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MEMORANDUM

November 26, 1999

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FROM: ECOSOC-Kenneth A. Thomas *KAT* ((T)212-415-4296)

SUBJECT: HIV/AIDS Briefing for Amb. Richard Holbrooke
Monday, 29 November 1999 4:30PM-5:50PM
USUN, 799 U.N. Plaza (Corner of 45th Street and 1st
Ave.) 9th floor Conference Room

As I have discussed with each of you, this briefing has been arranged to give Amb. Holbrooke basic background information on HIV/AIDS as it relates to his trip to Africa, where this issue is of great importance to every Sub-Saharan country he will visit, and where he will be involved in several events on this topic. Attached hereto is a list of the people on the briefing panel and the countries to be visited, in the order in which they will be visited. The briefing will cover (in this order) 1) the medical science and epidemiology of HIV/AIDS (Dr. Jay Dobkin), 2) U.S. activities and policies in the area (Sandy Thurman), 3) U.S.G.-funded activities in Africa (Dr. Paul DeLay), 4) the role and structure of the UNAIDS program (James Carmichael), 5) the role of private foundations in this issue (Jean Claude Saby) and 6) the relation of this issue to traditional national security issues (Dr. Ken Bernard). In addition, Dr. Tim Evans of the Rockefeller Foundation and U.S. Senator Frist are scheduled to attend the briefing.

Each of you will have the opportunity to make 10-12 minutes of remarks, which will leave almost fifty minutes for discussion and questions. The format is informal and you should expect an active and free-flowing exchange. Amb. Betty King will act as an informal moderator/facilitator. Amb Holbrooke has been given a copy of a recent cable (17 November 1999) from the U.S. mission

in Harare, Zimbabwe that provides an excellent review of this subject for Southern Africa and a copy of a White House plan for dealing with some of the consequences of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa (Report on the Presidential Mission on Children Orphaned by AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa: Findings and Plan of Action, 19 July 1999).

**BRIEFING PANEL FOR AMBASSADOR HOLBROOKE'S BRIEFING ON
HIV/AIDS IN AFRICA
MONDAY NOVEMBER 29, 1999
9TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
4:30PM-5:50PM**

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AIDS Policy

Dr. Ken Bernard
Senior Director
Office of Global Health
National Security Council

Jean Claude Saby
Vice President
U.N. Foundation

Dr. Paul DeLay
Office of AIDS
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Dr. Jay Dobkin
Director
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James Carmichael
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Dr. Tim Evans
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Countries to be Visited:

Mali
Angola
Namibia
South Africa
Zimbabwe
Zambia
Rwanda
Uganda
DRCongo
Tunisia