Health  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

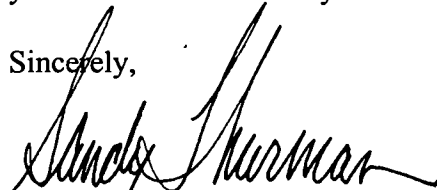
Dear Mr. Kikuli:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Tanzania and for your tireless efforts to ensure that our trip was a success. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you did to help make our mission so successful.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Dr. Roland Swai  
Head, National AIDS Control Programme  
Ministry of Health  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

Dear Dr. Swai:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent mission to Tanzania and for accompanying us on our site visit to Iringa. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

The Honorable Paul Kagame  
Vice President  
Kigali  
Rwanda

Dear Mr. Vice President:

Thank you so much for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda and for sharing with me the remarkable work you are doing in the fight against AIDS. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

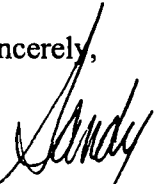
I must commend the extraordinary members of your Administration for their outstanding work in the battle against AIDS. I cannot begin to articulate the impact that our visit to Rwanda had on each and every one of us. However, it would not have been the same had so many members of your Cabinet, particularly the Minister of Health, not spent so much time with us. We are all eternally grateful for our experience.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success.

Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

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WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Mngr. Emmanuel Kolini  
Archbishop  
Rwanda Episcopal Church  
Kigali  
Rwanda

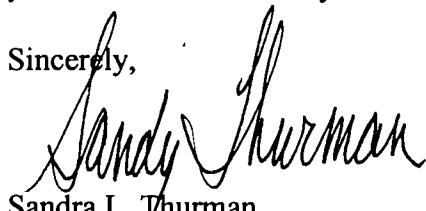
Dear Archbishop Kolini:

It was wonderful to meet with you during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. The roundtable discussion, in particular, helped us to better understand the issues facing Rwanda in its fight against AIDS. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your expertise and kind support.

We all know what a pivotal role the church has to play in the efforts to combat HIV/AIDS. Your leadership sends a powerful and invaluable message. As a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. National Episcopal AIDS Coalition, I am particularly grateful and proud of your work in this regard.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

The Honorable Ezechias Rwabuhuhi  
Minister of Health  
Kigali  
Rwanda

Dear Dr. Rwabuhuhi:

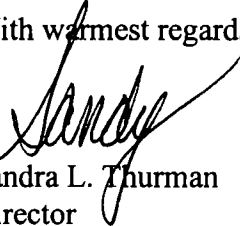
How can I ever thank you for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Africa and for sharing with us an impacting portrait of HIV/AIDS in Rwanda. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

I cannot begin to articulate the impact that our visit to Rwanda had on each and every one of us. However, it would not have been the same had you not spent so much time with us. We are all eternally grateful, and transformed, as a result of our experience. While I continue to be awed by the task you all face in charting a healthy future for Rwanda, I am equally in awe of what I believe in my heart is your capacity to succeed.

I am planning to return to Rwanda before the end of the year. However, if your travels bring you to Washington DC, I hope you will give me the honor, and pleasure, of returning your hospitality.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success. I look forward to seeing you soon!

With warmest regards,



Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy



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Dr. Augustine Muita  
Director  
Kenyatta National Hospital  
P.O. Box 20723  
Nairobi  
Kenya

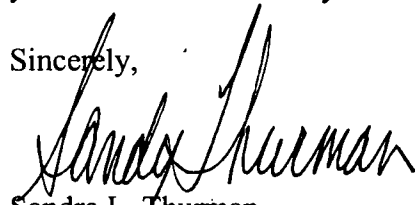
Dear Dr. Muita:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Kenyatta National Hospital. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Kenya and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

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Sincerely,



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Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

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Dr. Dorothy Mbori-Ngacha  
Kenyatta National Hospital  
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology  
P.O. Box 19676  
Nairobi  
Kenya

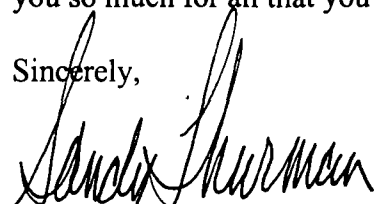
Dear Dr. Mbori-Ngacha:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Kenyatta National Hospital. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

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Ms. Jessica Price  
Resident Advisor  
FHI/IMPACT  
P.O. Box 38835  
Nairobi  
Kenya

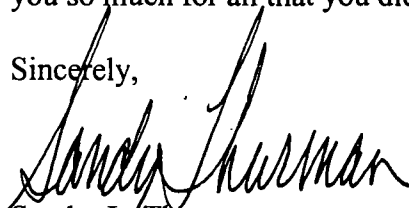
Dear Ms. Price:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Kenya. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support and expertise.

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Ms. Grace Lusiola  
Project Director  
Pathfinder International/COPHIA Project  
P.O. Box 48147  
Nairobi  
Kenya

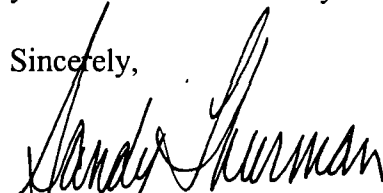
Dear Ms. Lusiola:

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Mr. John Berman  
Resident Advisor  
Population Services International  
P.O. Box 22591  
Nairobi  
Kenya

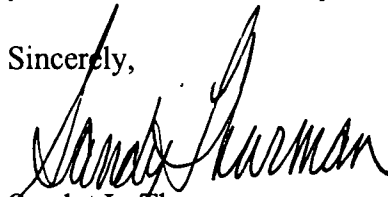
Dear Mr. Berman:

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Ms. Jean Marie Adrian  
Country Director  
Catholic Relief Services  
P.O. Box 49675  
Nairobi  
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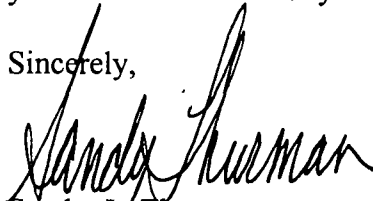
Dear Ms. Adrian:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Kenya. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Kenya and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and compassion.

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Dr. Shahnaaz Shariff  
Provincial Medical Officer  
Ministry of Health - Coast Providence  
P.O. Box 90233  
Mombasa  
Kenya

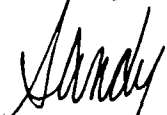
Dear Dr. Shariff:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Kenya. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support and expertise.

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Director

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Dr. Mpuya Ezekiel  
Regional Medical Officer  
P.O. Box 260  
Iringa  
Tanzania

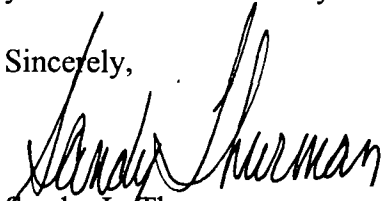
Dear Dr. Ezekiel:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Iringa and for all that you did to ensure that our trip was so successful. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

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Dr. G. Upunda  
Chief Medical Officer  
Ministry of Health  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

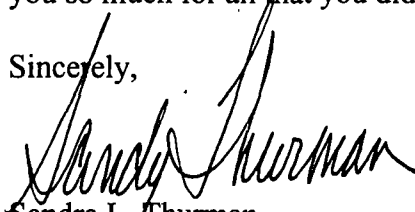
Dear Dr. Upunda:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Tanzania. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support and help in arranging the visit.

As we continue to work together to enhance the global response in the fight against AIDS, your many efforts to confront AIDS where it lives – in the communities and families devastated by its impact – will serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success.

Sincerely,



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Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

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Mr. Joseph Katto  
Chairperson, SHDEPHA  
Aggrey Street No. 3  
P.O. Box 13713  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

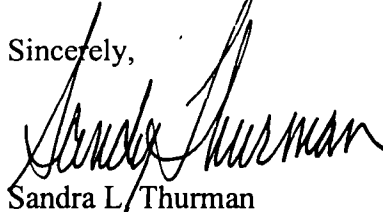
Dear Mr. Katto:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Tanzania and for sharing with us the remarkable work of SHDEPHA. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and appreciate the opportunity to visit with you and your staff.

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Ms. T. Kaijage  
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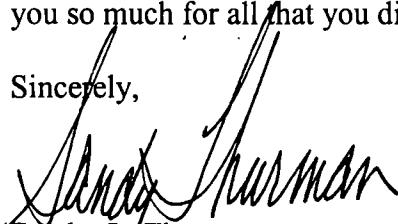
Dear Ms. Kaijage:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Tanzania. The roundtable discussion, in particular, helped us to better understand the issues facing Tanzania in its fight against AIDS. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

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Dr. Adeline Kimambo  
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P.O. Box 7785  
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Tanzania

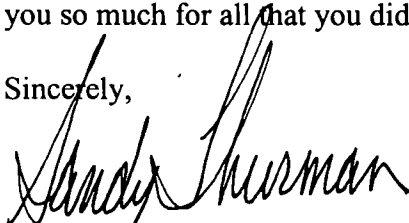
Dear Dr. Kimambo:

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Mr. A. Mwalongo  
BAKWATA  
P.O. Box 21422  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

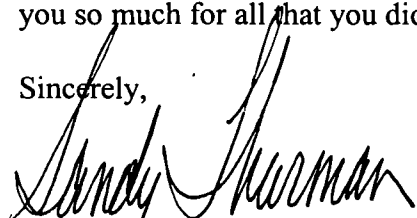
Dear Mr. Mwalongo:

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The Honorable Shellukindo  
c/o NACP  
P.O. Box 11857  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

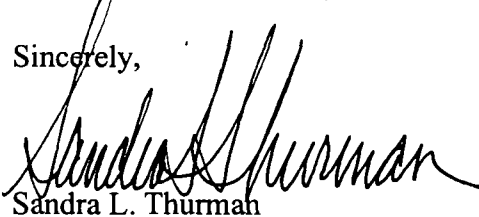
Dear Hon. Shellukindo:

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Ms. Kadija Simba  
Kays Hygiene  
P.O. Box 22712  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

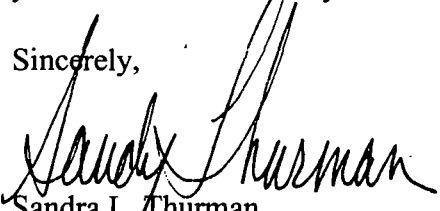
Dear Ms. Simba:

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Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

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Ms. Gito Rame  
Director, ADIC  
c/o FHI  
P.O. Box 72809  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

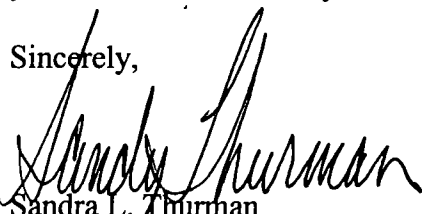
Dear Ms. Rame:

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Ms. Lediana Mafuru  
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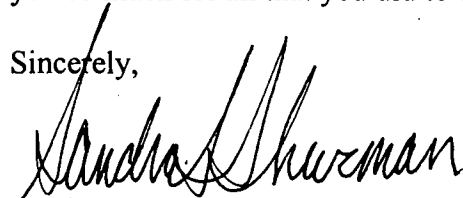
Dear Ms. Mafuru:

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Mr. Hamza Kassongo  
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Dar es Salaam  
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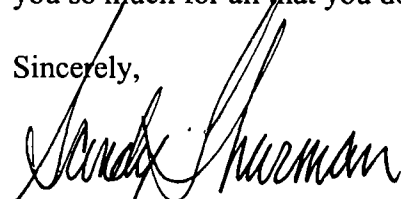
Dear Mr. Kassongo:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Tanzania. In particular, I appreciate the opportunity to share with you and your viewers the US response to the global pandemic and how we may continue to work together in the fight against AIDS.

As we seek to enhance our global response, your continued efforts to educate and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you do to inspire hope in the face of AIDS.

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Dr. Mutabaji  
Principal  
Muhimbili College of Health Sciences  
P.O. Box 65000  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

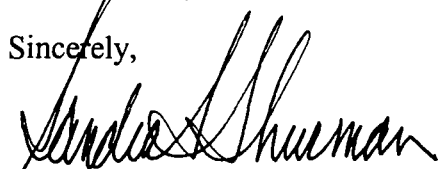
Dear Dr. Mutabaji:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Tanzania and for sharing with us the remarkable work you are doing at the Muhimbili College of Health Sciences. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support and expertise.

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Professor Msamanga  
Principal Investigator  
Muhimbili College of Health Sciences  
P.O. Box 65000  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

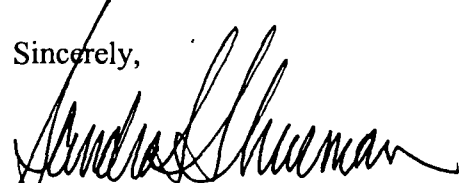
Dear Professor Msamanga:

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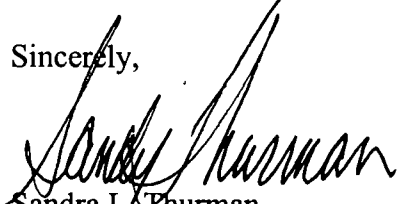
Professor Jesse Mwambo  
Muhimbili College of Health Sciences  
P.O. Box 65000  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

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Dr. Vera Pieroth  
AMREF  
P.O. Box 2773  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

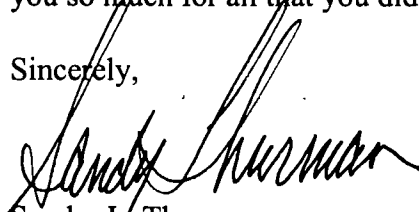
Dear Dr. Pieroth,

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Tanzania and for sharing with us the remarkable work of AMREF. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

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Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

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WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Dr. Darius Bukenya  
AMREF  
P.O. Box 2773  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

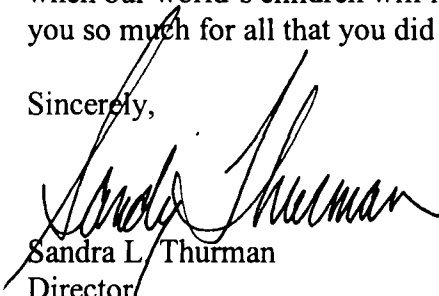
Dear Dr. Bukenya:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Tanzania and for sharing with us the remarkable work of AMREF. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

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Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

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March 27, 2000

Mr. Andrew Nyumayo  
Director  
Department of Co-ordination of Government Business  
P.O. Box 3021  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

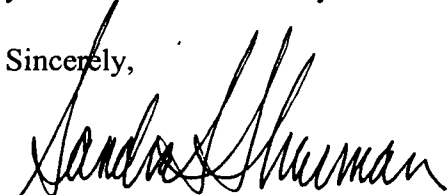
Dear Mr. Nyumayo:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Africa and for sharing with us the current impact of HIV/AIDS in Tanzania. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

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Mme. Laetitia Umulisa  
Ministry of Health – Kigali Central Hospital  
Kigali  
Rwanda

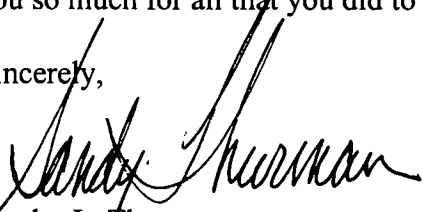
Dear Mme. Umulisa:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Kigali and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and compassion.

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Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

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Mme. Cecil Ndoli  
Director  
CRIS Testing and Counseling Center  
Kigali  
Rwanda

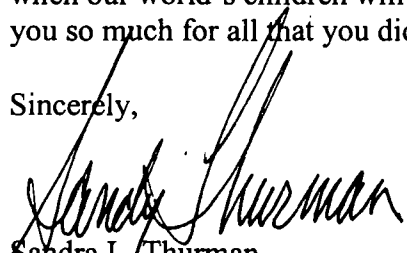
Dear Mme. Ndoli:

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Sandra L. Thurman  
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Mr. Juvenal Karimba  
Executive Director  
Health Communication Center  
Kigali  
Rwanda

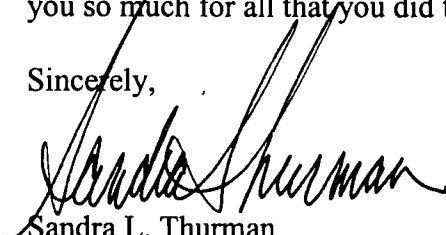
Dear Mr. Karimba:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality at the Health Communication Center during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support and expertise.

As we all seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Rwanda and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

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Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

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March 27, 2000

Dr. Etienne Karita  
Director  
National AIDS Laboratory  
Kigali  
Rwanda

Dear Dr. Karita:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

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Office of National AIDS Policy

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March 27, 2000

Dr. Innocent Ntaganira  
Director  
National AIDS Program Director  
Rwanda

Dear Dr. Ntaganira:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

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Mme. Waldina Martinez  
Center Director  
Bilyogo Health Center  
Rwanda

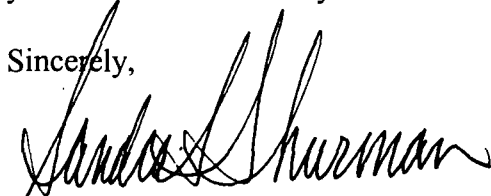
Dear Mme. Martinez:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to the Bilyogo Health Center. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

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Mr. Anders Ostmann  
Resident Representative  
UNICEF  
Rwanda

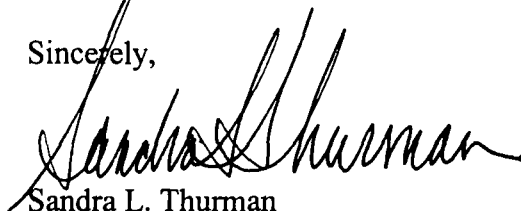
Dear Mr. Ostmann:

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As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Rwanda and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

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Dr. Innocent Nyaruhilira  
Medical Director  
Kigali Central Hospital (CHK)  
Rwanda

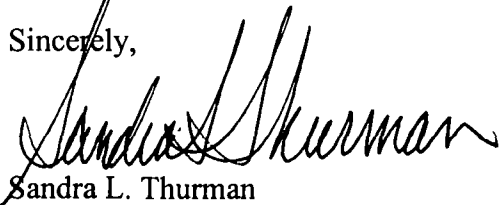
Dear Dr. Nyaruhilira:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Kigali Central Hospital. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Rwanda and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

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Dr. Sam Abennyi  
Health Program Director  
CARE  
Rwanda

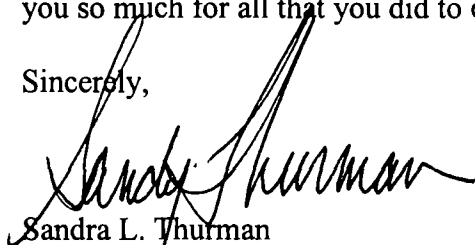
Dear Dr. Abennyi:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

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Sincerely,



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Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

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Dr. Laurent Nyabenda  
Director  
ARBEF  
Kigali  
Rwanda

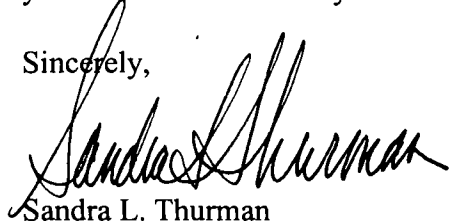
Dear Dr. Nyabenda:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. The roundtable discussion, in particular, helped us to better understand the issues facing Rwanda in its fight against AIDS. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Rwanda and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

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Mme. Ancille Mukarugomwa  
President  
AVEGA  
Kigali  
Rwanda

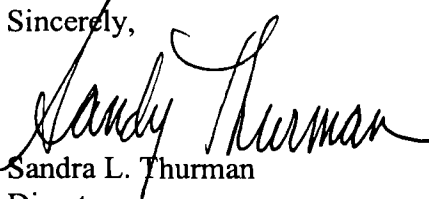
Dear Mme. Mukarugomwa:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. The roundtable discussion, in particular, helped us to better understand the issues facing Rwanda in its fight against AIDS. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support and expertise.

As we all seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Rwanda and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

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Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

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The Honorable Major General James Luhanga  
Regional Commissioner  
P.O. Box 858  
Iringa  
Tanzania

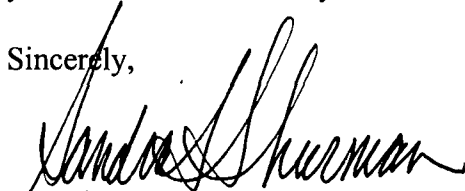
Dear General Luhanga:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Tanzania and for sharing with us the remarkable community HIV/AIDS activities in Iringa. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success.

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Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

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March 27, 2000

Father Angelo D'Agostino  
Nyumbani Orphanage  
P.O. Box 24970  
Nairobi  
Kenya

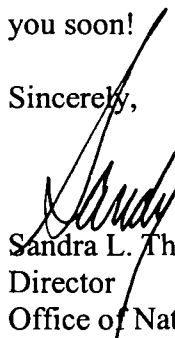
Dear Father D'Agostino:

Greetings from Washington! Thank you so much for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Kenya. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and as always, could certainly not have had the same experience without you there to keep us in line!

As we seek to enhance our global response to the AIDS pandemic, your tireless efforts to inspire hope and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many children constantly remind me of why it is we do the work we do. You continue to teach us all by example that, by working together, we can indeed envision a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS.

Again, thank you so much for all that you and your staff did to ensure that our mission was a success, and for all that you do to inspire hope in the face of AIDS. I hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

P.S. Our authorizations for children affected by AIDS look good in both the House and Senate. Pray that the Appropriators see the light as well!

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WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Dr. Desire Ndushabandi  
Secretary General  
Ministry of Health  
Kigali  
Rwanda

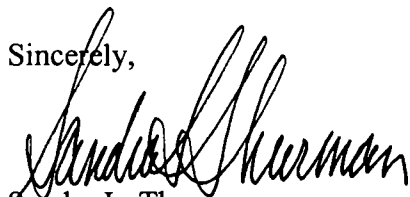
Dear Dr. Ndushabandi:

Please accept our belated thanks for your kind support in helping to ensure that our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda was so successful. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without the generous hospitality of the Ministry of Health.

As we continue to work together to enhance the global response in the fight against AIDS, your many efforts to confront AIDS where it lives – in the communities and families devastated by its impact – serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you did to help make our visit productive, and for all that you do to inspire hope in the face of AIDS.

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Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

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WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

The Honorable John Carson  
American Ambassador to the  
Republic of Kenya  
P.O. Box 30137  
Nairobi  
Kenya

Dear Ambassador Carson:

It was wonderful to see you again during our delegation's recent visit to Kenya. Thank you so much for your kind hospitality, including the wonderful lunch at your home.

Though we have traveled to Kenya on previous occasions, this particular trip made a lasting impression on us all. Certainly, we could not have accomplished so much in such a short period of time without your kind support and generous spirit.

As we seek to enhance the partnership between the United States and Africa in the fight against AIDS, your efforts to address this critical issue in Kenya and to help make a positive difference in the lives of so many continues to serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment. I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can indeed envision a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS.

Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success and for all that you do to inspire hope in the face of AIDS. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

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March 27, 2000

The Honorable Sam Ogeri  
Minister of Public Health  
Ministry of Health  
P.O. Box 30016  
Nairobi  
Kenya

Dear Professor Ogeri:

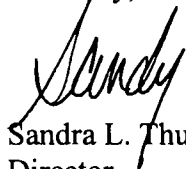
Thank you for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Kenya. Certainly, we could not have accomplished so much in such a short period of time without your expertise and kind support.

The partnerships made during this trip will play a key role in our ability to enhance the global response to fighting the AIDS pandemic. In particular, your remarkable efforts to inspire hope in Kenya and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many continues to serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment. I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can indeed envision a day when our world's children will look to their future without fear of AIDS.

I apologize for the tardiness of this note. We have been absolutely besieged with work since our return! However, I am planning to take you up on your offer to return to Kenya soon. As you must know, Kenya has captured my heart and refuses to let go!

The next time your travels bring you to Washington DC, I hope that you will allow me to return your warm hospitality. Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman  
Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

P.S. I still think a meeting during the great migration  
sounds like a fine idea!



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March 27, 2000

The Honorable Mama Anna Mkapa  
First Lady of Tanzania  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

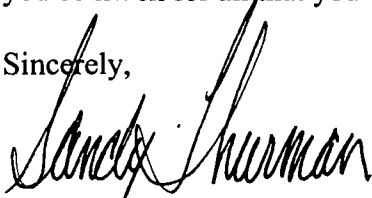
Dear Mrs. Mkapa:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Tanzania and for sharing with me the remarkable work of the Equal Opportunity Trust Fund. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

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Office of National AIDS Policy

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March 27, 2000

The Honorable Gertrude Mongella  
President  
Advocacy for Women in Africa  
P.O. Box 31293  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

Dear Ambassador Mongella:

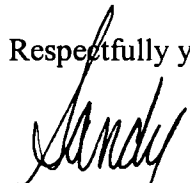
Please accept our belated thanks to you and your family for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Tanzania and for the delightful dinner at your home. You all made us feel so very welcome. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment. I have long admired your outstanding work on behalf of women. As you know, HIV/AIDS is increasingly becoming a fundamental women's issue and I look forward to working with you to insure that this gets the attention it deserves.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success.

If your travels bring you to Washington DC, I hope that you will give me the honor of returning the hospitality. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Respectfully yours,



Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

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March 27, 2000

The Honorable A. Chiduo  
Minister of Health  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

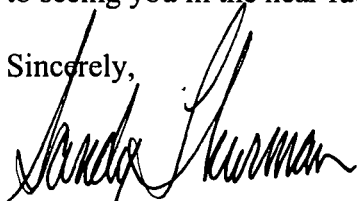
Dear Dr. Chiduo:

Thank you so much for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Africa and for sharing with us an impacting portrait of HIV/AIDS in Tanzania. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success. I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

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Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

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March 27, 2000

The Honorable Charles Stith  
American Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Tanzania and for the wonderful dinner at your home. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

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Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

P.S. I was so sorry that we were unable to connect in Nairobi. We were absolutely crazed! However, I do hope that we can arrange for a rain check.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Brig. General Nwamwasa Kayumba  
Chief of Staff  
Rwandan Patriotic Army  
Rwanda

Dear General Kayumba:

It was a delight to meet with you during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda and to learn more about the impact of HIV/AIDS in the Military. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your expertise and kind support.

The armed forces can play such a pivotal role in combating the spread of HIV/AIDS around the world. Rwanda's AIDS prevention program and your leadership on this issue are truly models for other nations to follow.

I cannot begin to articulate the impact that our visit to Rwanda had on each and every one of us. However, it would not have been the same had you and Dr. Ntarindwa not spent so much time with us. We are all eternally grateful for our experience. While I continue to be awed by the task you face in securing and charting Rwanda's future, I am equally in awe of what I believe in my heart is your capacity to succeed. If I can ever return the favor, in any way, please let me know.

If ever your travels bring you to Washington DC, I hope you will give me the honor of returning your hospitality. Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success. I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

P.S. I am planning to return to Rwanda before the end of the year and have every intention of taking you up on your offer to visit the gorillas!

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

His Excellency  
Mohamed Seif Khatib  
Minister of State  
Office of the Prime Minister  
P.O. Box 3021  
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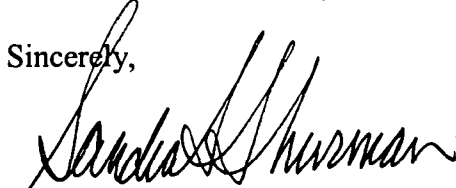
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Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Mr. A. Rajabu  
Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Education and Culture  
Dar es Salaam  
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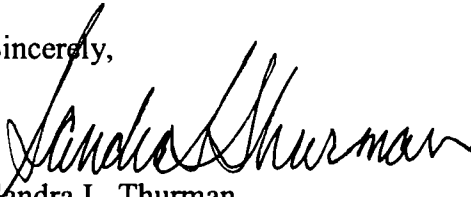
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Mrs. M. Malale  
Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Community Development  
Women's and Children's Affairs  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

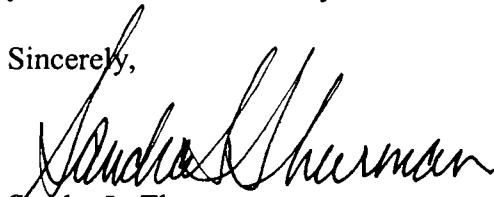
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March 27, 2000

Mrs. M. Mwaffisi  
Permanent Secretary of Health  
Ministry of Health  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

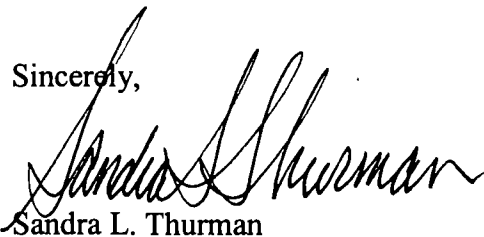
Dear Madame Secretary:

Please accept our belated thanks for your kind support in helping to ensure that our delegation's recent visit to Tanzania was so successful. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without the generous hospitality of the Ministry of Health.

As we continue to work together to enhance the global response in the fight against AIDS, your many efforts to confront AIDS where it lives – in the communities and families devastated by its impact – will serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you did to help make our visit productive, and for all that you do to inspire hope in the face of AIDS.

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Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

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March 27, 2000

Ms. Cecilia Shirima  
Regional Administrative Secretary  
P.O. Box 858  
Iringa  
Tanzania

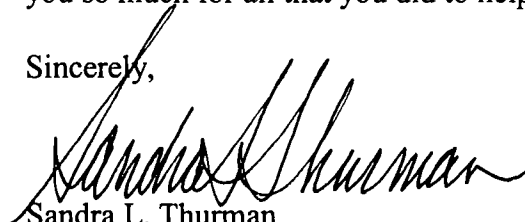
Dear Ms. Shirima:

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WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Dr. Jean Nkurunziza  
Director  
Central Blood Bank  
Kigali  
Rwanda

Dear Dr. Nkurunziza:

Please accept our belated thanks for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support and expertise.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 15, 2000

The Honorable Charles Stith  
American Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

*Please accept our belated thanks*

I would like to thank you for the generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Tanzania and for the wonderful dinner at your home. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

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*I look forward to seeing you soon.*  
Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

*P.S. I was so sorry that we were unable to connect in Nairobi. We were absolutely crazed! However, I do hope that we can arrange for a raincheck.*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

Mr. A. Rajabu  
Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Education and Culture  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

Dear Mr. Rajabu: *Secretary*

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Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 27, 2000

The Honorable Muhammed Seif Khatib  
Minister of State  
Office of the Prime Minister  
P.O. Box 3021  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

Dear Hon. ~~Khatib~~: *Minister Khatib*:

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Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*February 15, 2000*

*The Honorable Sam Ogeri  
Minister of Public Health  
Ministry of Health  
P.O. Box 30016  
Nairobi  
Kenya*

*Dear Professor Ogeri:*

*Thank you for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Kenya. Certainly, we could not have accomplished so much in such a short period of time without your expertise and kind support.*

*The partnerships made during this trip will play a key role in our ability to enhance the global response to fighting the AIDS pandemic. In particular, your remarkable efforts to inspire hope in Kenya and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many continues to serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.*

*I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can indeed envision a day when our world's children will look to their future without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success.*

*Sincerely,*

*Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*February 15, 2000*

*Mr. Jonathan Conly  
Mission Director  
USAID/Kenya  
P.O. Box 30261  
Nairobi  
Kenya*

*Dear Mr. Conly:*

*I would like to thank both you and your remarkable staff for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Kenya. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support and expertise.*

*As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Kenya and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.*

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*Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy*



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 15, 2000

The Honorable Ezechias Rwabuhuhi  
Minister of Health  
Kigali  
Rwanda

Dear Dr. Rwabuhuhi:

*How can I even*  
Thank you for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Africa and for sharing with us an impacting portrait of HIV/AIDS in Rwanda. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

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I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children will look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, thank you so much for all that you did to ensure that our mission was a success. I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

*I look forward to seeing you soon!*  
~~Sincerely,~~ With warmest regards;

Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

*I am planning to return to Rwanda before the end of the year, and will keep you. However, if your travels bring you to Washington DC I hope you will give me the honor, and pleasure, of returning to your hospitality.*

*I cannot begin to articulate the impact that our visit to Rwanda had on each and every one of us. However, it would not have been the same had you not spent so much time with us. In particular our visit to ~~Ntaroni Church~~ We are all ~~ext~~ externally grateful and transformed, as a result of our experience. While I continue to be awed by the task you all face in charting a healthy future for Rwanda, I am equally ~~and~~ ~~in~~ awe of what I believe in my heart is your capacity to succeed.*  
*PPS*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*February 15, 2000*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*February 15, 2000*

*The Honorable Paul Kagame  
Vice President  
Kigali  
Rwanda*

*Dear Mr. Vice President:*

*Thank you for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda and for sharing with me the remarkable work you are doing in the fight against AIDS. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.*

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Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 15, 2000

The Honorable Paul Kagame  
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Rwanda

Dear Mr. Vice President:

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*Best wishes for your continued success.*  
Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

*I must commend the extraordinary members of your Administration for their outstanding work. ~~in the battle~~ in the battle against AIDS. I cannot begin to articulate the impact that our visit to Rwanda had on each + every one of us. ~~that visit~~ However, it would not have been the same had so many members of your Cabinet, particularly the Minister of Health, spent so much time with us. We are all eternally grateful for our experience ~~in Rwanda~~*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 15, 2000

Mngr. Emmanuel Kolini  
Archbishop  
Rwanda Episcopal Church  
Kigali  
Rwanda

Dear Archbishop Kolini:

It was wonderful to meet with you during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. The roundtable discussion, in particular, helped us to better understand the issues facing Rwanda in its fight against AIDS. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your expertise and kind support.

As we all seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Rwanda and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and compassion.

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Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

We all know what a pivotal role the church has to play in the efforts combat HIV/AIDS. Your leadership sends a powerful and invaluable message. ~~to all sectors of society regarding the~~ as a member of the board of directors of The US. National Episcopal AIDS Coalition I ~~take particular pride in~~ am particularly grateful, and proud, of your ~~willingness to lend your~~ work in this regard.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Office of National AIDS Policy*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 15, 2000

Brig. General Nwamwasa Kayumba  
Chief of Staff  
Rwandan Patriotic Army  
Rwanda

Dear Brig. General Kayumba:

<sup>a delight</sup>  
It was ~~wonderful~~ to meet with you during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda and to learn more about the impact of HIV/AIDS in the Military. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your expertise and kind support.

As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope in Rwanda and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

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~~I hope to see you~~  
Sincerely,

If ever your travels bring you to Washington DC I hope you will give me the honor of returning your hospitality.

Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

I hope to see you soon.

~~We are working very hard to~~  
~~The multi-armed forces military as a~~ <sup>armed forces</sup>  
play such a pivotal role in combatting the spread of HIV/AIDS around the world. ~~Rwanda's~~  
~~Your leadership on this issue is a model~~  
~~serves as a model for~~ Rwanda's AIDS prevention program and your leadership on this issue are truly a model for ~~nations and~~ other nations ~~around the world to follow.~~

I cannot begin to articulate the impact that our visit to Rwanda had on each and every one of us. ~~It would~~ However, it would not have been the same had ~~not so many~~ you Dr. Ntarindwa spent so much time with us. We are all eternally grateful ~~and~~ for our experience. While I continue to be awed by the task you face in securing ~~the~~ and charting Rwanda's future, I am equally in awe of what I believe in my heart is your capacity to succeed. If I can in any way ever return the favor please let me know.

P.S. I am planning to return to Rwanda before the end of the year and have every intention of taking you up on your offer to visit the gorillas!



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*February 15, 2000*

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Rwandan Patriotic Army  
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Office of National AIDS Policy*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 15, 2000

Dr. Joseph Ntarindwa  
Director, Medical Services  
Ministry of Defense  
Rwanda

Dear Dr. Ntarindwa:

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Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman  
Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

*I apologize for the  
fardness of this note. We  
have been absolutely besieged  
with work since our return!*

*I am hoping to come to Rwanda  
again before the end of the year.  
However, if <sup>by chance</sup> your travels bring you  
to the Washington DC ~~by any chance~~  
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I hope to see you soon!*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*March 27, 2000*

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Office of National AIDS Policy*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 15, 2000

Dr. Roland Swai  
Head, National AIDS Control Programme  
Ministry of Health  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

Dear Dr. Swai:

*Please accept thanks  
our best*

~~Thank you~~ for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent mission to Tanzania and for accompanying us on our site visit to Iringa. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

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Ministry of Health  
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Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 15, 2000

Mr. Kikuli  
Administrator  
National AIDS Control Programme  
Ministry of Health  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

Dear Mr. Kikuli:

*Please accept our belated thanks*  
~~Thank you~~ for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Tanzania and for your tireless efforts to ensure that our trip was a success. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

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Director  
Office of National AIDS Policy

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National AIDS Control Programme  
Ministry of Health  
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