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THE DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 9, 1999

Ms. Sandra Thurman
Director
White House Office of
National AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Ms. Thurman:

On behalf of the Peace Corps, please accept my invitation to join us as we mark World AIDS Day with three days of events during the week of November 29. Our goal is to raise awareness of our staff about the HIV/AIDS pandemic, encourage volunteer activities in the Washington area, and to highlight the work of Peace Corps Volunteers working in HIV/AIDS prevention.

Given the leading role you play in connection with HIV/AIDS public policy and public awareness across the United States, we would be honored if you could address an audience of Peace Corps staff and guests. Your participation would greatly enhance our agency's understanding of the many, complex aspects involved in combating this disease. We would like to schedule your address for Tuesday, November 30, at 12:00 p.m., but will gladly accommodate the demands of your busy schedule.

We are planning activities at the Peace Corps in keeping with the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS theme: "AIDS—End the Silence / Listen, Learn, Live!" We will focus on achievements of the thousands of Peace Corps Volunteers worldwide who have engaged their host communities in successful HIV/AIDS prevention and education programs.

If you have any questions, a member of your staff can contact my assistant, Traci Cook, at (202) 692-2106 or you can contact me directly at (202) 692-2100. I hope your schedule will allow you to join us for this special occasion.

Sincerely,


Charles R. Baquet II
Acting Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

To: Melanne Verveer

From: Cheryl Bauerle for Sandy Thurman

Date: December 6, 1999

Sandy thought you also might like to see the enclosed excerpt from the First Lady's speech in New York and the following cable sent by the US Ambassadors and the USAID Mission Directors in Southern Africa to the State Department. It was formulated as a result of a meeting they convened and attended regarding the AIDS pandemic and its effects on the region. In fact, it was the first meeting of its kind.

In summary, the message is, "None of us living in this region can remain silent in the face of the overwhelming impact this epidemic is having on our own staffs, programs, U.S. foreign policy objectives and the social fabric of the countries we are living in. This meeting highlighted the impressive concern and commitment of USG personnel in the region. This issue will be with us for some time to come. Sustained engagement is critical to success in controlling and eventually stopping the epidemic. U.S. leadership can make a difference."

Remarks by First Lady Hillary Clinton
World AIDS Day at The United Nations, December 1, 1999

(Excerpt)

“I want you to know that the United States is committed to being a partner in all of these efforts. And I am proud that the congress passed the President’s Initiative to add \$100 million this year to our global fight against AIDS. This will enable us to double our financial efforts in Africa.

The LIFE initiative will help countries protect children orphaned by AIDS, care for people living with AIDS, fund strategies to prevent further HIV infections, and support clinics, organizations, and outreach programs.

This cannot and will not be a one-time commitment. The United States’ efforts must be sustained and strengthened to meet the challenges posed by this pandemic.

And I want you to know that the President and I will continue to fight for the funds from the Congress in the remaining time that the President has, so that the United States will do its part in the struggle against AIDS.”

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--CREATING A PRIVATE SECTOR FORUM TO SHARE HIV/AIDS
PREVENTION BEST PRACTICES;

--PUBLICLY RECOGNIZING BUSINESSES THAT HAVE BEST
PRACTICES, AND ENCOURAGING COMPANIES TO ADOPT SUCH
PRACTICES WHEN MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS OCCUR;

--ENCOURAGING LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS TO PROMOTE HIV/AIDS
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WASH DCSS AND WORKPLACE POLICIES;

--HELPING THE FOREIGN COMMERCIAL SERVICE AND DEPARTMENT
OF COMMERCE PREPARE AND DELIVER APPROPRIATELY BALANCED

HIV/AIDS, INCLUDING ACCURATE RISK ASSESSMENTS; AND
--ENCOURAGING PRIVATE SECTOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN
THREE WAYS: (1) ADOPTING PROGRESSIVE INTERNAL WORKPLACE
POLICIES; (2) EXTRAMURAL FUNDING OF LOCAL HIV/AIDS
PREVENTION AND CARE ACTIVITIES; (3) PROMOTING A PUBLIC
IMAGE OF A BUSINESS THAT CARES ABOUT ITS EMPLOYEES AND
THE PUBLIC.

US WORK FORCE POLICY: WALKING THE TALK

29. THE FOURTH CATEGORY OF SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES RELATES
TO HIV/AIDS POLICY IN THE U.S. MISSION. PARTICIPANTS
NOTED THAT CURRENTLY THERE IS A DOUBLE STANDARD FOR
AMERICAN EMPLOYEES AND FSNS. AMERICANS, FOR EXAMPLE,
HAVE ACCESS TO ANTIRETROVIRAL DRUGS, BUT FSNS DO NOT.
USDH CAN DONATE LEAVE TO OTHER USDH BUT NOT TO FSNS.
THE GROUP CHALLENGED ITSELF AND WASHINGTON TO DETERMINE
HOW A STANDARD FOR "BEST PRACTICES" COULD BE SET SO THAT
THE USG, PROBABLY THE LARGEST US EMPLOYER IN AFRICA,
COULD BE A MODEL FOR OTHER EMPLOYERS. THE GROUP
DISCUSSED WHETHER CERTAIN FSM POLICIES SHOULD BE
DECENTRALIZED AND DELEGATED TO THE FIELD, OR IF
WORLDWIDE STANDARDS WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE. ALTHOUGH
COGNIZANT OF THE POSSIBLE COST AND ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS.

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THE GROUP CONCLUDED THAT THE MAGNITUDE OF THE HIV/AIDS
EPIDEMIC WARRANTED ATTENTION ON A WORLDWIDE THAT BOTH AMBA
SSADORS AND SENIOR
OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON SHOULD REVIEW HIV/AIDS WORKPLACE
POLICIES, CONSIDERING IN PARTICULAR:

--LEAVE POLICIES FOR SICK EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE AN
UNDERLYING HIV INFECTION;
--EMPLOYMENT POLICY FOR HIV POSITIVE APPLICANTS;
--HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES;
--DEATH BENEFITS AND WILL PLANNING FOR HIV POSITIVE
EMPLOYEES;
--MEDICAL ATTENTION AND FOLLOW-UP CARE FOR RAPE VICTIMS;
--OFFICIAL TRANSPORTATION POLICIES IN AREAS WHERE RAPE
IS PREVALENT; AND
--POLICIES FOR INDIRECT STAFF SUCH AS LOCAL SECURITY
GUARDS PROVIDED IN CONTRACTS;
--POLICIES IN DOUBLE ENCUMBERING POSITION CEILINGS AND
DISABILITY.

30. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON IS REQUESTED TO
INITIATE A REVIEW OF ITS PERSONNEL POLICIES IN THIS AREA

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--CONSIDERING WHE IT IS APPROPRIATE F PEACE CORPS
VOLUNTEER TEACHERS TO PR FE HIV/AIDS AWARENESS IN
RURAL SCHOOLS AND THROUGH ANTI-AIDS CLUBS. RECOGNIZING
THE LIKELY SENSITIVITY OF LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS;

--INSTRUCTING THE POLITICAL SECTION TO CONSIDER USING
DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS FUNDS TO SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS
GROUPS THAT PERFORM HIV/AIDS ADVOCACY;

--INSTRUCTING THE ECONOMIC SECTION TO: (1) EMPHASIZE
COMMUNITY-BASED HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES IN THE AMBASSADOR'S
SELF HELP PROGRAM; AND (2) INCLUDE HIV/AIDS ISSUES IN
DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. COMPANIES;

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--INSTRUCTING THE ESO TO ASSIST LOCAL POLICE AND
SECURITY GUARD COMPANIES TO DEVELOP HIV/AIDS AWA
PROGRAMS; AND

--INCLUDING HIV/AIDS ON THE AGENDAS OF VISITING C ELS
AND STAFFDELS.

27. AMBASSADORS CAN USE THEIR PUBLIC POSITION TO PROMOTE
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HIV/AIDS ACTIVISM BY:

--BEING "OUT IN FRONT" AND NOT DELEGATING TO STAFF THE
OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE HIV/AIDS ACTIVISM;
--SEIZING THEIR POSITION AS THE "PRESIDENT'S
REPRESENTATIVE" TO ENSURE THAT THEY PERSONALLY REPRESENT
PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES, COORDINATE ACCESS TO USG
RESOURCES AND STRESS THAT THEY ARE ALSO REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE;

--RAISING THE PROFILE OF THE ISSUE BY MENTIONING
HIV/AIDS IN ALL MEETINGS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY
PRESIDENT, CABINET MEMBERS, AND OTHER SENIOR GOVERN
OFFICIALS;

--BEING PROACTIVE IN CAPTURING MEDIA COVERAGE FOCUSING
ATTENTION ON HIV/AIDS IN EVERY PUBLIC SPEECH, EVEN IF IT
SEEMS UNRELATED;

--MOTIVATING AND MOBILIZING OTHER AMBASSADORS AND THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, FOR EXAMPLE, BY HOSTING FORUM
TO DISCUSS HIV/AIDS CHALLENGES;

--USING THE MEDIA TO ADVERTISE THE AMBASSADORS' SUPPORT
FOR PERSONS LIVING WITH AIDS IN HIV/AIDS AWARENESS BY
ATTENDING EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS HOSTED BY OTHER
ORGANIZATIONS, AND BY PERSONALLY VISITING AND HOLDING
HANDS OF THOSE LIVING WITH AIDS;

--URGING HOST GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE TAX INCENTIVES TO
COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO SUPPORT LOCAL NGO HIV/AIDS
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INITIATIVES; AND

--STRESSING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THE IMPORTANCE
OF FREE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS, RATHER THAN USING
SCARCE DONOR FUNDS TO PURCHASE MEDIA SPOTS.

28. AMBASSADORS CAN ENGAGE U.S. AND LOCAL PRIVATE
SECTORS COMPANIES ON HIV/AIDS ISSUES BY:

--PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN BUSINESS
COMMUNITY THROUGH AMCHAM OR THE LOCAL AMERICAN BUSINESS
ASSOCIATIONS;

--DEMONSTRATING TO COMPANIES THAT HIV/AIDS HAS A DIRECT
IMPACT ON BOTTOM LINE PROFITS, IN PART BY USING ANALYSES
THAT SHOW THE COST OF PREVENTION PROGRAMS VERSUS THE
COST OF COPING WITH HIV/AIDS IN THE WORKPLACE;

--HELPING TO ESTABLISH LINKS BETWEEN COMPANIES
INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING HIV/AIDS WORKPLACE PROGRAMS AND
HIV/AIDS NGOS THAT CAN ASSIST;

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ATED ILLNESSES AND THE NEED FOR THE USG TO ADDRESS
S INCREASINGLY SERIOUS PROBLEM IN INNOVATIVE WAYS.
ELISTS FROM A USAID GRANTEE (PACT) AS WELL AS DR.
GG POWELL OF THE ZIMBABWE CHILD PROTECTION SOCIETY, A
AL NGO, DESCRIBED THE INABILITY OF MOST AFRICAN
VERNMENTS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM AND OFFERED
GESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE USG INTERVENTION.

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2 MOST AFRICAN AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS AGREE THAT
EPING ORPHANS IN THEIR EXTENDED FAMILIES IS BY FAR THE
EFERABLE OPTION. INSTITUTIONAL CARE IS A LAST RESORT.
THOUGH MOST SOUTHERN AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE ORPHANS'
D CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS IN PLACE, MOST ARE NOT BEING -
PLEMENTED EFFECTIVELY DUE TO A LACK OF STAFF AND
OURCES. CARE AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR ORPHANS ARE
MARILY BEING IMPLEMENTED BY NGOS WITH VERY LIMITED
NANCIAL RESOURCES.

4 PANELISTS STRESSED THAT POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND
COME GENERATION PROJECTS--WHICH ARE WELL MANAGED AT
E COMMUNITY LEVEL ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF
DRESSING THE ORPHAN ISSUE. STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY
HOUSEHOLDS TO SUPPORT ORPHANS BOTH FINANCIALLY, AND
TH PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IS CRITICAL. PANELISTS NOTED
AT EDUCATION IS ONE OF THE BEST ENTRY POINTS AND
GESTED THAT DONORS PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT IN
CHANGE FOR TUITION WAIVERS FOR "CHILDREN IN DIFFICULT
CUMSTANCES" RATHER THAN "AIDS ORPHANS."

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USG RESPONSE TO THE EPIDEMIC IN EACH COUNTRY: WHAT CAN
AMBASSADORS DO?

25. THE GROUP BRAINSTORMED THROUGHOUT THE TWO-DAY
CONFERENCE TO IDENTIFY ACTIVITIES THAT COMS CAN DO TO
ENHANCE THE USG RESPONSE TO THE HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC. MOST
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OF THE SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES CAN BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. THE LIST IS NOT INTENDED TO BE A
GUIDE OF REQUIRED ACTIONS BUT RATHER AN ILLUSTRATIVE
MENU OF ACTIONS THAT CAN BE UNDERTAKEN AS APPROPRIATE TO
THE COUNTRY SETTING. THE FOUR BROAD CATEGORIES FOLLOW
IN PARAGRAPHS 24-27 WITH SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES LISTED IN
EACH.

26. AMBASSADORS CAN MAKE HIV/AIDS A COUNTRY TEAM
PRIORITY, INVOLVING ALL MEMBERS IN STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT,
BY:

--PERSONALLY LEADING AND COORDINATING COUNTRY TEAM
EFFORTS REGARDING HIV/AIDS:

--TALKING ABOUT THE EPIDEMIC IN THE MANAGEMENT TEAM:

--BEING THE POST'S SENIOR ADVOCATE FOR OBTAINING
RESOURCES FROM WASHINGTON:

--USING THE MISSION PROGRAM PLAN (MPP) TO FLAG THE
IMPORTANCE OF HIV/AIDS AS A GLOBAL AND REGIONAL ISSUE
AND ENSURE USG SUPPORT FOR HIV/AIDS PROGRAMS;

--INCORPORATING HIV/AIDS INTO PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS
BY: (1) BRINGING IN HIGH-LEVEL HIV/AIDS SPEAKERS; (2)
ESTABLISHING A MEDIA AWARD PROGRAM FOR HIV/AIDS
REPORTING TO ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINED LOCAL
MEDIA COVERAGE; (3) INCORPORATING UNIVERSITY-BASED
HIV/AIDS AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS INTO THE PROGRAMS OF
FULBRIGHT PROFESSORS AND VISITING RESEARCHERS;

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--DISCUSSING THE EPIDEMIC WITH THE DEFENSE ATTACHE
OFFICE TO SEEK WAYS FOR THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
TO ADDRESS HIV/AIDS WITHIN THE HOST COUNTRY SECURITY
ESTABLISHMENT BY: (1) WORKING WITH DEFENSE COUNTERPARTS
TO INCORPORATE HIV/AIDS MESSAGES INTO ACTS; AND (2) ENCOUR
AGING HIV/AIDS EDUCATION AT
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS;

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FIVE MORE TO BE OPENED BY THE END OF 1999. THE "NEW
START" CENTERS IN ZIMBABWE, LIKE THOSE IN UGANDA,
PROVIDE COUNSELING AND TESTING TO CLIENTS THAT IS
CONFIDENTIAL AND ANONYMOUS: ACCESSIBLE (WITH LATE CLINIC
HOURS); AND AFFORDABLE (US\$132, PER CLIENT, WITH
INDIGENT CLIENTS BEING TESTED FOR FREE).

17. THE GOAL OF VCT PROGRAMS IS TO REDUCE HIGH RISK
BEHAVIOR AMONG CLIENTS, AND TO REDUCE THE STIGMA
ASSOCIATED WITH HIV/AIDS BY ENCOURAGING OPEN DISCUSSION.
DRS. MARUM AND OSEWE NOTED THAT UGANDA'S VCT PROGRAM IS
ENJOYING TREMENDOUS INTEREST AND SUSTAINED ATTENDANCE.
TESTING AN AVERAGE OF 450,000 CLIENTS EACH YEAR, WHILE
THE FIVE VCT CENTERS OPENED IN ZIMBABWE SINCE AUGUST
1998 ARE RECEIVING INCREASING NUMBERS OF CLIENTS EACH
MONTH. DESPITE THESE SUCCESS STORIES, DR. MARUM NOTED
SOME CHALLENGES FOR THE VCT PROGRAM IN THE FUTURE,
INCLUDING THE RELATIVELY HIGH COSTS OF THE INTERVENTION,
THE NEED TO INCREASE ITS AVAILABILITY IN RURAL AREAS,
AND THE NEED TO ENSURE ITS SUSTAINABILITY.

PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT

18. MR. TOM WALTER, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MOBIL OIL IN
ZIMBABWE, DESCRIBED THE DIFFICULTIES HIS COMPANY FACED
IN EARLY 1998 WHEN, IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN
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COUNTRY. MOBIL LOST THREE OF ITS SENIOR MANAGERS TO
AIDS. WALTER SAID THAT, AS HE WATCHED PROFITS DROP, HE
BECAME ACUTELY AWARE OF THE IMPACT THAT THE VACUUM OF
EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE HAD ON PRODUCTIVITY. IN THE
WAKE OF THE PERSONNEL LOSSES, WALTER WORKED WITH A LOCAL
NGO TO IMPLEMENT AN HIV/AIDS WORKPLACE PROGRAM. HE
EMPHASIZED THAT TO ACHIEVE RESULTS COMPANIES AND NGOS
MUST CLEARLY OUTLINE PROJECT GOALS, STRATEGIES, AND
TIMETABLES BEFORE EMBARKING ON AN HIV/AIDS WORKPLACE
PROGRAM. (SEE PARA 26 FOR OTHER PRIVATE SECTOR
ACTIVITIES.)

THE MEDIA

19. MR. ANDREW MUTANDWA, A FREELANCE ZIMBABWEAN
JOURNALIST AND FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION AT
THE ZIMBABWEAN MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, POSTS, AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, ADDRESSED THE GROUP AT LUNCH ON
OCTOBER 22. HIS PERSUASIVE COMMENTS HELPED THE GROUP
UNDERSTAND WHY ACCURATE AND SUSTAINED HIV/AIDS REPORTING

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IS SO SCARCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. MUTANDWA REFERRED TO
THE COMPETITION AMONG NEWSPAPERS FOR READERSHIP AND
ADVERTISING DOLLARS THAT OFTEN DRIVES EDITORS TO BUMP A
GOOD HIV/AIDS STORY FROM THE FRONT PAGE -- OR EVEN FROM
THE PAPER ALTOGETHER -- TO MAKE ROOM FOR MORE
SENSATIONAL NEWS ABOUT POLITICIANS AND CELEBRITIES.

20. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE MEDIA IN MANY AFRICAN
COUNTRIES IS EMERGING FROM A TRADITION OF GOVERNMENT
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CONTROL. MUTANDWA ASSERTED THAT ZIMBABWEAN JOURNALISTS,
PARTICULARLY THOSE EMPLOYED BY THE GOVERNMENT-INFLUENCED
ZIMBABWE NEWSPAPERS AND THE ZIMBABWE BROADCASTING
CORPORATION, FEEL PRESSURE FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO AVOID
CERTAIN CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS, INCLUDING THE HIGHLY
STIGMATIZED SUBJECT OF HIV/AIDS.

21. MUTANDWA SUGGESTED THAT COMS CAN MOTIVATE LOCAL
JOURNALISTS AND ADVOCATE BETTER REPORTING BY INSTITUTING
AWARDS PROGRAMS FOR REPORTERS, EDITORS AND NEWS
ORGANIZATIONS. ACCORDING TO MUTANDWA, "THIS WOULD
CREATE THAT COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH JOE ALISTS
OFTEN THRIVE." HE ADDED THAT COMS SHOULD FACILITATE MORE
EXCHANGE PROGRAMS FOR JOURNALISTS, AS THESE ARE
EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE IN EDUCATING REPORTERS ON HIV/AIDS.
AS A FORMER IV, MUTANDWA ACKNOWLEDGED THE POSITIVE
IMPACT THAT THE EXCHANGE HAD ON HIS REPORTING.

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FROM 11 COUNTRIES FOCUSING ON KEY POLICY ISSUES IN
VOLUNTARY COUNSELING AND TESTING (VCT), MOTHER-TO-CHILD
TRANSMISSION (MTCT), AND IMPLEMENTING A MULTISECTORAL
APPROACH. FOLLOW-UP IDEAS ARE CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED
WITH THE TECHNICAL TEAM; (3) HIV/AIDS SURVEILLANCE: A
PLAN HAS BEEN MADE TO WHO/AFR TO HELP COORDINATE
SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION; AND (4)
INFORMATION SHARING ON HIV/AIDS: A REGIONAL ADVISOR IS
BEING RECRUITED AND TECHNICAL SHARING BETWEEN COUNTRIES

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AS INCREASED THROUGH THE REGIONAL WORK.

2. A REGIONAL USG ADVISOR ON HIV/AIDS, TO BE BASED IN
RETORIA, SHOULD BE SELECTED BY THE END OF NOVEMBER.
THE ADVISOR'S DUTIES WILL BE TO RUN THE DAILY OPERATIONS
OF THE PROGRAM; PROVIDE TECHNICAL BACKSTOPPING TO THE
ON-PRESENCE COUNTRIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (BOTSWANA,
LESOTHO, AND SWAZILAND); ACT AS A CONDUIT OF INFORMATION
FROM REGIONAL POSTS; AND HELP POSTS DEVELOP COORDINATED
HIV/AIDS PROGRAMS.

3. AMBASSADOR DAVID DUNN FROM ZAMBIA BRIEFED
PARTICIPANTS ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIDS AND
STDs IN AFRICA (ICASA) WHICH OCCURRED IN LUSAKA (REF A &
B). AMBASSADOR DUNN NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH THE CONFERENCE
WAS WIDELY CONSIDERED TO BE A SUCCESS, THE ABSENCE OF
LEADS OF STATE FROM ZAMBIA AND PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES
SENT A POOR MESSAGE ABOUT THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS'
COMMITMENT TO ADDRESSING THE HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC. MUCH
ATTENTION WAS FOCUSED ON COMMUNITY RESPONSES, AND THE
ROLES OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS, YOUTH, WOMEN, AND
ORPHANS WERE HIGHLIGHTED. THE NEXT HIV/AIDS CONFERENCE
WILL BE THE BI-ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL HIV/AIDS CONFERENCE
TO BE HELD IN DURBAN, JULY 9-14, 2000, WHILE THE NEXT
ICASA WILL TAKE PLACE IN BURKINA FASO IN 2001. TENS OF
THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE DURBAN
CONFERENCE, INCLUDING A U.S. DELEGATION OF APPROXIMATELY
20 PEOPLE LED BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES, DONNA SHAHALA. FULL DETAILS OF THE ICASA ARE
DESCRIBED IN REFTEL A AND B.

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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

14. THE FOLLOWING SECTION HIGHLIGHTS SEVERAL OF THE
CONFERENCE TOPICS, INCLUDING VOLUNTARY COUNSELING AND
TESTING, PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT, THE MEDIA AND
ORPHANS.

VOLUNTARY COUNSELING AND TESTING

15. DRS. ELIZABETH MARUM AND PATRICK OSEWE, BOTH USAID
TECHNICAL EXPERTS ON HIV/AIDS, BRIEFED PARTICIPANTS ON
USAID-FUNDED VOLUNTARY COUNSELING AND TESTING (VCT)
PROGRAMS NOW OPERATING IN UGANDA AND ZIMBABWE.
PARTICIPANTS WERE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE HOME LESSONS
LEARNED REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF VCT IN AN INTEGRATED
HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAMS.

16. DR. MARUM, WHO CURRENTLY IS POSTED TO MALAWI BUT

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SERVED FOR MANY YEARS IN UGANDA, OFFERED THE HEARTENING
FACT THAT, IN THE MIDST OF A CONTINENT-WIDE EPIDEMIC,
THE HIV INFECTION RATE IN UGANDA HAS DECLINED STEADILY
SINCE 1992 (SEE REF C). A KEY ELEMENT TO USAID'S
SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM IN UGANDA HAS BEEN THE NATIONAL
NETWORK OF VCT CENTERS. USAID/ZIMBABWE RECENTLY
ESTABLISHED ITS VCT PROGRAM, WHICH ALREADY IS MEETING
WITH STRONG LOCAL DEMAND. DR. OSEWE EXPLAINED THAT FIVE
VCT CENTERS CURRENTLY ARE OPERATING IN ZIMBABWE, WITH

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INDICATIONS WERE THAT NO INCREMENTAL USAID FUNDS WOULD
BE AVAILABLE AND ITS BUDGET FOR HIV/AIDS WOULD BE
INCREASED THROUGH OFF-SETTING REDUCTIONS IN UNMARKED
ACCOUNTS. OTHER AGENCIES' COMPONENTS, E.G., DEPARTMENT
OF DEFENSE (DOD) AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS),
MAY BENEFIT FROM INCREMENTAL FUNDING.

--REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA LEE (D-CA) WILL SUBMIT A BILL
TO CONGRESS IN EARLY 2000 THAT WOULD CALL FOR MATCHING
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PRIVATE SECTOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND USG FUNDS OF U.S.\$200
MILLION ANNUALLY FOR INTERNATIONAL HIV/AIDS PROGRAMS.
UNDER THE PROPOSED "AIDS MARSHALL PLAN," A NEW
GOVERNMENT AGENCY WOULD BE CREATED TO ADMINISTER THE
FUND.

--ORGANIZERS OF FUTURE U.S.-SADC FORUMS WILL INCLUDE AN
HIV/AIDS COMPONENT IN CONFERENCE PROGRAMMING.

--AN INITIATIVE BY U.S. CONGLOMERATE BRISTOL MYERS-
SQUIBB WILL OFFER TRAINING AND SERVICE DELIVERY TO
COMPANIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA THAT ALREADY HAVE, OR
WISH TO DEVELOP, HIV/AIDS PROGRAMS IN THE WORKPLACE.

9. CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS RESPONDED WITH CONCERN TO
THE NEWS THAT THE "LIFE" INITIATIVE IS NOT LIKELY TO
RESULT IN INCREASED USAID FUNDING AND THAT IN PARTICULAR
ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEMOCRACY/GOVERNANCE FUNDS WERE
LIKELY FY 2000 SOURCES FOR "LIFE." PARTICIPANTS AGREED
THAT USAID NEEDS MORE FLEXIBILITY TO USE EXISTING
FUNDING TO EXPAND HIV/AIDS PROGRAMS. ONE EXAMPLE CITED
WAS THE CHILD SURVIVAL EARMARK WITHIN THE CHILD SURVIVAL
AND DISEASE ACCOUNT, WHICH CURRENTLY ENTAILS A
DEFINITION THAT LIMITS HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES.
PARTICIPANTS UNDERTOOK TO SEND A JOINT MEMO PRESENTING
THEIR CONCERN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND
USAID/WASHINGTON. (SEE "CONFERENCE WRAP-UP" FOR AN
ACTION ITEM REGARDING JOINT MEMO.)

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10. WALTER NORTH, DIRECTOR OF USAID/ZAMBIA, DESCRIBED
THE BACKGROUND OF THE HIV/AIDS SOUTHERN AFRICA PROGRAM,

AN INITIATIVE INTRODUCED IN 1998 BY USAID REGIONAL
TECHNICAL OFFICERS TO DEVELOP A COORDINATED USAID
APPROACH TO COMBATING HIV/AIDS IN THE REGION. HE
EXPLAINED THAT THE PROGRAM WAS, IN REALITY, VERY
WITH ONLY US\$950,000 OF FY99 FUNDING (CONTRIBUTED BY
AFR/SD) OBLIGATED ON 9/30/99. PARTICIPANTS HAVE
CONVENED ON FIVE OCCASIONS.

11. ROBERT CLAY, PHN DIRECTOR, USAID/ZAMBIA REVIEWED
THE PROGRESS OF THE FOUR COMPONENTS OF THE REGIONAL
PROGRAM. 1) "CORRIDORS OF RISK, CORRIDORS OF HOPE," AN
HIV/AIDS AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR TRUCKERS AND COMMERCIAL
SEX WORKERS: ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AT FOUR
BORDER SITES AND DETAILED FINDINGS WERE SHARED WITH THE
GROUP. IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES BASED ON THE
ASSESSMENTS WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY, 2000; (2) POLICY AND
POLITICAL ADVOCACY: A POLICY-LEVEL WORKSHOP WAS HELD
BEFORE THE ICASA CONFERENCE WITH OVER 25 PARTICIPANTS

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AFRICA, AND NINE OUT OF TEN AIDS ORPHANS WORLDWIDE LIVE
 IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. RESEARCHERS HAVE FOUND NO
 EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT THE EPIDEMIC WILL REACH A
 "NATURAL" PLATEAU AND LEVEL OFF IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
 INDEED, MANY EXPERTS PREDICT THAT THE EPIDEMIC WILL
 CONTINUE TO WORSEN OVER THE NEXT 15-20 YEARS.

YAMASHITA DESCRIBED THE COMPLEX AND SERIOUS
 UNSEQUENCES THAT THE EPIDEMIC HAS ON ECONOMIES IN THE
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 REGION. THE EFFECTS ARE SHOWING ACROSS INDUSTRIAL
 SECTORS AND AMONG INDIVIDUAL BUSINESSES IN THE FORM OF
 LOST SKILLED AND UNSKILLED LABOR, AND SKYROCKETING
 INSURANCE COSTS. THE EPIDEMIC'S IMPACT WAS THE MOST
 DRASTIC ON HOUSEHOLDS WHERE THE MAIN WAGE EARNER IS NO
 LONGER ABLE TO GENERATE INCOME FOR THE FAMILY. THE
 WIFE MUST THEN TAKE TIME OFF FROM WORK, AND/OR
 HIRE AND FREQUENTLY THE GIRL CHILD MUST STAY HOME
 FROM SCHOOL, TO CARE FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS. GIVEN THE
 REMENDOUS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACT OF THE DISEASE AND
 ITS PREDICTED LONGEVITY IN THE REGION, THE GROUP AGREED
 THAT HIV/AIDS POLICIES IN THE REGION MUST BE WELL
 COORDINATED WITH ALL STAKEHOLDERS AND INCLUDE LONG-TERM,
 SUBSTANTIAL PROGRAMMING.

YAMASHITA PRESENTED SOME FUNDING NEEDS PROJECTIONS
 ISSUED BY UNAIDS, USAID, AND OTHER AGENCIES. IT WAS

BEEN ESTIMATED THAT OVER US\$1.0 BILLION PER YEAR WOULD
 BE NEEDED TO SIGNIFICANTLY SLOW THE CURRENT EPIDEMIC.
 SUCH FUNDING LEVELS WILL REQUIRE STRONG COMMITMENT BY
 GOVERNMENTS AND DONORS. YET EVEN AT THE LEVEL OF
 REQUIRED FUNDING OF US\$1.0 BILLION, THE LEVEL OF
 INVESTMENT PALES IN COMPARISON WITH THE USG COMMITMENT
 TO DOMESTIC HIV/AIDS PROGRAMS, WHICH IN 1998 TOTALED
 NEARLY US\$7 BILLION. THE GROUP NOTED THIS STAGGERING
 DIFFERENCE, AND COMMENTED ON THE CHALLENGE AHEAD FOR
 GOVERNMENTS, PRIVATE SECTOR, AND DONORS TO PROVIDE THE
 FUNDING NEEDED.

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8. MR. WILLIAM JEFFERS, DIRECTOR OF AFR/SA,
 USAID/WASHINGTON, BRIEFED PARTICIPANTS ON CURRENT
 FEDERAL INITIATIVES TO COMBAT HIV/AIDS IN AFRICA.
 JEFFERS DESCRIBED SEVERAL NEW WASHINGTON INITIATIVES:

--IN JULY 1999, THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED THE
 PRESIDENT'S "LEADERSHIP AND INVESTMENT IN FIGHTING AN
 EPIDEMIC" (LIFE) INITIATIVE, WHICH FEATURED A REQUESTED
 BUDGET INCREASE OF U.S.\$100 MILLION TO SUPPORT HIV/AIDS
 PROGRAMS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA AND INDIA. THE
 INITIATIVE RELIES ON CLOSE COLLABORATION AMONG USAID,
 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND THE
 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, WITH USAID TAKING THE LEAD AS THE
 COORDINATING AGENCY. THE INITIATIVE CONTAINS FOUR MAIN
 PROGRAM ELEMENTS: (1) PRIMARY PREVENTION OF HIV/AIDS;
 (2) COMMUNITY AND HOME-BASED CARE AND TREATMENT; (3)
 CARING FOR CHILDREN AFFECTED BY HIV/AIDS; AND (4)
 CAPACITY BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT. WHILE
 THE OUTCOME OF THE FY 2000 FOREIGN OPERATIONS FUNDING
 BILL WAS NOT CERTAIN AT THE TIME OF THE CONFERENCE.

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1. THIS IS BOTH A REPORTING AND AN ACTION CABLE.
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2. THIS CABLE HAS BEEN CLEARED BY EMBASSIES HARARE,
PRETORIA, AND LUSAKA.

3. U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ZIMBABWE TOM McDONALD HOSTED A
'CHIEFS OF MISSION/USAID MISSION DIRECTORS' SOUTHERN
AFRICA REGIONAL HIV/AIDS WORKSHOP, OCTOBER 22-23, 1999,
IN HARARE. A TOTAL OF 33 USG OFFICIALS PARTICIPATED IN
THE EVENT, INCLUDING SEVEN AMBASSADORS (TOM McDONALD,
DEAN CURRAN OF MOZAMBIQUE, DAVID DUNN OF ZAMBIA, ELLEN
SHIPPY OF MALAWI, CHARLES SLITH OF TANZANIA, ROE
KRUEGER OF BOTSWANA, AND KATHERINE PETERSON OF LESOTHO),
NINE USAID MISSION DIRECTORS, AND USAID TECHNICAL
EXPERTS. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO REVIEW THE
HIV/AIDS CRISIS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND DEVELOP
STRATEGIES TO DEEPEN THE RESPONSE TO THE EPIDEMIC IN THE
REGION. THE WORKSHOP FOCUSED SPECIFICALLY ON GENERATING
IDEAS TO HELP CHIEFS OF MISSION (COM) BETTER PROMOTE
HIV/AIDS ACTIVELY AT THEIR POSTS AND ACROSS THE REGION.
WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT REGI L
DIALOGUE AND A COORDINATED USG APPROACH ARE INVALUABLE
TO MAKING A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIV/AIDS IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA. THEY DECIDED TO HOLD ANOTHER MEETING
ON THE PERIPHERY OF THE U.S.-SADC FORUM, TO BE HELD AS
EARLY AS THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2000.

4. THE GROUP PRODUCED A DETAILED LIST OF IDEAS AND
ACTIVITIES BY WHICH COMS CAN ENGAGE HOST COUNTRIES, THE
COUNTRY TEAM, THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND THE MEDIA TO
BETTER PROMOTE HIV/AIDS ACTIVISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (SEE
PARAS 23-27). IN LIGHT OF THE IMPACT OF THE EPIDEMIC ON
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POST-OPERATION, THEY NOTED THE NEED FOR A WASHINGTON
REVIEW OF USG WORKPLACE POLICY. (SEE PARA 30)
PARTICIPANTS ALSO PRODUCED A "CONFERENCE WRAP-UP"
DOCUMENT THAT IDENTIFIES SUGGESTED ACTION ITEMS AND NEXT
STEPS FOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN POSTS AND WASHINGTON AGENCIES
(SEE PARAGRAPH 37). END SUMMARY.

SCOPE OF THE EPIDEMIC

5. DR. KEN YAMASHITA, USAID/SOUTH AFRICA'S HEALTH
OFFICER, SUMMARIZED THE STAGGERING HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA AS 'BAD AND GETTING WORSE'. IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT OVER 2,000 NEW INFECTIONS
OCCUR EVERY DAY, NEARLY 800,000 EVERY YEAR. THIS
COMPARES TO APPROXIMATELY 40,000 NEW INFECTIONS WHICH
OCCUR IN THE U.S. EVERY YEAR. SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA IS THE
REGION WHICH HAS BEEN MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE
EPIDEMIC. OF THE TOTAL WORLDWIDE NUMBER OF HIV/AIDS
CASES, TWO THIRDS OCCUR IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. EIGHT
OUT OF TEN AIDS DEATHS WORLDWIDE OCCUR IN SUB-SAHARAN

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AND IDENTIFY A TASK MANAGER FOR THE REVIEW. THE
SOUTHERN AFRICAN MISSIONS WOULD BE GLAD TO ASSIST.

11. PARTICIPANTS ALSO DISCUSSED WORKPLACE PROGRAMS
BEING PROMOTED IN USG MISSION IN THE REGION. ACTIVITIES
INCLUDED:

- HIV/AIDS EDUCATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOR ALL
MISSION STAFF AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, INCLUDING CHILDREN:
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--USE OF NGOS, PARTICULARLY THOSE REPRESENTING PEOPLE
LIVING WITH AIDS, TO PROVIDE WORKPLACE EDUCATION:

--CREATION OF FSN HIV/AIDS AWARENESS GROUPS;

--PROVISION OF FREE CONDOMS IN RESTROOMS AND
CONSIDERATION FOR REIMBURSING PERSONNEL FOR VCT
SERVICES:

--REVIEW OF LITERATURE SUCH AS THE UNAIDS AND OAU
DOCUMENTS ON BEST PRACTICES IN THE WORKPLACE TO
DETERMINE WHAT OTHER PROGRAMS ARE NEEDED; AND

--CROSS-TRAINING OF SENIOR FSNS TO FILL GAPS AS ILLNESS
AND DEATH INCREASINGLY BECOME AN ISSUE.

OTHER ISSUES OF INTEREST AT THE CONFERENCE

12. PARTICIPANTS DISCUSSED THE OVERARCHING NEED FOR
BEHAVIOR CHANGE. THEY AGREED THAT KNOWLEDGE OF HIV/AIDS
IS HIGH IN MOST COUNTRIES AND NEARLY UNIVERSAL IN SOME.
THE CHALLENGE OF ENGENDERING BEHAVIOR CHANGE, HOWEVER,
HAS NOT YET BEEN MET. TECHNICAL OFFICERS ARGUED THAT
EVIDENCE FROM COUNTRIES LIKE UGANDA SHOWS THAT VCT IS A

COMPLEMENTARY SERVICE TO EXISTING PROGRAMS THAT OF
THE OPTION IN HIGH PREVALENCE SETTINGS FOR LOWERING
STIGMA AND PROMOTING BEHAVIOR CHANGE.

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33. THE GROUP ALSO DISCUSSED WAYS TO COMBAT THE
HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC AT A STRATEGIC LEVEL. COM/DIRECTORS
ASKED HOW THEY COULD USE A REGIONAL PLATFORM AND THEIR
COLLECTIVE VOICE TO MAKE THE CASE THAT IMMEDIATE ACTION
IS NEEDED. PARTICIPANTS DISCUSSED THE CONCEPT OF
FORMING "STRATEGIC ALLIANCES" AMONG USG ENTITIES, HOST
COUNTRY INSTITUTIONS, NGOS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO
HELP BRING ATTENTION TO AND FIND WAYS OF COMBATING THE
EPIDEMIC.

34. USAID TECHNICAL STAFF AGREED THAT MANDATORY HIV
TESTING NOT ONLY RAISES HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, BUT ALSO
HAS NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES BECAUSE OF THE STIGMA
ASSOCIATED WITH THE DISEASE. IF ENFORCED, MANDATORY
TESTING COULD NEGATE CURRENT SUCCESSSES MAKING BEHAVIOR
CHANGE AN EVEN MORE PROBLEMATIC GOAL. VOLUNTARY AND
ANONYMOUS COUNSELING AND TESTING IS PREFERABLE,
ESPECIALLY IF VIEWED AS A MEANS OF MAINTAINING A HEALTHY
POPULATION.

35. WITH RESPECT TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT SCREENING, MANDATORY
TESTING DOES NOT GUARANTEE AN HIV/AIDS-FREE WORKPLACE.

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ESTABLISH COUNTRY TEAM-BASED ACTION PROGRAMS FOR THE FUTURE. THIS MEETING CAN SERVE AS A MODEL FOR HOW TO CONDUCT POSITIVE INTERAGENCY COOPERATION. PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT GROUP WILL MEET AGAIN IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2000, PERHAPS AS PART OF THE U.S.-SADC FORUM MEETING.

IT IS THE SENSE OF THIS MEETING THAT:

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NOT ONLY SCREENS OUT THOSE ALREADY INFECTED. THE MORE
LATE FOCUS IS ON MAINTAINING A HEALTHY WORKFORCE.

A PANEL OF USAID TECHNICAL STAFF DISCUSSED SOME
ISSUES RELATED TO HIV/AIDS. THESE INCLUDED:

AN UPDATE ON THE LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING DRUG
THERAPIES AND SOME ONGOING RESEARCH. PRESENTORS
STRESSED THAT CURRENT DRUG THERAPIES IN THE U.S. COST
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2551.000/MONTH AND OFFER NO MAGIC CURE FOR AIDS.

MOTHER TO CHILD TRANSMISSION OF HIV/AIDS IS AN
IMPORTANT AREA, BUT USG SHOULD MOVE FORWARD CAUTIOUSLY,
AS THERE ARE STILL MANY ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE FURTHER
RESEARCHED, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO SERVICE DELIVERY
CAPACITY AND FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY.

THE NEED TO BE COGNIZANT OF THE MANY ETHICAL
CONSIDERATIONS SURROUNDING USG-SPONSORED RESEARCH.
THERE WAS RECOGNITION THAT SOME RESEARCH ACTIVITIES HAVE
THE POTENTIAL TO COMPROMISE RELATED ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS,
PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF DRUG VACCINE RESEARCH. AS A
RESULT, CONS SHOULD REQUIRE THAT APPROVAL FROM LOCAL
ETHICAL AND RESEARCH COUNCILS SHOULD BE OBTAINED BEFORE
ANY USG-FUNDED RESEARCH COMMENCES. USAID MISSION
DIRECTOR JOHN GRAYZEL, REPRESENTING AMBASSADOR SWING,
STATED THAT WHILE DROC IS SEEN AS THE "RESEARCH VENUE"
FOR EVERY NEW DISEASE, NO HIV/AIDS PROGRAM ASSISTANCE IS
BEING PROVIDED. THIS ISSUE OF NEGLECT WAS PRESENTED AS
AN UNCONSCIONABLE POSITION.

CONFERENCE WRAP-UP

THE GROUP PRODUCED A CONFERENCE SUMMARY DOCUMENT
THAT LISTS THE CONFERENCE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND
IDENTIFIES SUGGESTED ACTION ITEMS FOR AFRICAN POSTS AND
WASHINGTON AGENCIES.

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BEGIN TEXT OF CONFERENCE SUMMARY DOCUMENT:

THE MEETING EXPRESSED THE STRONG SHARED CONCERN OF U.S.
AMBASSADORS AND USAID MISSION DIRECTORS ABOUT THE
DEVASTATING ECONOMIC AND POTENTIAL POLITICAL IMPACT OF
THE HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND ITS
ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE REGION'S PEOPLE AND U.S. INTERESTS
IN THE AREA.

THE MEETING ACHIEVED ITS OBJECTIVES OF DRAWING A
COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE OF THE PROBLEM AND OF USG HIV/AIDS
ASSISTANCE IN THE REGION; AND IDENTIFYING NEW IDEAS
ABOUT HOW U.S. AMBASSADORS AND USAID MISSION DIRECTORS
CAN ENHANCE THEIR JOINT EFFORTS TO ADDRESS HIV/AIDS IN

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5) ADDRESS WITH WASHINGTON THE NEED TO DEVELOP A
COMPREHENSIVE WORLDWIDE POLICY ON HIV/AIDS PERSONNEL
ISSUES AT OVERSEAS MISSIONS.

END TEXT OF "WRAP-UP" DOCUMENT.

CONCLUSION

38. THE GROUP AGREED ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
COORDINATED DIALOGUE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF HIV/AIDS.
AS THIS GLOBAL EPIDEMIC DOES NOT RESPECT COUNTRY
BORDERS. A LARGE NUMBER OF INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES WERE
RECOMMENDED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY COMS, MANY OF WHICH
DO NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. ALL STATISTICS
POINT TO THE FACT THAT THE HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC WILL GET
WORSE AND THAT NO FORMULA EXISTS TO SOLVE THE CRISIS.
PARTICIPANTS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT THE USC MUST BE
CREATIVE ABOUT HOW BEST TO USE ITS SCARCE FOREIGN
ASSISTANCE RESOURCES TO EFFECTIVELY COMBAT THE EPIDEMIC.
THE MEETING WAS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY THAT BROUGHT
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TOGETHER CHIEFS OF MISSION, USAID DIRECTORS AND USAID
TECHNICAL OFFICERS TO DISCUSS A COMMON REGIONAL PROBLEM.
PARTICIPANTS SUGGEST THAT THIS MODEL HAS APPLICABILITY
FOR OTHER HIGH PRIORITY FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES THAT CUT
ACROSS FOREIGN AFFAIRS AGENCIES.

39. COMMENT BY AMBASSADOR McDONALD: "NONE OF US LIVING
IN THIS REGION CAN REMAIN SILENT IN THE FACE OF THE
OVERWHELMING IMPACT THIS EPIDEMIC IS HAVING ON OUR OWN
STAFFS, PROGRAMS, US FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES AND
THE SOCIAL FABRIC OF THE COUNTRIES WE ARE LIVING IN.
THIS MEETING HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPRESSIVE CONCERN AND
COMMITMENT OF USC PERSONNEL IN THE REGION. THIS ISSUE
WILL BE WITH US FOR SOME TIME TO COME. SUSTAINED
ENGAGEMENT IS CRITICAL TO SUCCESS IN CONTROLLING AND
EVENTUALLY STOPPING THE EPIDEMIC. U.S. LEADERSHIP CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE."

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--ESTABLISH MORE RELIABLE STATISTICS ON THE PARAMETERS
OF THE PANDEMIC AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF HOST COUNTRIES
TO HIV/AIDS PROGRAM.

--EXPLORE AND ADVISE ON THE NATURE OF SUB-TYPE 'C' OF
THE HIV/AIDS VIRUS (THE PREDOMINANT STRAIN IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA), HOW IT RELATES TO VACCINE DEVELOPMENT, AND THE
EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF NAVIRAPINE FOR REDUCTION OF MOTHER-
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TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION.

--ASSESS BEST STRATEGIES FOR ALLOCATION OF USG RESOURCES
VIS-A-VIS ALTERNATIVE INTERVENTIONS IN PREVENTION
(INFORMATION AND EDUCATION); VOLUNTARY COUNSELING AND
TESTING (VCT); LONG-TERM CARE AND SUPPORT; AND
INNOVATIVE APPROACHES FOR CARE OF CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS
WHO HAVE DIED FROM AIDS.

(1) THE USG SHOULD MAKE AVAILABLE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
AND PROVIDE GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN THE USE OF EXISTING
F S E.G. CHILD SURVIVAL EARMARKED/DISEASE) TO ADDRESS
THE HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. (LEAD:
AMBASSADOR McDONALD, AMBASSADOR CURRAN, AMBASSADOR DUMB
AND CYMBRIA ROZELL)

--WASHINGTON TO PROVIDE MORE SPECIFIC AND TRANSPARENT
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INFORMATION ON THE PRESIDENT'S "LIFE" INITIATIVE. I.E.,
WHAT COUNTRIES WILL BE INCLUDED AND AT WHAT LEVEL. WE
STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT "LIFE" FUNDS BE ADDITIONAL TO
THE CURRENT USAID OPERATIONAL YEARLY BUDGET (OYB). IT
JLD NOT MEAN LESS ECONOMIC GROWTH OR DEMOCRACY FUNDS.
WHICH ALREADY ARE TOO SCARCE.

--U.S. AMBASSADORS TO SEND A JOINT MEMO TO THE SECRETARY
OF STATE AND THE USAID ADMINISTRATOR URGING EFFORTS WITH
THE CONGRESS TO ALLOW USAID TO USE EXISTING RESOURCES
MORE FLEXIBLY TO ADDRESS HIV/AIDS ISSUES.

(2) THERE ARE MANY IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES
PRIMARYLY ADDRESSED BY U.S. AMBASSADORS WHICH MAY NOT
REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL RESOURCES. AN ANNOTATED
CHECKLIST OF POSSIBILITIES FOR U.S. AMBASSADORIAL
INTERVENTIONS (BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL) SHOULD BE
(SEE PARAS 25-28) DEVELOPED. (LEAD: AMBASSADOR CURRAN,
AMBASSADOR STITH, AMBASSADOR SHIPPY AND WALTER BORTH)

--MEETING TO ADOPT POSSIBLE OPTIONS ESTABLISHED FOR U.S.
ASSADORS AS DISCUSSED AT THE CONFERENCE AND TO
CIRCULATE IT MORE BROADLY FOR COMMENT AND IMPROVEMENT.

--DEVELOP AND SHARE BEST PRACTICES ON DIPLOMATIC
INITIATIVES ON EACH OF THESE OPTIONS IDENTIFIED.

(3) REGIONAL COOPERATION AND SYNERGIES AMONG THE U.S.
POSTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ON HIV/AIDS ISSUES SHOULD BE
EXPANDED, AS IT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESSFUL IMPACT OF
USG ASSISTANCE ACROSS THE REGION. (LEAD: AMBASSADOR
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KRUEGER, AMBASSADOR PETERSON, STACY RHODES AND EDWARD
SPRIGGS)

--ESTABLISH SHARED VISION AMONG POSTS FOR CROSS-BORDER
BILATERAL ACTIVITIES FROM CONGO TO CAPE TOWN.

--CONTINUE TO SHARE INFORMATION ON USG HIV/AIDS EFFORTS
AMONG ALL SOUTHERN AFRICAN POSTS.

--HIRE REGIONAL ADVISOR BASED IN PRETORIA TO GET
REGIONAL PROGRAM OPERATIONAL IN NON-PRESENCE COUNTRIES
AND KEEP AMBASSADORS IN THE LOOP.

--USAID TECHNICAL STAFF AT SOUTHERN AFRICAN POSTS TO
HOLD JLAR MEETINGS.

(4) EXPAND AVAILABILITY OF U.S. INFORMATION TO FIELD
PERSONNEL FOR USE IN HIV/AIDS PROGRAMS IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA. PRIMARYLY BY TAPPING THE KNOWLEDGE OF U.S.
RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS, RATHER THAN EMBARKING ON NEW USG
RESEARCH PROGRAMS. (LEAD: USAID WASHINGTON TECHNICAL
TEAM IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION)

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August 11, 1999

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

On Wednesday, December 1, 1999 - World AIDS Day - the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS (BLCA) and the United Nations will hold a one-day international symposium addressing issues affecting children orphaned by the loss of their parents to the worldwide epidemic of AIDS. The symposium, entitled "The Children Left Behind", will be held at the United Nations headquarters in New York City. As Chairman of the National BLCA Board of Directors, I invite you to deliver a keynote address during the symposium.

We would be pleased to work with your scheduling office to construct a time most suitable for you, but feel that your presence in closing the symposium is certain to be a special moment for the international audience of attendees. The closing is scheduled to take place at 4:30 p.m. on December 1st. I have invited former President Nelson Mandela of South African to deliver a keynote address during the symposium's opening session, following a welcome from United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan.

United Nations co-sponsors have extended invitations to her Majesty Queen Noor al-Hussein of Jordan, First Ladies Rutah Correa Leite Cardoso of Brazil and Janet Museveni of Uganda, and the Ambassadors to the Missions of the United Nations' 187 member nations.

Under the leadership of the National BLCA Board of Directors and of Debra Fraser-Howze, BLCA's founding President/CEO and a member of President Clinton's Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, attendees will develop an action plan to address the special needs of these children. Special attention will be given to identifying and addressing affected children in sub-Saharan Africa, the United States, the South American nations of Brazil and Guyana, Haiti, and Southeast Asia.

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New York, NY 10010
Tel: 212 614-0023

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

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The symposium sponsors are working closely with Sandra Thurman, Director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy, who I had the pleasure of accompanying to South Africa as a member of President Clinton's presidential fact-finding mission to sub-Saharan Africa on this issue. This symposium is the outgrowth of one of the recommendations submitted to the President following that mission, and was highlighted by Vice President Gore in his July 19th announcement of the Administration's new Africa initiative on AIDS. We want to ensure that the recommendations emanating from this symposium will prove useful to the Clinton Administration as you move forward with implementation of your international AIDS Orphans initiative.

The United Nations has designated this symposium as the official UN event in observance of World AIDS Day 1999. Joining BLCA as co-sponsors are the Magic Johnson Foundation, the White House Office of National AIDS Policy, the United National Department of Public Information, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

If you or your staff have any questions about the symposium or BLCA's "Children Left Behind" initiative, please contact Debra Fraser-Howze or Philip Hilton, BLCA's Vice President for Fund Development and Communications, at (212) 614-0023.

Your participation will be invaluable to us as we work toward shaping a global response to the tragic plight of children orphaned by AIDS...our children. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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David N. Dinkins
Chairman of the Board

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WORLD AIDS DAY

1 December 1999

The Children Left Behind:

A Symposium in Observance of World AIDS Day

Tentative Programme of Events

Welcome by Under-Secretary-General Kensaku Hogen

OPENING - 10:00 am – 11:15 am

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Peter Piot (Brief welcome remarks)
3 children w/ parent living with HIV (TBD)
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(11:15 am – 1:00 pm)

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Representative of UNICEF
Representative of WHO
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Geri Benoit-Preval (First Lady of Haiti)
Beatrice Were (Coordinator, National Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda) (confirmed)
- **Moderator:** Charlayne Hunter-Gault

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- Hosted by Debra Fraser-Howze, President & CEO, National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc., Ervin "Magic" Johnson, UN Messenger of Peace, and Cookie Johnson
- Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.
- Sponsored By Bristol-Myers Squibb

2nd PANEL - Finance and funding issues (Public/Private Partnerships)
(3:00 pm – 4:30 pm)

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(introduces Rory Kennedy documentary)
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(keynote address)
David N. Dinkins
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RECEPTION: Waldorf Astoria (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)
Hosted by the Magic Johnson Foundation

As of 28 September 1999

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Message

DRAFT BACKGROUNDER**Observance of World AIDS Day**
1 December 1999**10 am - 4 pm**
Conference Room 2**"The Children Left Behind"**

The United Nations Department of Public Information is organizing an observance of World AIDS Day, 1 December 1999, at Headquarters with the theme, "The Children Left Behind", with the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. (BLCA), The Magic Johnson Foundation, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, the World Bank and the White House Office of National AIDS Policy as contributing co-sponsors. The observance will bring together government officials, child-welfare advocates, social scientists, clergy, academicians and policy-makers for a programme of panel discussions on issues related to children orphaned by AIDS. It will be international in scope with a special focus on Africa, where the AIDS problem is the most serious. The audience will consist of delegations, UN staff, NGOs, media, and the medical and social services communities.

A working group, chaired by UNICEF and with the participation of UNAIDS, BLCA and Bristol-Myers Squibb, is now developing an action plan to meet the special needs of children orphaned by the AIDS-related deaths of one or both parents in the coming millennium. The plan will be presented at the observance. A major UNAIDS/UNICEF report on children orphaned by AIDS is scheduled to be launched on the same day.

It is expected that the Deputy Secretary-General will open the programme by delivering the Secretary-General's message for the Day. This will be followed by a statement by former South African President Nelson Mandela. David Dinkins, Chairman of the Board of Directors of BLCA and former Mayor of New York City, and Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director, UNAIDS, will make brief opening remarks. Three children orphaned by AIDS (one each from the United States, Africa and Asia or Europe) will talk about their personal situations. We are inviting Peter Jennings to moderate this segment.

At 11:15 am, a panel on "Child care, child welfare and clinical issues", moderated by Charlayne Hunter-Gault, will include Andrew Billingsley (University of South Carolina), senior representatives of UNICEF and WHO, Mechai Viravaidya (Former Minister of Public Health of Thailand), Geri Benoit-Préval (First Lady of Haiti), and Beatrice Were (Coordinator, National Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda). This panel will focus on the most pressing needs of children orphaned by AIDS and their caretakers, and how they can be addressed.

There will be a luncheon in the Delegates Dining Room sponsored by Bristol-Myers Squibb and hosted by Debra Fraser-Howze, President and CEO, National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc., Ervin "Magic" Johnson, UN Messenger of Peace, and his wife, Cookie Johnson, with Rev. Jesse Jackson as keynote speaker.

At 3 pm, a panel on "Finance and funding issues", moderated by Ed Bradley, will include Ruth Correa Leite Cardoso (First Lady of Brazil), Kenneth E. Weg (Vice Chairman, Bristol-Myers Squibb), Mark Malloch Brown (UNDP), Nafis Sadik (UNFPA), James Wolfensohn (World Bank) and a grass-roots

AIDS worker from South Africa. This panel will focus on resources required to address the needs of AIDS orphans, and how funding can be identified and deployed.

The closing segment, from 4:30-6 pm, will begin with the screening of a short film, "Epidemic Africa", introduced by Sandra L. Thurman, Director, White House Office of National AIDS Policy, followed by statements from Hillary Clinton (First Lady of the United States), H.M. Queen Noor of Jordan, David Dinkins and Peter Piot, with Cristina Saralegui as moderator.

The audience will consist of delegations, UN staff, NGOs, international media, and the medical and social services communities.

Following the event at Headquarters, from 6:30-8:30, there will be a reception at the Waldorf Astoria hosted by the Magic Johnson Foundation.

World AIDS Day was established on 1 December 1988 by the World Health Organization, and its annual observance was mandated by General Assembly resolution A/43/15. Since its establishment in 1996, UNAIDS has expanded the single day's observance into a year-long World AIDS Campaign, with World AIDS Day as a focal point. The overall theme this year is "Listen, Learn, Live: World AIDS Campaign with Children and Young People."

7 October 1999

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1 December 1999
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RECEPTION:

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NOTE: Ms. Elizabeth Taylor may attend and offer brief remarks at the symposium or the luncheon, health permitting.



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Mrs. Sandra Thurman
Director, Office of National Policy
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April 12, 1999

Dear Mrs. Thurman,

The twelveth annual commemorate of World AIDS Day is approaching quickly. The outstanding accomplishments of this Administration in response to this global health issue is one for the record books. We, the employees of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, appreciate and support your continued interest in this global health epidemic.

The 1999 World AIDS Day theme is "Children & Young People: Listen, Learn, Live." On behalf of the employees of the U.S. Department of Agriculture we would appreciate your joining us as our "Special Guest," on Wednesday, December 1, 1999, Jefferson Auditorium, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, D.C.

The Department's commemoration of World AIDS day this year via satellite broadcast will reach all Federal employees and other interested parties. We plan to uplink this teleconference across the country and have invited other departments and agencies to join this event.

Other invited participants include: the Secretary of Agriculture, Dan Glickman, Dr. David Satcher, U.S. Surgeon General and Mrs. Gloria Gutierrez, DOC. Your prompt response would be greatly appreciated. For additional information please call me at 202-720-8247.

Sincerely,


Betty J. Thomas
HIV/AIDS Program Manager



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TO: Federal Workplace Interagency Taskforce
Agency AIDS Coordinators

SUBJECT: World AIDS Day 1999

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(Program time ninety minutes or less.)

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Betty J. Thomas
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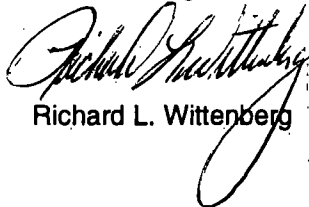
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Dear Advisory Committee Member,

Thank you for serving on the World AIDS Day Advisory Committee. This year's World AIDS Day program will be held in Los Angeles in order to honor our mission of reaching out to community-based organizations throughout the United States.

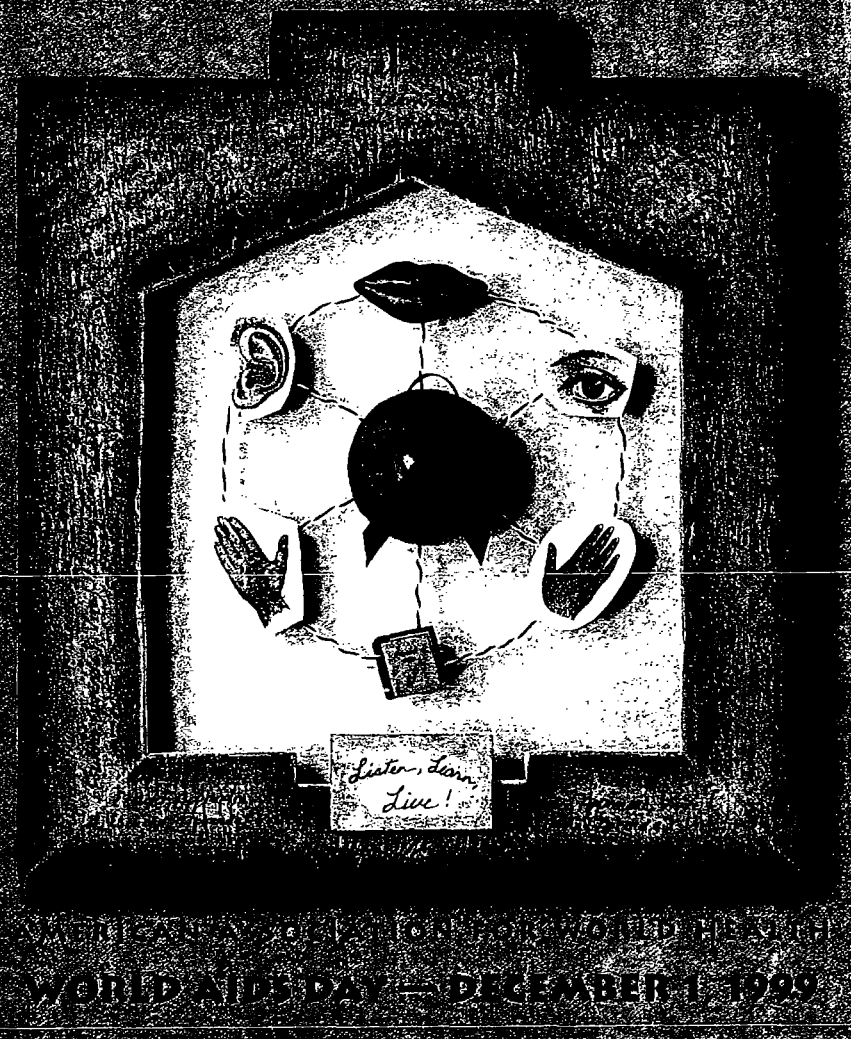
If there is a particular individual or organization you wish to invite, please let us know. We would be happy to send an invitation.

Warmest Regards,



Richard L. Wittenberg

AIDS — END THE SILENCE



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American Association for World Health

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The American Association for World Health coordinates World AIDS Day in the US

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THE WHITE HOUSE

September 7, 1999

Honorable David N. Dinkins
Chairman of the Board
National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc
105 East 22nd Street
Suite 711
New York, New York 10010

Dear David:

Thank you for inviting me to participate in the BLCA's World AIDS Day symposium. I appreciate your interest and have forwarded a copy of your letter to my scheduling office for consideration. Until then, good luck with your planning and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Hillary Rodham Clinton

cc: Patti Solis Doyle
Director of Scheduling

**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

October 4, 1999

**The Honorable David N. Dinkins
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National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS Inc.
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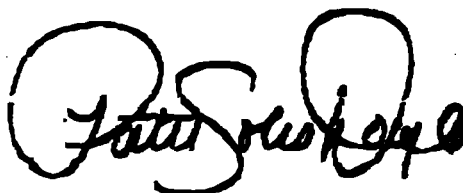
Dear Mr. Dinkins:

Thank you for your kind letter inviting Mrs. Clinton to speak at the World AIDS Day Symposium of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS on December 1, 1999.

Since it is difficult to know what the First Lady's upcoming official schedule will be, I am unable to make a commitment for her at this time. While it is unlikely Mrs. Clinton will be able to accept your invitation, please be assured that we will keep it in mind and contact you if we can accommodate your request.

Mrs. Clinton appreciates your thoughtfulness and sends her best wishes.

Sincerely,



**Patti Solis Doyle
Deputy Assistant to the President
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Comments

Attached is a letter of invitation for Secretary Riley for this year's World AIDS Day program. We faxed a letter to him and will be sending a copy of our World AIDS Day Resource Booklet by courier tomorrow. Thank you for your help.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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**MEMORANDUM FOR REGAN BURKE
DIRECTOR, SCHEDULING AND BRIEFING STAFF**

From: Sandra L. Thurman 
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
(202) 456-2437

Date: November 23, 1999

Subject: **Invitation for World AIDS Day event**

The American Association for World Health (AAWH), in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, recently invited Secretary Riley to speak at the 1999 National World AIDS Day program in Los Angeles on December 1st. As you know, World AIDS day continues to serve as an important forum for awareness and remembrance. This year's theme, *AIDS – End the Silence. Listen, Learn, Live!* specifically focuses on education and open communication about HIV/AIDS among all groups of all ages.

I realize that the invitation is extremely late, but I hope that the Secretary might have flexibility in his schedule that would allow him to participate in observance of this very important day. The AAWH, which serves as the U.S. committee for the World Health Organization, is a wonderful group that has been instrumental in promoting HIV/AIDS awareness and education.

Please call me if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.



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November 18, 1999

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New York, New York

Dear Secretary Riley:

I am writing to invite you to speak at the 1999 National World AIDS Day program, which will be held for the first time in Los Angeles this year. The breakfast and program will be held on World AIDS Day, December 1, at the Hyatt Regency Los Angeles, from 8:00 am to 11:30 am.

We would be honored to have you speak to the 300 guests, since your presence at this national program will reinforce the fact that educating people about HIV/AIDS is an important issue throughout the United States and, indeed, throughout the world.

We are inviting a diverse audience from the greater Los Angeles community, representing public health, government, business, and healthcare professionals and AIDS Service Organizations, with a special focus on Hispanic, African American and faith communities.

The theme of World AIDS Day this year is "AIDS—End the Silence. Listen, Learn, Live!" It specifically focuses on educating and stimulating open communication about HIV/AIDS among all groups, especially among young adults under 25 years of age.

As the US Committee to the World Health Organization, each year AAWH coordinates World AIDS Day, in conjunction with the US Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

I am pleased to enclose a copy of our latest publication for World AIDS Day, *AIDS—End the Silence. Listen, Learn, Live!* Over 55,000 of these resource books have been distributed to AIDS organizations, all departments of health and education across the country, community-based organizations, schools and colleges, health care

providers, prisons, corporations, faith-based groups and individuals interested in promoting awareness of HIV/AIDS prevention in rural and urban communities across the United States.

World AIDS Day provides an excellent opportunity to attract national attention to the numerous health and social issues surrounding the epidemic. We are confident that the program will draw significant media attention.

We would be pleased and honored to have you participate in our World AIDS Day program. Please feel free to contact me personally with any questions at (202) 466-5883. I look forward to hearing from you soon to confirm your availability on the morning of December 1.

With warmest personal regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard L. Wittenberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "R".

Richard L. Wittenberg
President and Chief Executive Officer

RLW/km

Enclosure: *AIDS—End the Silence. Listen, Learn, Live!* book and poster

XC: Sandra Thurman
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MAGIC JOHNSON FOUNDATION'S
UNITED NATIONS EVENT
AT THE WALDORF-ASTORIA'S STARLIGHT ROOF
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1999
REVISED PROGRAM SCHEDULE (11/29/99)

Tuesday, November 30

Banners to arrive at The Waldorf-Astoria from
the Magic Johnson Foundation

Attention: Elizabeth A. Stella

Senior Catering Sales Manager

- Magic Johnson Foundation (behind podium in ballroom)
- Dupont (ballroom)
- BLACA (ballroom foyer)
- Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
- Children Affected by AIDS Foundation (ballroom foyer)
- Mattel (ballroom)

* **All signage will come with return FedEx slips. Special Occasions, Inc. will box all signs listed above after event and FedEx from the hotel.**

Wednesday, December 1

WORLD AIDS DAY/UNITED NATIONS PROGRAM

A Symposium in Observance of World AIDS Day

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Welcome by Undersecretary General Kensaku Hogen

OPENING

- 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

- Speakers: President of the General Assembly Theo-Ben Gurirab (Confirmed)
Deputy Secretary-General Louise Fréchette (Confirmed)
Nelson Mandela (Confirmed)
David Dinkins (Brief welcome remarks) (Confirmed)
Peter Piot (Brief welcome remarks) (Confirmed)

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- 3 children:
 - Precious Thomas (USA) (Confirmed)
 - Khomsan Sang-sue-moon (Thailand) (Confirmed)
 - Andrew Jackson Okurut (Uganda) (Confirmed)
- Moderator: Alexandra Berke, Reporter, Children's Express (Confirmed)

1ST PANEL

- Child care, child welfare and clinical issues (11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
- Panelists: Andrew Billingsley (University of South Carolina) (Confirmed)
Urban Johnsson (UNICEF) (Confirmed)
Mechai Viravaidya (Former Minister of Public Health Thailand and UNAIDS Goodwill Ambassador) (Confirmed)
Geri Benoît-Préval (First Lady of Haiti) (Confirmed)
Beatrice Were (Coordinator, National Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda) (Confirmed)
- Moderator: Charlayne Hunter-Gault

LUNCHEON

- Delegates Dining Room (1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.)
- Hosted by Debra Fraser-Howze, President and CEO, National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc., Ervin "Magic" Johnson, UN Messenger of Peace, and Cookie Johnson (Confirmed)
- Keynote speaker: Rev. Jesse Jackson (Confirmed)
- Sponsored by Bristol-Myers Squibb

2ND PANEL

- Finance and funding issues (3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
- Panelists: Manto Tsabalala-Msimang (Minister of Health of South Africa)
Kenneth E. Weg, Vice Chairman, Bristol-Myers Squibb (Confirmed)
Eimi Watanabe (UNDP) (Confirmed)
Hirofumi Ando (UNFPA) (Confirmed)
James Wolfensohn (World Bank)
AIDS grass-roots worker
- Moderator: Ed Bradley

CLOSING

- (4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)
- Film screening – "Epidemic Africa"

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Introduction by Sandra L. Thurman, Director, White
House Office of National AIDS Policy (Confirmed)

- Speakers: Harry Belafonte (Goodwill Ambassador,
UNICEF) (Confirmed) who will introduce:
Secretary-General Kofi Annan (Confirmed)
H.M. Queen Noor of Jordan (Confirmed)
Hillary Clinton (Confirmed)
Peter Piot: "A Call to Action" (Confirmed)

11:00 a.m.	Special Occasions, Inc. to be on site for setup
	Limousine to be at The Waldorf-Astoria for Mr. Johnson
12:00 noon	Rental company to deliver standup cocktail tables to The Waldorf-Astoria
	Linens to be delivered to The Waldorf-Astoria
	Canisters for toys to be delivered to the Starlight Roof Attn: Marianne or Burt (SO)
1:00 p.m.	The Waldorf-Astoria to setup AV
2:00 p.m.	Jeff Gross to setup dolls on pedestals
3:00 p.m.	Flowers to be delivered to Starlight Roof
4:30 p.m.	Eric Reed Trio to setup in the Starlight Room
5:00 p.m.	Eric Reed Trio to do sound check
5:30 p.m.	Security to be in place
	Magic Johnson Foundation (Towalame) to man registration table Located in the foyer by elevators (hotel to provide (2) six-foot tables with linens and skirting)

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Paulette Kam to man press check-in tables
(Jennifer Thomas (MJF) to be at press table)
Located in the foyer by elevators
(hotel to provide (2) six-foot tables with
linens and skirting)
(2) volunteers to help collect toys from guests

6:30 p.m.

Cocktail reception to begin at The Waldorf-
Astoria

Waiters to tray-pass wine and champagne

Waiters to tray-pass hors d'oeuvres

7:45 p.m.

Bars to close

Program to begin

PROGRAM

7:45 p.m.

Greg Roberts to recognize partners and
introduce Peter Piot

7:48 p.m.

Greg Roberts to introduce Sandy Thurman

7:51 p.m.

Greg Roberts to introduce Mattel, Inc.
representative

Mattel, Inc. representative to speak

Mattel, Inc. representative to introduce Miss
Universe

7:55 p.m.

Miss Universe to speak and accept toys

7:57 p.m.

Mattel, Inc. representative and Miss Universe
to have photo opportunity with Mr. Johnson

8:04 p.m.

Greg Roberts to introduce DuPont
representative

8:06 p.m.

DuPont representative to speak

8:08 p.m.

Greg to introduce Agouron representative

8:10 p.m.

Greg to introduce Agouron Vignette (video
presentation)

8:15 p.m.

Kawanna to speak about Harlem Dowling and
introduce Mr. Johnson

8:20 p.m.

Mr. Johnson to speak

8:30 p.m.

Photo opportunities

8:00 p.m.

Special Occasions, Inc. to setup Call for Action
brochures at registration table

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9:00 p.m.

Agencies to pickup toys and canisters:

- Harlem Dowlings Westside Children's Center
- Incarnation Children's Center

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PRESS RELEASE

NBC 4, THE OWNERS OF ROCKEFELLER CENTER AND THE GAY MEN'S HEALTH CRISIS TO COMMEMORATE WORLD AIDS DAY WITH SPECIAL OUTDOOR CEREMONY ON DECEMBER 1

Lights on World-Famous Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree to Go Dark in Recognition of New York's "Night Without Light" Ceremony

New York, NY -- (November 17, 1999) In recognition that December 1 is World AIDS Day, as well as the lighting of the world-famous Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree, NBC 4, the owners of Rockefeller Center and the Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) will hold a special outdoor ceremony immediately following the live broadcast of NBC's and WNBC's "Christmas in Rockefeller Center." This event will support the local "Night Without Light" observance in New York.

To commemorate this important ceremony, members from the "Christmas in Rockefeller Center" broadcast and a spokesperson from the GMHC will turn off the Christmas Tree lights shortly after the broadcast ends at 9 p.m. and ask the people gathered in the Rockefeller Center Plaza to observe a one-minute moment of silence.

At the same time, Jerry I. Speyer, President and CEO of Tishman Speyer Properties, a co-owner of Rockefeller Center and an owner of the Chrysler Building, will switch off the Chrysler Building's external lights. After one minute, the tree and building lights will be turned back on.

"On behalf of everyone involved with the GMHC, I want to thank the owners of Rockefeller Center, NBC and WNBC for their generosity and compassion for people with HIV/AIDS. Turning off the lights on the world's most famous Christmas Tree should send the message to the world that AIDS is not over. While we have made great progress in our fight, there are still nearly 40,000 people infected with HIV each year in the United States and six million throughout the world. Our wish and hope for the new year is to break the cycle of new infections and ensure that all people with HIV are able to get the best medical care available," said Ana Oliveira, Executive Director, GMHC.

"We're very pleased to partner with the owners of Rockefeller Center and the GMHC to commemorate World AIDS Day in New York," said Dennis Swanson, President and General Manager of WNBC. "As the media sponsor for the GMHC's AIDS Walk, NBC 4 is committed to raising awareness of AIDS and HIV within the New York community, and therefore we felt it was important to take part in the 'Night Without Light' ceremony."

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"Children Caught in the Crossfire"
Talking Points for First Lady's Speech
UN Conference on Children Orphaned by AIDS
December 1, 1999

AIDS is a plague of biblical proportions, and no where is that more true than in Africa. Each and every day, AIDS claims for than 5,500 African men, women, and children -- and in the next few years, that number will more than double.

While conflict and war claimed 200,000 lives in Africa last year -- AIDS claimed 10 times as many casualties. Over the next decade, AIDS will kill more people in sub-Saharan Africa than the total number lost in all wars of the 20th century.

And yet the epidemic rages on. Each and every day, 16,000 additional people around the world become HIV+ -- one every 5 seconds. One in 10 is a baby born to an infected mother and nearly half are teenagers and young adults under the age of 25.

What we see in Africa today, we are likely to see in the India and in the New Independent States tomorrow, if serious action is not taken now to stem the rising tide of HIV. By 2005, it is projected that more than 100 million people will have been infected with HIV. 100 million.

A UNAIDS/UNICEF report released this morning called AIDS "the world's most deadly undeclared war" -- and increasingly, it is women and children that are caught in the crossfire. All too often, cultural norms place women at heightened risk of HIV. In many part of the world, girls are less likely to have access to education, information, and skill training. And in turn, women are less likely to have access to essential health care and income generating opportunities. These realities increase their vulnerability to both poverty and HIV.

AIDS is reversing decades of progress in child survival. In the next ten years, in many Africa countries, infant mortality will double, and child mortality will triple. And in spite of this trend, by the year 2010, more than 40 million children will be orphaned by AIDS -- let me say that again -- 40 -- million -- children. In nine sub-Saharan African nations, this means that as we move into the new millennium, between 1/5 and 1/3 of all children will be orphaned by AIDS. In many urban centers, tens of thousands of children orphaned by AIDS are already living on the streets. And tragically, the worst is yet to come.

In human terms, the AIDS emergency and its affect on children is causing unprecedented threats to child welfare. This vulnerability includes decreased access to life-sustaining food, education, health care, housing and clothing, and increased psycho-social distress brought on by the death of a parent or parents. These children are also at extraordinary risk of physical and sexual abuse as well as child labor exploitation. **Without a doubt, AIDS has placed an entire generation of Africa children's in jeopardy.**

In many ways, these are children of war -- and the enemy is AIDS. The only difference is that communities rally around children of war. Unfortunately, all too often our children left behind by AIDS are shrouded in stigma and plagued by prejudice, fear, and uncertainty.

Yet amidst this tragedy is hope. Amidst this crisis is opportunity. **From the South Bronx to Soweto, efforts are being made to stem the rising tide of HIV infection, to prolong the lives of those who are sick and to stitch together a tapestry of family support systems for the growing millions of children orphaned by AIDS.**

[-- first ladies experience in Uganda and Thailand]

Through village banks and micro-finance programs, women are receiving loans, starting small businesses, and with increased household incomes, are able to care for children orphaned by AIDS. With support of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), communities are mobilizing to deal with school fees, food assistance, immunization and oral re-hydration, counseling, and the range of other services these children need.

These efforts are low cost strategies designed to empower women (many of whom are HIV positive), protect children, and support extended families and communities in caring for their own. And as we move forward -- we must reaffirm our commitment to keep families and communities at the frontline of our response. For a small fraction of the cost of one orphanage bed, many more vulnerable children can receive care in a family setting. Unfortunately, only a very tiny fraction of those children in need receive even this modest level of support.

Clearly, there is more, much more that we need to do together. **If we are truly to declare war on AIDS, and on the tragedy of children left behind, we need to mobilize and sustain both leadership and resources.**

• leadership means breaking the silence, reforming policies and priorities, and taking action = all levels of government and all people. AIDS is everyone's problem -- and everyone must be part of the solution.

We need to fight AIDS, not people with AIDS. After nearly two decades of this pandemic, people should no longer have to suffer in silence or hide their realities from their natural support systems. Extended family and kinship networks have traditionally played a critically important support role -- and these networks are an essential part of planning for children's futures in a world of AIDS. The church, the synagogue, and the mosque must come to be involved in this effort, as they are today as the quilt unfolds at the kickoff of the World Parliament on Religion in South Africa. And finally, we need legal systems that puts children and families first, that protect the rights of women, and emphasize the best interests of the child.

• leadership means looking at these issues in the broader context.

AIDS is not only a humanitarian health crisis unlike anything we have seen. AIDS is an economic and trade issue. AIDS is a security and civil society issue. AIDS is a human rights issues. And AIDS is a key development issue. AIDS is Africa is rolling back decades on progress on a variety of development benchmarks and we can no longer expect for this pandemic to be managed within the health sector alone.

AIDS, and children affected by AIDS, but be mainstreamed and retrofit into each of these other agendas.

-- Education for teenage girls, in Africa now six times more likely to be HIV infected than boys their age, is an AIDS issue.

-- Micro finance programs for women, who in Africa are now more likely to be HIV infected than men, is an AIDS issue.

-- Trade with Africa where many companies now hire two employees for every one skilled job fearing that one will die of AIDS, is an AIDS issue.

-- other examples.....

• And winning this war will require more than just generals and volunteers, it **will require real resources.**

I am very pleased that the President proposed and the Congress appropriated a new investment of \$100 million in the US's response to the global pandemic. This will enable us to more than double our care and prevention efforts in sub-Saharan Africa as well as to increase our investments elsewhere. This initiative called "LIFE" will focus on four key programmatic areas including: (1) support for children orphaned by AIDS; (2) HIV prevention; (3) AIDS care and treatment; and (4) the development of infrastructure needed to make these other efforts a success.

But no one year initiative can save the lives of those whose futures hang in the balance. What we need is a substantial and sustained commitment. That is why the President will again ask for a major increase in the FY 2001 budget for our global battle against AIDS, and our fight for the futures of the children left behind. In addition, while we continue to focus attention on the pandemic currently raging across Africa, the President will send a follow up mission to Asia too explore ways that we may help to divert a disaster there.

-- challenge others to join, really about partnerships with all key stakeholders;

-- debt relief -- dealing with AIDS is central to making anything else work; countries should invest newly freed up resources in the battle against AIDS;

Much has been written and said about what we need to do turn the tide of this epidemic. It is now time for us to move from paper to practice -- and from words to deeds.

Together, we must find ways to affirm that we are a global community and our battle against AIDS in America, in Africa, and around the world is a shared responsibility.

Together, we must join our voices and pool our skills and our resources to begin to keep pace with an epidemic that is out of control.

And together we must push past denial and blame and inevitability -- and toward a sense of real solidarity symbolized by shared commitment, collaboration, and constructive action.

As a global community -- we must work together to create a world where no child is left behind. And to that end, the strong-willed grandmothers in Kampala and Port of Prince caring for grandchildren orphaned by AIDS give me hope. The street youth of Rio and Bangkok, and the countless children worldwide, who suffer hard times, but continue to live and to learn and to believe, give me hope. These are the faces of children and families living in world with AIDS. And their resilience leads us on.

God bless you for your work. Thank you very much.

WAD 99 confirmed 11/1/99
confirmed guest 11/4/99

SEASONS *o f* HOPE

Honoring

Quincy Jones Sharon Stone Robin Williams

to benefit the
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AIDS RESEARCH

October 18, 1999

Sandra Thurman, Director
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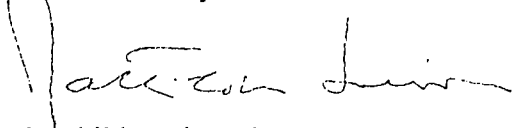
Dear Ms. Thurman:

On the eve of World AIDS Day 1999, November 30, the American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR), in association with Concerned Parents for AIDS Research (CPFA) will honor three extraordinary individuals — Quincy Jones, Sharon Stone, and Robin Williams — for their outstanding personal commitment to the battle against AIDS. The *Seasons of Hope* gala will be Co-Chaired by Universal Studios' President and Chief Operating Officer, Ron Meyer, and will take place at Pier 60, Chelsea Piers. The evening will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m. and will be followed by dinner, special tributes to our guests of honor, and fabulous live entertainment.

With this letter, I would like to invite you to attend this special evening as my personal guest. I truly hope you will be able to join all of us at amfAR in observing World AIDS Day 1999 and in celebrating our worthy honorees. As the event is fast approaching, we would greatly appreciate a decision as soon as possible. To respond, or if you have any questions about this event, please contact Elisha Silvera at (212) 806-1757.

Your expression of support will greatly help us start the new millennium as a true season of hope.

Most sincerely,



Mathilde Krim, Ph.D.
Founding Co-Chair and
Chairman of the Board

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Please see attached bios. Please note that we have not received any bio for the Ugandan child, Andrew Jackson Okurut.

X Starts @ 10:00!

WORLD AIDS DAY

Wednesday, 1 December 1999
Conference Room 4

The Children Left Behind:
A symposium on children orphaned by AIDS
in observance of World AIDS Day

Morning Session

WELCOMING REMARKS

Kensaku Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

OPENING SEGMENT

10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Theo-Ben Gurirab, President of the fifty-fourth session
of the United Nations General Assembly
Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
Peter Piot, Executive Director, UNAIDS

Children orphaned by AIDS:
Precious Thomas (U.S.A.)
Khomsan Sang-sue-moon (Thailand)
Andrew Jackson Okurut (Uganda)
Moderated by Alexandra Burke, Reporter, Children's Express

Hillary Rodham Clinton, First Lady of the United States

FIRST PANEL

11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

CHILD CARE, CHILD WELFARE and CLINICAL ISSUES

Andrew Billingsley, Professor, University of South Carolina
Urban Johnsson, Regional Director, Eastern and Southern Africa, UNICEF
Mechal Viravaidya, Chairman, Population & Community Development Association, Thailand
and UNAIDS Ambassador
Geri Benoit-Préval, First Lady of Haiti
Beatrice Were, Coordinator, National Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS, Uganda

LUNCHEON 1:15 - 2:45 p.m.
Delegates Dining Room

Hosted by **Debra Fraser-Howze**, President and CEO,
National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc.,
Earvin "Magic" Johnson, UN Messenger of Peace and
Cookie Johnson

Keynote address by **Rev. Jesse Jackson**
Remarks by **US Cong. Rep. Charles B. Rangel** (D, NY)

Sponsored by **Bristol-Myers Squibb**

Afternoon Session

WELCOMING REMARKS

David Dinkins, Chairman of the Board of Directors, BLCA
Nils Daulaire, President, Global Health Council

SECOND PANEL 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
FINANCE and FUNDING ISSUES

Kenneth E. Weg, Vice-Chairman, Bristol-Myers Squibb
Elmi Watanabe, Assistant Administrator and Director,
Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP
Hirofumi Ando, Deputy Executive Director, Policy and Administration, UNFPA
Callisto E. Madavo, Vice-President for the Africa Region, World Bank
Eka Esu-Williams, President, Society of Women and AIDS in Africa

CLOSING SEGMENT 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Film screening of EPIDEMIC AFRICA
with Introduction by Sandra L. Thurman, Director,
White House Office of National AIDS Policy

Introductions by **Harry Belafonte**, Goodwill Ambassador, UNICEF

Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations
Her Majesty Queen Noor Al Hussein of Jordan
Peter Piot, Executive Director, UNAIDS: "A Call to Action"

RECEPTION 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Waldorf Astoria Starlight Room

Hosted by the **Magic Johnson Foundation**
Mpule Kwelagobe, Miss Universe 1999, will accept a donation of toys from the
Magic Johnson Foundation for children from countries featured in the programme

HHS INTERNAL DOCUMENT

Questions and Answers, Protection of Intellectual Property and Health Policy

Background: United States Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky and Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala today announced their intention to develop a cooperative approach on health-related intellectual property matters to ensure that the application of U.S. trade law related to intellectual property by USTR remains sufficiently flexible to respond to public health crises. Recognizing that health emergencies may require special measures, USTR and HHS are working together to establish a process for analyzing the health issues that arise in the application of U.S. trade-related intellectual property law and policy. The exact process by which HHS will analyze and evaluate USTR requests for assistance has not yet been fully described.

Does this approach signal a shift in US Trade Policy to be more accommodating of health issues such as AIDS?

I would refer this and any other questions on Trade Policy to the USTR. HHS will simply provide consultation to USTR at its request.

Did USTR come to HHS with this idea or did HHS approach USTR?

USTR approached HHS, and a dialogue was begun between HHS and USTR.

What will this new arrangement actually mean in terms of HHS input into US Trade Policy?

USTR may receive requests from some countries to relax protection of intellectual property to make drugs more available in a public health emergency. USTR will consult with HHS on such a request, and HHS, after reviewing the situation, will provide information as to the nature of the public health problem. USTR will consider this information, but only the USTR will decide to what extent the application of US trade law might be modified.

Will HHS certify or otherwise confirm that an actual health emergency exists in a specific country?

No. HHS will provide expert consultation on the pertinent health issues in that country, and it will be up to USTR to decide whether or not a flexible approach to intellectual property protection will be applied.

Will this possibly mean a modification of the TRIPS agreement?

No. The United States is a signatory to TRIPS, but we believe that US Trade Law and TRIPS are sufficiently flexible to permit sound public health approaches to a given

problem in any country with whom the U.S. is a trading partner. We believe that public health policy and intellectual property protection can be mutually supportive.

Who will actually provide information to the USTR on health-related trade issues?

The Department will draw on expertise from various HHS agencies in consultation with multi-lateral partners. The review and response will be coordinated through the Office of International and Refugee Health, a staff office to the Secretary. It is likely that CDC, NIH, HRSA, and FDA will be the main sources of expertise.

Was the recent agreement worked out with South Africa a result of a consultation process between USTR and IIHS?

No. The USTR acted independently in the case of South Africa. However, it was as a result of the recent events in South Africa that the need for health input in trade policy became apparent.

Could outcomes resulting from USTR requests to IIHS related to international trade policy affect domestic issues?

It is possible that certain of the problems identified as emergencies abroad may be similar to those found in this country. However, the solutions are likely to be quite different, and we do not anticipate that decisions made by USTR in the consideration of health emergencies in other countries will be applicable here in the United States.

It is likely that many nations will consider many different problems as health emergencies. Will there be a separate office set up in HHS to handle the subsequent consultation requests from USTR?

No. At this point, HHS will provide analyses on an ad hoc basis and then later determine if additional resources will be needed to respond to requests from USTR. We are announcing today the intention to work together, and we are currently developing the review and response process.

What will constitute a public health emergency?

As we have stated, we have announced our intention to develop a process of responding to USTR requests for information. We will be working on this process with USTR in the coming weeks.

What will be the impact of this consultation process be on the NIH's policies for protection of US-developed intellectual property and its' licensing to private parties?

None whatsoever.

**Health and Trade Announcement
December 1, 1999**

Question: What are the implications of the agreement between USTR and HHS?

Answer:

- o Under this new arrangement there will be a more directed interaction between USTR and HHS on health-related intellectual property issues.
- o When a foreign government expresses concern that U.S. trade law related to intellectual property significantly impedes its ability to address a health crisis, USTR will seek substantive information from HHS on the health conditions prevailing in that country.
- o This will enable USTR to ensure that the application of U.S. trade law related to intellectual property, consistent with international trade treaties, is sufficiently flexible to respond to public health crises.

Question: Does this mean USTR is globalizing its recent understanding with South Africa?

Answer:

- o Through consultations with HHS, USTR will ensure that the unique health demands of individual nations are given careful consideration in the application of U.S. trade policy.
- o We will make determinations on a case by case basis after a thorough analysis of each individual situation once a foreign government has expressed concerns to us.

Question: What was the understanding with South Africa?

Answer:

- o Under the understanding both governments reaffirmed their shared objective of fully protecting intellectual property rights under the WTO TRIPS Agreement, while addressing the health issues identified by South Africa. This will permit South Africa to engage in compulsory licensing, parallel importing, *inter alia*, consistent with existing international trade law.

Question: What is the Administration's response to claims that the TRIPS Agreement should be amended because it conflicts with developing countries' efforts to address health issues?

Answer:

- o We do not believe that TRIPS interferes with health policy. In fact, HHS and USTR agree that sound public health policy and intellectual property protection are mutually supportive. As seen in the case of South Africa, TRIPS allows the flexibility for developing countries to respond to public health crises.

Question: What is the U.S. view of proposals to patents on drugs designated by the WHO as essential drugs?

Answer:

- o We oppose proposals to deny patents on drugs designated by the WHO as essential. The vast majority of the drugs designated as essential by the WHO are not under patent anywhere in the world. Clearly, patent protection is not standing in the way of access to these essential drugs.

Question: We understand that the Thai Government is under pressure to issue compulsory licenses on HIV drugs such as ddl.

Answer:

- o The Thai Government has not approached us about the situation you describe. If the Thai Government does indeed approach us on this issue, USTR will certainly consult closely with them and with HHS before determining the best course of action.

Question: Isn't it true that the USG imposed trade sanctions on Thailand in 1998 because it attempted to reduce the costs of medicines?

Answer:

- o Recently there have been articles stating that Thailand enacted a patent law in 1992 in response to U.S. threats to restrict trade preferences.
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 - In fact, in 1998, the USG and Thailand agreed to a mostly copyright oriented IPR action plan which served as the basis for the restoration of duty-free treatment for Thai wood furniture and jewelry. Thailand agreed to take steps to comply with its TRIPS obligations, including to eliminate TRIPS inconsistent- compulsory licensing provisions.
 - This action in 1998 restored benefits to Thailand (mentioned above) that had been revoked in 1988.
- o It is important to note that the 1998 IPR action plan and restoration of certain benefits as the USG's attempt to focus the Thai Government's attention on the growing IP problem and to promote cooperation between our governments to improve IPR protection.

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Questions and Answers, Protection of Intellectual Property and Health Policy

Background: United States Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky and Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala today announced their intention to develop a cooperative approach on health-related intellectual property matters to ensure that the application of U.S. trade law related to intellectual property by USTR remains sufficiently flexible to respond to public health crises. Recognizing that health emergencies may require special measures, USTR and HHS are working together to establish a process for analyzing and evaluating the health issues that arise in the application of U.S. trade-related intellectual property law and policy. The exact process by which HHS will analyze and evaluate USTR requests for assistance has not yet been fully described.

Does this approach signal a shift in US Trade Policy to be more accommodating of health issues such as AIDS?

I would refer this and any other questions on Trade Policy to the USTR. DHHS will simply provide consultation to USTR at its request as part of its existing mission.

Did USTR come to HHS with this idea or did HHS approach USTR?

USTR approached HHS, and a dialogue was begun between HHS and USTR.

What will this new arrangement actually mean in terms of HHS input into US Trade Policy?

USTR may receive requests from some countries to relax protection of intellectual property to make drugs more affordable in a public health emergency. USTR will consult with HHS on such a request, and HHS, after reviewing the situation, will provide information and expert advice as to the nature of the public health problem. USTR will consider this advice, but only the USTR will decide to what extent the application of US trade law might be modified.

Will HHS certify or otherwise confirm that an actual health emergency exists in a specific country?

No. HHS will provide expert consultation and advice on the health issue in that country, and it will be up to USTR to decide whether or not a flexible approach to intellectual property protection will be applied.

Will this possibly mean a modification of the TRIPS agreement?

No. The United States is a signatory to TRIPS, but we believe that US Trade Law and TRIPS are sufficiently flexible to permit sound public health approaches to a given problem in any country with whom the U.S. is a trading partner. We believe that public health policy and intellectual property protection can be mutually supportive.

Who will actually provide the advice to the USTR on health-related trade issues?

The Department will draw on expertise from various HHS agencies. The review and response will be coordinated through the Office of International and Refugee Health. It is likely that CDC, NIH, HRSA, AHCPR, and FDA will be the main sources of expert opinion.

Was the recent agreement worked out with South Africa a result of a consultation process between USTR and HHS?

No. The USTR acted independently in the case of South Africa. However, it was as a result of the recent events in South Africa that the need for health input in trade policy became apparent.

Could health decisions made in support of other nations health emergencies affect domestic policy?

It is possible that certain of the problems identified as emergencies abroad may be similar to those found in this country. Thus, the solutions are likely to be quite different, and we do not anticipate that decisions made by USTR in the consideration of health emergencies in other countries will be applicable here in the United States.

It is likely that many nations will consider many different problems as health emergencies. Will there be a separate office set up in HHS to handle the subsequent consultation requests from USTR?

No. At this point, HHS will provide analyses and evaluations on an ad hoc basis and then later determine if additional resources will be needed to respond to requests from USTR. We are announcing today the intention to work together, and we are currently developing the review and response process.

What will constitute a public health emergency?

As we have stated, we have announced our intention to develop a process of review and response. We will be working on this process with USTR in the coming weeks.

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December 1, 1999**

Question: How does this announcement with HHS change things?

Answer:

- Under this new arrangement there will be a much more intensified interaction between USTR and HHS health-related intellectual property issues.
- When a foreign government expresses concern that U.S. trade law related to intellectual property significantly impedes its ability to address a health crisis, USTR will seek substantive information from HHS on the health conditions prevailing in that country.
- This will enable USTR to ensure that the application of U.S. trade law related to intellectual property is sufficiently flexible to respond to legitimate public health crises.

Question: Does this mean USTR is "globalizing" its recent understanding with South Africa?

- It means that through our consultations with HHS we will determine if the South Africa type of understanding is warranted with other countries.
- We will make this determination on a case by case basis after a thorough analysis of each individual situation once a foreign government has expressed concerns to us.

Question: What was the understanding with South Africa?

- Under the understanding both governments reaffirmed their shared objective of fully protecting intellectual property rights under the WTO TRIPS Agreement, while addressing the health issues identified by South Africa. South Africa agreed that it would address health needs in a manner that fully protects intellectual property rights.

Question: What is the Administration's response to claims that the TRIPS Agreement should be amended because it conflicts with developing countries efforts to address health issues?

- First, we reject the notion that TRIPS in anyway interferes with sound health policies. In fact, HHS and USTR are in total agreement that sound public health policy and intellectual property protection are mutually supportive. Without IP protection, the incentive to create innovative new drugs is seriously threatened.
- Second, it cannot be established that TRIPS has had a negative impact on developing countries' efforts to address health crises, developing countries are not even obligated to implement TRIPS until January 1, 2000.

- Many countries that are facing health crises do not offer patent protection for pharmaceuticals. therefore patent protection can hardly be the cause of the problem.

Question: What is the U.S. view of proposals to patents on drugs designated by the WHO as essential drugs?

- We oppose proposals to deny patents on drugs designated by the WHO as essential. The vast majority of the drugs designated as essential by the WHO are not under patent anywhere in the world. Clearly, patent protection is not standing in the way of access to these essential drugs.

~~Senior officials at the WHO and at HHS do not support this proposal and do not feel it would have any positive impact on access to essential drugs.~~

Question: We understand the Thai Government is under pressure to issue compulsory licenses on HIV drugs such as DDI.

- The Thai Government has not approached us about the situation you describe.
- When and if the Thai Government approaches us on this issue, we will certainly consult closely with them and HHS to determine the best course of action.

Question: Isn't it true that the USG imposed trade sanctions on Thailand in 1998 because it attempted reduce the costs of medicines?

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THE PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND HEALTH POLICY

United States Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky and Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala today announced their intention to develop a cooperative approach on health-related intellectual property matters to ensure that the application of U.S. trade law related to intellectual property by USTR remains sufficiently flexible to respond to legitimate public health crises. In addition, Ambassador Barshefsky announced the removal of the Republic of South Africa from the special 301 "watch list."

"Recent developments in AIDS treatments give us all hope for helping those already living with HIV and for preventing new infections by interrupting maternal to child transmission. The challenge of making treatments a viable option for those who need them is one that eludes simple answers" said Secretary Shalala. "The United States will continue to work with its partner nations, multilateral organizations, industry, and affected communities to improve access to treatment."

"A modern patent system helps promote the rapid innovation, development, and commercialization of effective and safe drug therapies - therapies such as those now being deployed in the war against HIV/AIDS" said Ambassador Barshefsky. "Secretary Shalala and I believe that sound public health policy and intellectual property protection are, and must continue to be, mutually supportive."

Recognizing that health emergencies may require special measures, USTR and HHS are working together to establish a process for analyzing and evaluating the health issues that arise in the application of U.S. trade-related intellectual property law and policy. When a foreign government expresses concern that U.S. trade law related to intellectual property significantly impedes its ability to address a health crisis in that country, USTR will seek and give full weight to the advice of HHS regarding the health considerations involved. This process will permit the application of U.S. trade-related intellectual property law to remain sufficiently flexible to react to public health crises brought to the attention of USTR. It will also ensure that the minimum standards of the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) are respected.

TRIPS provides minimum standards for protecting intellectual property rights. For example, TRIPS requires WTO members to grant time-limited exclusive rights through patents, while permitting use without the authorization of the right holder (e.g., compulsory licensing) under certain limited circumstances and conditions. The provisions of the TRIPS Agreement are being phased-in over time. January 1, 2000, is an important implementation date for developing countries. The Agreement takes special note of the least-developed countries; obligations on these countries generally do not apply until 2006.

Ambassador Barshefsky also announced that she is removing South Africa from the special 301 "watch list." The recent bilateral understanding developed with South Africa illustrates the complementary nature of sound public health and intellectual property policies. Under the September 17, 1999, understanding, both Governments reaffirmed their shared objective of fully protecting intellectual property rights under the WTO TRIPS Agreement, while addressing the health issues identified by South Africa. South Africa agreed that it would address health needs in a manner that fully protects intellectual property rights. Ambassador Barshefsky took this action as a result of this understanding, as well as other steps South Africa has and is taking to improve further the protection of intellectual property.

WORLD AIDS DAY

1 December 1999

The Children Left Behind:

A Symposium in Observance of World AIDS Day

Tentative Programme of Events

Welcome by Under-Secretary-General Kensaku Hogen

OPENING

- 10:00 am – 11:15 am

- **Speakers:** Secretary-General Kofi Annan
Nelson Mandela
David Dinkins (Brief welcome remarks)
Peter Piot (Brief welcome remarks)
3 children w/ parent living with HIV (TBD)
- **Moderator:** Peter Jennings

1st PANEL- Child care, child welfare and clinical issues
(11:15 am – 1:00 pm)

- **Panelists:** Dr. Andrew Billingsley (University of S.C.)
Representative of UNICEF
Representative of WHO
Mechai Viravaidya (Former Minister of Public Health,
Thailand)
Geri Benoit-Preval (First Lady of Haiti)
Beatrice Were (Coordinator, National Community of
Women Living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda) (confirmed)
- **Moderator:** Charlayne Hunter-Gault

LUNCHEON

- Delegates' Dining Room (1:15 – 2:45 p.m.)
- Hosted by Debra Fraser-Howze, President & CEO, National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc., Ervin "Magic" Johnson, UN Messenger of Peace, and Cookie Johnson
- Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.
- Sponsored By Bristol-Myers Squibb

2nd PANEL- Finance and funding issues (Public/Private Partnerships)
(3:00 pm – 4:30 pm)

- **Panelists:** Ruth Correa Leite Cardoso (First Lady of Brazil)
Kenneth E. Weg, Vice Chairman, Bristol-Myers Squibb (confirmed)
Mark Malloch Brown (UNDP)
Nafis Sadik (UNFPA)
James Wolfensohn (World Bank)
South African grass-roots worker (TBD)
- **Moderator:** Ed Bradley

CLOSING - (4:30 pm – 6:00 pm)

Speakers: Sandra L. Thurman (Dir., WHONAP)
(introduces Rory Kennedy documentary)
Hillary Rodham Clinton (First Lady of the U.S.)
(keynote address)
David N. Dinkins
Peter Piot

- Moderator: Christina Saralegui (Confirmed)

RECEPTION:

Waldorf Astoria (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)
Hosted by the Magic Johnson Foundation

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Promoting Health



August 11, 1999

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
 The White House
 Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

On Wednesday, December 1, 1999 - World AIDS Day - the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS (BLCA) and the United Nations will hold a one-day international symposium addressing issues affecting children orphaned by the loss of their parents to the worldwide epidemic of AIDS. The symposium, entitled "The Children Left Behind", will be held at the United Nations headquarters in New York City. As Chairman of the National BLCA Board of Directors, I invite you to deliver a keynote address during the symposium.

We would be pleased to work with your scheduling office to construct a time most suitable for you, but feel that your presence in closing the symposium is certain to be a special moment for the international audience of attendees. The closing is scheduled to take place at 4:30 p.m. on December 1st. I have invited former President Nelson Mandela of South Africa to deliver a keynote address during the symposium's opening session, following a welcome from United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan.

United Nations co-sponsors have extended invitations to her Majesty Queen Noor al-Hussein of Jordan, First Ladies Rutah Correa Leite Cardoso of Brazil and Janet Museveni of Uganda, and the Ambassadors to the Missions of the United Nations' 187 member nations.

Under the leadership of the National BLCA Board of Directors and of Debra Fraser-Howze, BLCA's founding President/CEO and a member of President Clinton's Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, attendees will develop an action plan to address the special needs of these children. Special attention will be given to identifying and addressing affected children in sub-Saharan Africa, the United States, the South American nations of Brazil and Guyana, Haiti, and Southeast Asia.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

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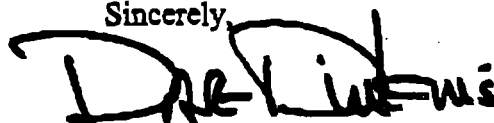
The symposium sponsors are working closely with Sandra Thurman, Director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy, who I had the pleasure of accompanying to South Africa as a member of President Clinton's presidential fact-finding mission to sub-Saharan Africa on this issue. This symposium is the outgrowth of one of the recommendations submitted to the President following that mission, and was highlighted by Vice President Gore in his July 19th announcement of the Administration's new Africa initiative on AIDS. We want to ensure that the recommendations emanating from this symposium will prove useful to the Clinton Administration as you move forward with implementation of your international AIDS Orphans initiative.

The United Nations has designated this symposium as the official UN event in observance of World AIDS Day 1999. Joining BLCA as co-sponsors are the Magic Johnson Foundation, the White House Office of National AIDS Policy, the United National Department of Public Information, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

If you or your staff have any questions about the symposium or BLCA's "Children Left Behind" initiative, please contact Debra Fraser-Howze or Philip Hilton, BLCA's Vice President for Fund Development and Communications, at (212) 614-0023.

Your participation will be invaluable to us as we work toward shaping a global response to the tragic plight of children orphaned by AIDS...our children. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. N. Dinkins". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David N. Dinkins
Chairman of the Board

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