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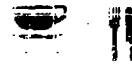


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Remarks for the Regional AIDS in Africa conference

Kampala, Uganda

December 14, 1995

GOOD AFTERNOON.

Honorable Minister of Health, Excellencies and honored guests.

It is indeed an honor and a pleasure to be able to speak to you this afternoon on the occasion of the 9th International conference on AIDS and STDs in Africa. I'd like to thank His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni for hosting this important conference in his country. To (other heads of state), it is an honor to be with you today.

I would also like to congratulate and thank the conference coordinating committee under the leadership of Dr. Okware for their invitation to address you and for their work in arranging this meeting. And I am sure that everyone joins with me in thanking you for your leadership in the global response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Before I begin the text of my speech I just want to tell you something. I am an African-American. On the plane to Uganda I sat next to a Ugandan woman who was speaking to me as though I were a white person. I told her I was African-American. She took a long look at me and said -- "I thought there was something there." Well, there is something there and if it is not as much there on the outside as it is with some, it is certainly here which is much more important. Here I am African.

I bring you greetings from the President of the United States, Bill Clinton. I want to convey to you the great sense of urgency that he feels about the important work that you have done at this Conference. My presence here today is a statement of President Clinton's commitment. He wanted me to tell you that we are all in this fight together and that he stands by you.

I think we all understand the devastation that AIDS has caused in our countries. It has affected all people, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, geographic boundaries, and age. There are nearly 20 million people--including one million children--living with HIV around the world. Nearly one million of them live in my country where it is estimated that one out of every 250 people is infected with HIV.

In many of our countries, these represent people who were marginalized even before HIV, and now living with HIV they continue to be forgotten or, just as bad, punished by society at a time when compassion is needed most. We must not allow people with HIV to live among us without support, without dignity.

I am here to let you know that we are aware of your suffering and the very difficult times that you face dealing with the ravages of HIV and AIDS. I am here to let you know that we understand that you work with small staffs and even smaller budgets, full hospital beds and empty stock rooms, that we know there are coordinating nightmares at the local level between international organizations and indigenous groups, and that the lack of drugs and resources to care for persons with HIV/AIDS is devastating. But I am here with an important message. The United States does not intend to let you down in the hour of your most critical need for help.

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And just this past week, the President convened the first ever White House Conference on HIV/AIDS where over 250 researchers, care providers and activists were invited to call national and international attention to AIDS. We must remind everyone that AIDS remains an urgent public health priority and that it will not just go away.

Internationally, President Clinton has continued to support a high level of cooperation and commitment to global HIV/AIDS activities. Through the U.S. Agency for International Development, the United States continues to provide the world's largest bilateral program for HIV prevention in the developing world. We are also a major donor to the new joint and cosponsored United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS. We have had high level participation in all International HIV/AIDS conferences and the World AIDS Summit in Paris. The U. S. has directly sponsored at least 80 participants to this conference here in Kampala, and countless more through their U.S. Government program funding. The United States Agency for International Development held its Third HIV Prevention Conference in August in Washington, DC, which was attended by many of you. The conference resulted in an action agenda of strategies which I hope will be pursued over the next several years.

It is true that as we meet today our budget is under intense discussion and negotiation in our Congress, and we are not sure about the final outcome. A number of you have expressed your concern to me about the future of the USAID. Let me assure you that the President is committed to maintaining the U.S. contribution to the global fight against AIDS. Through USAID, the President will continue these efforts.

Here in Uganda, we have a powerful example of what can be achieved when the U.S. government works collaboratively with our African partners. Since 1989, USAID has provided support to Ugandan agencies, including the Ministry of Health, the AIDS Information Centre, religious leaders, and community based organizations. All of these groups, with dedicated, competent Ugandan leadership, have been active and aggressive in their prevention efforts.

These efforts are commendable and deserve emulation in other countries. But ultimately, we must ask -- "What is the impact of these efforts? Have they been effective in reducing HIV transmission?" It has been very exciting to learn this week that there are now strong indications that prevalence of HIV infection has been reduced substantially, particularly in young persons aged 15-19, and that new cases have declined significantly in this age group.

What can we conclude from these new findings? Most importantly -- "It works!" Intensive prevention efforts, combined with compassionate care for those already infected by the disease, can eventually result in decreases in the number of new cases. The lessons from Uganda also teach us that these efforts must be locally developed, and must have strong local leadership. To be effective, donor nations such as the U.S. must be partners in the background, providing the support which enables Africans to implement their own projects.

We have also learned that it takes patience, both from Ugandans and from the donors. By 1992, the Ugandan government, community organizations and individuals had already been very active, and donor nations had already invested substantial levels of support. But in 1992, there were many signs that infection rates were continuing to rise. There did not appear to be any stabilization in the epidemic. Perhaps without the personal and political commitment of the leaders of Uganda, including President Museveni's strong support, these prevention efforts may

have faltered. But this did not occur. Ugandans, supported by their government and external partners, intensified their efforts rather than giving up. And now, in 1995, we have finally seen the impact that the people of Uganda have worked so hard to achieve.

The lesson for other African nations is very hopeful. Intensive, committed prevention efforts can work. And eventually, other nations as well will begin to see the hopeful trends that have now been observed here in Uganda.

The lesson for the U.S., and for other donor nations, is that our support for nations in Africa which are committed to fighting this epidemic, can truly have an impact in reducing levels of disease and infection. But we must all be patient, and persevere, even when there are no signs of declining rates of infection. And we must allow these projects and efforts to be locally developed and locally driven, for ultimately, credit for success belong with the local leadership.

The AIDS epidemic affects us all. But if we work together, with patience and in a spirit of partnership, mutual respect, and solidarity, we can achieve success in confronting this epidemic. I salute the people of Uganda, and their leaders. You have taught the world a wonderful lesson, and you have given us hope. Hope that this epidemic can bring us together. Hope that this epidemic can be successfully prevented. Hope that current high levels of infection and disease can be reduced. Hope that the young people of Uganda, Africa, and the world, will be able to enjoy health that has been denied to their parents. Hope that, together, we can fight this epidemic. We thank you for giving all of us hope for the future.

Our work is not yet completed, though. For example: We need to do more in the area of transfer of results from research into the clinics, doctor's offices, and prevention programs. We cannot stand idly by as millions of people around the world are unable to benefit from the advances being made in medical science. We simply have to find better ways to share the fruits of labor with those who are in most desperate need. and we need to do it quickly.

It is with much pain that I acknowledge that in much of the world, AZT, imperfect as it is as an antiviral, is not available, especially now that it can reduce the risk of perinatal transmission. The Administration is aware of these problems and will not retreat from its responsibilities while working with African researchers to find solutions. Together, I am convinced that by using our best minds and pooled resources, we will be able to increase the availability of basic treatments to improve the quality of life for persons living with the HIV disease in developing countries.

Now, I'd like to mention a few of my own priorities. We must carry out the declaration signed last December at the Paris AIDS Summit. The initiatives it contains can guide each nation as it develops its own government policies and programs. I am particularly heartened by the attention paid to the issues of human rights and the needs and rights of women and the improvement of women's status, education and living conditions.

We must recognize that the fight against AIDS is also a fight against sexism, racism and

homophobia. The rights of people with HIV and AIDS must be protected if we are to protect their health and the health of others. We must work collectively to ensure that persons with HIV and AIDS live with dignity and respect in their communities around the world, and we must fight to eliminate the hatred and fear that we have witnessed too often in our own neighborhoods.

The theme for this year's World AIDS Day observance, "Shared Rights, Shared Responsibilities" carried the message of equality and solidarity in the global response to HIV/AIDS and it was an especially important one for me. For as an African-American woman, I have felt the effects of racism and sexism personally. And I have seen the effects on the ability of women to control not only their reproductive rights but also their protection from sexually transmitted infections including HIV. In the U.S., AIDS is now the leading cause of death among African-American women. And we know that AIDS is a major threat to women of all races and nationalities. Any national programs and policies which do not specifically address the needs of women will do little if anything to curb the spread of HIV.

A major factor in the spread of HIV among women is the fact that women have had to rely almost solely on the use of condoms by their male partners to protect themselves. We are moving ahead with research into topical microbicides that could be used privately by a woman to protect herself against HIV and other STDs. In the last two years, we have more than doubled our commitment to microbicide research at the National Institutes of Health. But even though we've made good progress, this life-saving product will take years to develop. But when we do discover a microbicide, it must be made available to women around the world, not just in developed countries.

Persons living with HIV and AIDS and non-governmental organizations representing affected communities have a critical role in all the work we do. Over the past year, in my position as the Director of National AIDS Policy in the U.S., I have had the opportunity to meet many different people from all walks of life who are deeply involved and committed to fighting AIDS in their communities.

My staff and I have been reaching out to infected and affected populations and community groups for their views and their guidance in the development of policies that will affect them and the people they serve. I will admit that this is a time-consuming process and it is sometimes difficult. But the benefits are enormous -- better communication, more focused policies, and the engagement of the community in the process.

Because of the importance of the partnership between governments and NGOs, I welcome the presence of NGO representatives as full members of the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS, and in the planning and implementation of HIV activities in the United States. I embrace their participation and I am thankful that their voices are being heard. Two of the five NGO representatives on the UNAIDS board are living with HIV. Furthermore, I know the members representing the NGOs and I know that they do not take the responsibility lightly.

I have experienced, first hand, the value of gaining a seat at the table. As I have told many of you before, I was a Congressional staff person in the 1970's and 1980's and was often the only African-American in the room when decisions were being made on policies affecting my community. It made a difference then who sat at the table, and it makes a difference now.

No matter the country, no matter the title "developing" or "developed", no matter the HIV infection rate, or the AIDS case load, we still have much work left to do. There are still more research questions to be answered, more funds to be raised, more people to be trained, more treatments and more drugs to be procured, more condoms to deliver, and more lives to save.

We are losing our citizens to HIV/AIDS, around the world, at a rate that is clearly unacceptable...and the toll is getting higher.

I pledge the continued support of the President and his administration to working with you to end this epidemic. For AIDS affects and connects us all, despite the differences by which some like to define us. AIDS links us together, and it is only by working together that we can fight this disease.

I want to close with a Frederick Douglas quote used by the President in his speech last week.

"It is not light that is needed, but fire. It is not the gentle shower, but thunder. We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake. The feeling of the nation must be quickened. The conscience of the nation must be roused. The propriety of the nation must be startled."

This is true for all nations but most especially yours and mine.

I know that I can count on you for the thunder and the fire because each of you is a part of the conscience, not only of your individual countries, but of the world...and together we can change our future.

Thank you.

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Speech of Patsy Fleming

National AIDS Policy Director

The White House

United States of America

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At the Closing Ceremony, Ninth International

Conference on AIDS and STDs in Africa

14 December, 1995

Kampala, Uganda

Good Afternoon.

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It is indeed an honor and a pleasure to be able to speak
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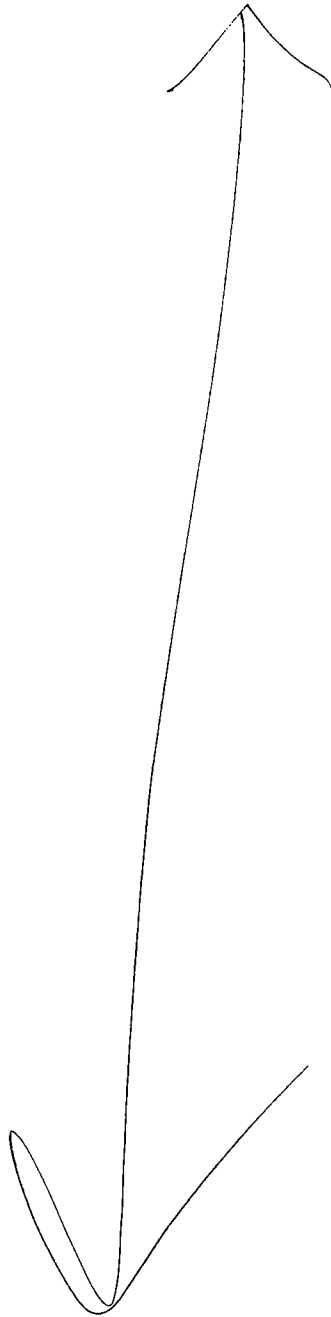
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Ms. Parris:

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Please call me if you have additional questions.

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Patsy Fleming's Itinerary

Monday, December 11

6:05PM Depart Wash/Dulles UA #950 - S/20A

Tuesday, December 12

7:30AM Arrive Brussels

10:10AM Depart Brussels Sabena 569 - S/29K (1 stop in Bujumbura)

10:30PM Arrive Entebbe

Friday, December 15

9:20PM Depart Entebbe Sabena 571 - S/29D (1 stop in Nairobi)

Saturday, December 16

6:00AM Arrive Brussels

11:45AM Depart Brussels UA#951 - S/25E

2:45PM Arrive Wash/Dulles

December 13 or 14 (time still undetermined)

Press conference with Dr. Helene Gayle
U.S.I.S.

December 15

9 a.m. Ambassador E. Michael Southwick

Visit USAID-funded AIDS Information
Centre

Visit TASO

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December 5, 1995

TO :Ms. Patsy Fleming / Ms. LaHoma Romocki FAX :(202) 632-1096

FROM : Catherine Varley, GDO *CV* OFFICIAL (Y/N) : Y

SUBJECT : ICASA

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MESSAGE : We have received your biographical sketch, and have forwarded it to USIS. They would like to schedule a press conference for you -- would you be willing to hold a press conference? If so, USIS is particularly interested in any "different angle" or new developments, e.g. in HIV/AIDS strategy in the U.S., which would be of interest to Ugandans. If you are willing to do this, do you have a suggestion for the theme? We note that the visit of Dr. Helene Gayle, Director for the National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention, CDC, will overlap with yours so that, if you are both willing, the press conference could be held jointly, on Wednesday or Thursday, Dec. 13 or 14. We are also asking her if she is willing to participate in a press conference. Please let us know your thoughts on all of this. We would then schedule the press conference with USIS at a time not likely to conflict with any conference activities. Thank you.

You will be met at the airport by either Dr. Elizabeth Marum or me, depending on conference activities.

CV --Cate Varley

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From: Dr. S. I. Okware

ix International Conf. on AIDS & STDs in Africa

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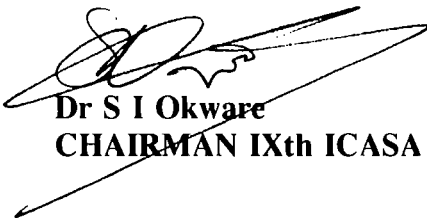
Dear Madam,

We are pleased to confirm your registration for the Conference and your hotel accomodtion is as follows:

Sheraton Hotel Kampala,
1 Deluxe.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Conference.

Yours sincerely,



Dr S I Okware
CHAIRMAN IXth ICASA



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To : All Participants, IXth ICASA

From : Chairman IXth ICASA

Date : 24th October, 1995

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From : **DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT
DELEGATES:**

Dr. Sam I. Okware
Chairman/Président

As the IXth ICASA gets nearer and nearer, Preparations for the Conference have become more intensified and there is need for more details in almost all logistical aspects of the Conference.

Prof. Roy Mugerwa
Vice-Chairman/Vice-Président
Chair, Logistics Committee/
Président Comité Logistique

This is, therefore, to kindly request you to furnish the IXth ICASA Secretariat with the following detailed information to enable a smooth progress in preparations:

Dr. Edward H. Mbidde
Chair, Scientific Committee/
Président, Comité Scientifique

1. Date of arrival and time

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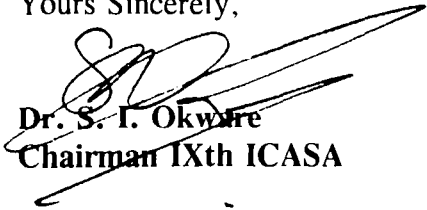
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Thank you for your interest in the IXth ICASA and we hope to see you in December.

Dr. George Tembo
Chair, International Liaison Committee
Président, Comité Liaison International

Yours Sincerely,


Dr. S. I. Okware
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Peter Downes
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on the Ugandan visit

10/10

IXth ICASA KAMPALA

9th International Conference on AIDS in Africa / Conference on STDs

Kampala, Uganda, 10-14 December 1995

ADVANCE NEWS from the European Commission / AIDS Task Force

We'll be there !

HIV / AIDS in Africa remains the most important focus of the European Commission's programme. Two years after the last meeting, in Marrakech, we find it very important to show this commitment yet again.

Special Events

- * EC's **Preconference** meeting, Saturday 9-12-95, Rwenzori Ballroom, Sheraton Hotel (agenda --->)
- * Visit to **Nakasero Blood Bank**, Monday 11-12-95, shuttle at Sheraton Hotel entrance from 14:00 till 16:00
- * **Press Conference**, Monday 11-12-95, Nile Room (above the Lobby) of the Sheraton Hotel
- * Smaller meetings, e.g. on Blood safety, STD interventions in Mwanza, Development & planning (practice session), in meeting room II of the Sheraton Hotel

Who ?

The European Commission is sponsoring 32 participants from Africa and 8 from Europe. The delegation from Brussels is composed of:

- * Dr. Lieve Fransen, from the Health AIDS Unit, Directorate General VIII - Development, European Commission
- * Dr. Pol Jansegers, head of the AIDS Task Force of the European Commission
- * Wolfram Brünner, projects administrator of the AIDS Task Force
- * Marijke Bontinck of the AIDS Task Force
- * Lou Dierick, The Consultory and Antoinette Nicolo, Luxconsult, in charge of logistics

Office

- * International Conference Centre, office 242 (ground floor, next to the Marketing Manager's office), from 6/12 onwards

European Commission Preconference Meeting, Saturday 9-12-95, Sheraton Hotel (Rwenzori room)

08.30 - 09.00 Welcome

L. Fransen / Mr. Marongiu (EC Delegate)

09.00 - 09.45 Safe blood in developing countries: the experience of the EC in Uganda and in Africa
Introduction of two new publications

E.J. Watson Williams, D. Sondag, R. Winsbury, P. Kataaha

09.45 - 10.00 Coffee break

10.00 - 11.30 Educational programmes: AIDS education in traditional youth education

ENDA Dakar, Sidalerte, W. Brünner

11.30 - 12.00 STD Interventions in Mwanza

R. Hayes

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch (on invitation only)

14.00 - 15.30 HIV/AIDS as an issue in development and sectoral planning

A Whiteside, (Univ. of Natal, SA); R. Msiska (NASTLP, Zambia); R. Mandevu (NAP, Botswana)

15.30 - 15.45 Coffee break

15.45 - 17.45 Result of an economic impact study in Tanzania

M. Over, M. Ainsworth a.o. (World Bank)

19.00 - 22.00 Dinner (on invitation only)

Surviving in Kampala: some useful tips from our man on the spot: climate in December is dry season, moderate to hot; Currency: Uganda Shilling: 1 US\$ = 985 Ushs and rising (as everywhere); Security: good; medication, needles: bring prescriptions to prove they are on doctor's order; Yellow Fever vaccination needed (valid 10 years); Visa requirements: it may be possible to get a visum at the airport, but don't count on it; Entebbe Airport is 50 km from Kampala; look for a shuttle from the conference organisers or from your hotel, taxi is 25.000 Ushs; book your flights & hotel early; The scientific programme has just been finalised; expect some news from the secretariat "soon"; Last minute: PLWH/A satellite meeting is scheduled for 8 and 9 December at Fairway Hotel, Kampala; All information on this page is provisional and the European Commission nor the AIDS Task force can be held responsible for it.

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NOTIONAL SCHEDULE

The Secretary's Visit to Africa
December 3-11, 1995

Patsy
FYI -
No info yet on
your trip
10/31/95

Sunday, December 3

PM Depart Andrews AFB via AF II

Monday, December 4

Late Evening Arrive Johannesburg

Proceed to Pretoria

Tuesday, December 5

Events related to the Gore-Mbeki Commission

Visit to Medunsa

Wednesday, December 6

6:30 am Depart with VP for Cape Town

Meeting with Cape Province officials

Unlv. of Cape Town events

Meeting/reception: Commonwealth Health Ministers

Thursday, December 7

AM Visit Kayelitsha Township

PM Trip to Cape Point

Friday, December 8

7:00 am Depart Cape Town via SA 302
8:55 am Arrive Johannesburg
10:00 am Depart Johannesburg via Interair 201
4:15 pm Arrive Entebbe/Kampala

Saturday, December 9

AM Meeting with Government officials
(Mrs. Museveni re orphans)
Visit TASO Project and AIDS Information Centre
Lunch with Peace Corps volunteers
PM Regional Peace Corps Directors Workshop on AIDS

Sunday, December 10

AM Drive to Jinja - PC Women's Enterprise Project
PM Bilateral meetings with Ministers of Health
IXth International Conference on AIDS in Africa
Note: Secretary makes keynote address
11:58 pm Depart Entebbe via Sabena 573

Monday, December 11

6:00 am Arrive Brussels
11:45 am Depart Brussels via UA 951
2:45 pm Arrive Dulles



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Director, OIA

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Does this mean that I do not need a concurrence cable? If so, also forward this to Patsy, since this covers her as well.

----- [Original Message] -----

We recently got a cable requesting Mission clearance for several AIDSCAP staff to attend the upcoming AIDS in Africa conference. We'll be sending a concurrence. But please be advised that we've informed AFR, G and Africa PHN Officers that mission clearance for conference attendees is not repeat not required. (We could end up sending out a lot of essentially pro-forma cables on this and would just as soon not bother.) So come one, come all...as long as USAID/Uganda is not expected to pay for anything!