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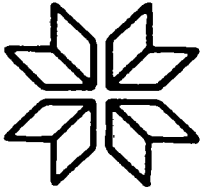
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RE: Appointment Request

FROM: Damon V. Woods

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DATE: Friday, February 18, 2000

Dear Director Thurman,

Greetings from the Phelps Stokes Fund. The Phelps Stokes Fund is a programming agency for the State Department's International Visitors Program (IVP). For the program, "International Response to Infectious Diseases," your help would be very valuable and the impact of a meeting with the Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP) would be most positive.

The International Visitors Program is a tool used by the State Department to education foreign government officials, educators and NGO representatives on US approaches to handle a wide range of issues. The program "International Response to Infectious Disease" has invited several health officials from around the world to discuss and examine health policies, disease surveillance, prevention programs, research, and clinic management. Last year, Mr. Todd Summers participated in the program "Joining Efforts in the Fight Against HIV/AIDS," he was truly a great asset to the program. It would be a privilege to have you participate in this year's program.

This program will open in Washington with a formal lunch on March 9, 2000 to welcome the visitors to the United States and we would like to invite you or a staff member to attend and lunch as well, if time allows. The participants of this program will be in Washington for a week and have the following dates open to meet with representatives from ONAP:

I have included in this fax a copy of the participant list and summary of the program for your perusal.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Damon V. Woods
Program Officer
International Visitors Program
Phelps Stokes Fund

The program designed by the Phelps Stokes Fund for the three-week Multi-Regional Group project will take approximately 15-20 English-speaking international visitors to diverse communities in the United States to examine international and US responses to infectious diseases. The group will examine various perspectives, research, policy implementation, and key and strategic steps to greater surveillance of infectious diseases. Nearly a week in Washington, D.C. will serve as an introduction to US government and health policy. The visitors will have meetings with various federal agencies, members of the medical community, nonprofit organizations and lobbying groups.

From Washington, the group will travel to Atlanta, Georgia to meet with representatives from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs), and health care facilities. Atlanta's vibrant health care community will reinforce the need for cooperation across many disciplines to reach a common goal. The research conducted at the CDC has many implications on national and local policy. Medical training, social services, law enforcement, and public health prevention campaigns are all affected by the research results of the CDC. Next, the group will travel to New Orleans to see how institutions of higher learning are working to educate public health professionals. Tulane University, Xavier University, and the NGO Family Advocacy Care and Education (FACES) will emphasize the need for solid training and the usefulness of student activism in health prevention campaigns.

The group will split into two teams to witness how rural communities are informed and provided public health information. By visiting Native American communities in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and

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infectious disease, disease levels have been kept to normal levels. Finally, the program will conclude with a meeting with Department of State and Phelps Stokes officials to evaluate the success of the program.

INTERNATIONAL RESPONSES TO INFECTIOUS DISEASES
Participant List (as of February 14, 2000)

Belarus	Mr. Alexander Vasilievich SUKALO Vice Rector and Professor, Belarusian State Medical Institute
Cote d' Ivoire	Dr. Serge Paul EHOLIE Assistant Chief of Infectious Diseases Program, The Chu University Hospital
Eritrea	Dr. Eskindir Hadgu WOALDEHAIMANOT Program Manager, National AIDS Control Program
Eritrea	Dr. Negassi Leake BEYENE Head, Department of Internal Medicine Halibet Hospital
Ethiopia	Dr. TEKESTE Kebede Attending Physicians Counselor (HIV/AIDS) and Trainer of HIV/AIDS Care Providers, Zewditu Memorial Hospital
France	Ms. Therese LETHU Editor, "Afrique Medecine et Sante" Fellow, World Health Organization
Guinea	Mr. Alhassane SOUMAH Private Medical Practitioner
India	Ms. Debajani BANERJEE Medical Officer, STD/HIV Intervention Program, West Bengal Sexual Health Project
India	Ms. Lalitha KUMARAMANGALAM Executive Director, Prakriti Chennai

Moldova	Dr. Andrei ASATII Deputy Minister of Health
Pakistan	Dr. Muhammao Ahmed ISA Program Officer, The Asia Foundation Pakistan
Swaziland	Ms. Constance Sibongile MNDZEBELE Clinical Care Coordinator, Swaziland National Aids Program
Yemen	Dr. Abdulwahab Mohammed AL-ANESI Head, National Center for Health Education and Information
Zimbabwe	Mrs. Kerry Lynn KAY Project Manager, Commercial Farmers Union of Zimbabwe HIV/AIDS Program
Laos	Dr. Nao BOUTTA Chief of Cabinet Ministry of Public Health