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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (RECONSTRUCTED EMAIL)

CREATOR: Carol H. Rasco (RASCO_C) (OPD)

CREATION DATE/TIME:09-MAY-1994 10:22:00.00

SUBJECT: RE: Message from Kathi

TO: Rosalyn A. Miller (MILLER_RA) (WHO)

READ: UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Speaking of DPC...will you do some quick calls this a.m. to confirm all the participants listed on the agenda? Thanks.

FYI: I have alerted press office to call me if needed, ACT UP (AIDS activists) will have a demonstration at 11:30 at WH gates to call for resignation of Kris Gebbie.

SCHEDULE:

Please show that M-M will leave on June 10 at 10:40 a.m. on flight 661 (yes, ten minutes before my mom....only flight with a free ticket seat available but is the flight Terry and his family are on, and lo and behold they end up back on my mom's flight in Memphis and arrive in LR together!).

June 19: M-M confirmed on a 7:35 p.m. arrival in DC on Delta flight 848 from Cincinnati. She is waitlisted on a Monday, June 20 flight to arrive in DC via Delta at 3:20 p.m.

The other dance recital picture I had told you to be scheduled is the same night (June 20 as other pictures). These schedules may be the death of me yet, keeping up with them!

ANOTHER TOPIC:

The day after the Olympic dinner I submitted a summer intern application to Gail Brittain for a Pritchett boy from Georgia, his father is chair of Democratic Party there. Charlie West had given me the completed application after you talked to him earlier and got the paper to him. I have heard nothing from Gail, could you check on this one as I should get a status to Charlie.

Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (ALL-IN-1 MAIL)

CREATOR: Carol H. Rasco (RASCO_C) (OPD)

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-AUG-1994 15:19:38.94

SUBJECT: RE: NSC

TO: John C. Angell (ANGELL_J) (OMB)
READ:18-AUG-1994 15:42:14.83

TEXT:

Yes, thank you. I had hoped to beat you to the punch in putting on a thank you email but I had to go immediately from the Cuba meeting to the ACT UP focus group which I am pleased to say I survived. Again, thank you.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (EXTERNAL MAIL)

CREATOR: tap-drugs@essential.org@INET@EOPMRX

CREATION DATE/TIME: 8-AUG-1996 19:32:00.00

SUBJECT: Demonstrations against price gouging

TO: Multiple recipients of list (tap-drugs@essential.org@INET@EOPMRX)
READ:NOT READ

IND_TO: Lahoma Romocki (ROMOCKI_L) (OPD)
READ:13-AUG-1996 09:56:00.56

TEXT:

Members of ACT UP/New York, Golden Gate, Philadelphia, Paris, and Atlanta went to the XI International Conference on AIDS held in Vancouver Canada July 7-11. We issued the leaflet entitled AIDS Profiteers Declare War.

AIDS Profiteers Declare War

Encouraging news about the clinical benefit of protease inhibitors means nothing if people do not have access to these drugs. By pricing drugs as high as the market will bear without opening their books to give even the slightest justification to the cost, drug companies have declared war on people with HIV throughout the world. Their profiteering ensures that these drugs will at best bankrupt government health care programs and at worst be denied to millions of people worldwide.

Hoffman-LaRoche

declared war by setting the then highest-price for an anti-HIV drug, even though saquinavir is under-dosed and under-absorbed in its current form.

Abbott

declared war by demanding an even higher price for zidovudine and by limiting access before approval to a 1,000 lottery, claiming severely limited drug supply. Two months later, after FDA approval, enough drug to stock every pharmacy in the U.S. miraculously appeared! Such deceit is intolerable.

Merck

declared war by dispensing indinavir through a single pharmacy that added such an extreme markup to the drug's price that activists had to go to jail to get the price lowered! While the current price is lower than other protease inhibitors, it is still unacceptable without justification.

These companies have simply continued a long tradition of price-gouging begun by Galxo-Wellcome (then Burroughs-Wellcome) and others:

Pfizer

declared war by refusing for years to offer any discounts to publicly funded health programs in the U.S. Pfizer drained millions of precious dollars from these programs, and then refuses to conduct any AIDS-related research.

Astra

declared war by demanding the highest price for any AIDS-related drug in history - \$35,000 a year for foscarnet, a CMV treatment - even though the vast majority of the research was publicly funded. Repeated calls for a price reduction have been ignored.

Serono

declared war by demanding \$1,000 a week for human growth hormone before it received FDA approval for AIDS wasting. While ACT UP pressure has forced Serono to agree to an annual price cap, Serono still refuses to justify its price.

BTG

declared war by increasing the price of oxandrolone - a 30 year old anti-wasting treatment - over 1,200% after its usefulness in AIDS was shown.

These are just a few examples of why we must begin a relentless campaign against these price gougers to demand that they:

Drop Their Prices or Open Their Books

Drug prices must be economically appropriate to each country. To demand obscene profit margins off the backs of people with AIDS, or to make access for people in developing countries unimaginable, is criminal. If the drug companies are so sure that their prices are ethical, why have they consistently refused to allow any independent auditor to look at their actual costs.

If they have nothing to hide, why are they hiding?

Declare War on AIDS Profiteers.
Whose Side are You On?
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Since 1987 ACT UP/NY has opposed price gouging by drug companies. We fought in 1994 to maintain and strengthen the Fair Pricing clause in the National Institutes of Health Cooperative Research and Development Agreements. Recently ACT UP's targeted Statlanders Pharmacy for its outrageous 37% markup on the price of Crixivan. Using a combination of tactics including Direct Action, ACT UP forced Statlanders mail order pharmacy to give a 19.5% cash discount on the retail price of Crixivan, a powerful new AIDS drug manufactured by Merck & Co. of Blue Bell, PA. Statlanders, based in Pittsburgh, is the sole commercial distributor of the drug.

ACT UP plans further demonstrations against high prices on AIDS drugs.

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SUBJECT: Serrono- AIDS Profiteer

TO: Multiple recipients of list (tap-drugs@essential.org@INET@EOPMRX)
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IND_TO: Lahoma Romocki (ROMOCKI_L) (OPD)
READ:13-AUG-1996 09:07:12.84

TEXT:
The Golden Urn Awards

ACT UP gave out Golden Urns to drug companies, public officials, and organizations whose policies and actions are hastening the deaths of people with AIDS during the International AIDS conference in Vancouver this July.

One of this year's "winners" was :Serono Laboratories for its obscene price for recombinant Human Growth Hormone (rHGH), a drug that prevents death from AIDS wasting. The company plans to demand 75,000 annually. [ACT UP Victory - after the Vancouver action, Serono has agreed to demands for a price cap for rHGH- wholesale price cap of \$36,000.00 annually- and will address other community concerns raised at the FDA March 1, 1996 hearing. We have also heard that after Bill Thorne's presentation,that the FDA plans to approve hHGH.

ACT UP confronted Serono during a early morning satellite symposium of scientists, physicians and healthcare providers. This is the text of the award.

ACT UP AWARDS THE GOLDEN URN TO:

SERONO LABS
for killer pricing policies.

ACT UP awards Serono laboratories a Golden Urn Award for their foot dragging in the development of recombinant Human Growth Hormone (rHGH) and the obscenely high cost of the drug. Activists have been pressuring the company for more than three years to make the drug available for people with AIDS.

"Wasting is implicated in as much as 2/3rds of people dying with AIDS," said ACT UP's Bill Thorne. "Serono has done everything imaginable to bungle development of this drug. Their greed and ineptness are killing people with AIDS wasting."

Serono's tale of ineptitude began almost five years ago. The initial

trials of the drug were so poorly designed that after a year only one person had enrolled. ACT UP reviewed the trial and made suggestions that resulted in the trials filling quickly. ACT UP/Golden Gate assisted Serono in filing a Treatment IND (Investigational New Drug) application with the FDA, so that the drug would be available early while full-approval studies were underway. Activists were outraged when the company insisted on a "cost recovery" for the Treatment IND at \$25 per ml or \$150 per day or more than \$54,000 per year. rHGH is manufactured in a process similar to that used for recombinant insulin which costs a tiny fraction of this price. When questioned on this exorbitant price, Serono promised to release its financial data to activists who signed a confidentiality agreement, but abruptly reversed its promise.

Uncounted hundreds of PWAs who might have lived to take advantage of new anti-HIV therapies are dead because of you, Serono.

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SUBJECT: Pricing protest at Hoffman LaRoche booth in Vancouver

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IND_TO: Lahoma Romocki (ROMOCKI_L) (OPD)
READ:12-AUG-1996 14:09:02.52

TEXT:
Day 4 ACT UP AWARDS GOLDEN URN TO:

Fifty members of ACT UP from around the globe chanting, carrying signs and carrying the Golden (funeral) Urn descended upon the ostentatious booth of Hoffman LaRoche. (ACT UP gave out Golden Urns to drug companies, public officials, and organizations whose policies and actions are hastening the deaths of people with AIDS.) Activists plastered the booth with stickers reading "AIDS Profiteer" and "Greed equals Death" . Activist also left "La Roach motels" in and around the booth. This is the text of the "award"

ACT UP AWARDS GOLDEN URN TO:

Hoffman LaRoche

for killer pricing policies and indifference to AIDS.

We are presenting another Golden Urn award to Hoffman "the Roach" for their long tradition of placing corporate greed above the lives of people living with AIDS. The obscene price of their new protease inhibitor, Invirase, is one more link in a never-ending chain of profiteering.

In the United States, their prices for Invirase and Hivid (Roche's nucleoside analog) are bankrupting government programs which provide drugs to low- and moderate-income people living with AIDS.

Roche was the first company to sell a protease inhibitor, and the price they chose (\$7,2000 annually) set the standard for the market. The company demands this high price even though they admit that Invirase is poorly-absorbed and under-dosed in its current form. Roche has refused repeated requests by activists to justify its price by allowing a confidential independent review of its actual research and manufacturing costs.

Roche also displayed contempt for seriously-ill people living with AIDS by delaying its compassionate release program for so long that Invirase was fully-approved before the program was up and running.

Consequently, many of those slated to receive free Invirase in this manner ended up being charged for it.

Roche has also turned its back on teen-agers living with HIV/AIDS by refusing to lower the age limit of the clinical trials to 13 years, as other companies have done.

Adolescents' bodies absorb drugs similarly to adults so there is no reason to exclude them from studies which would provide important data, as well as providing young people access to their drugs. Roche has also dragged its feet on important pediatric studies of its products, such as Invirase.

To see photo's of this action and others during the week of the international AIDS Conference in Vancouver go the ACT UP/NY's web site at : www.actupny.org.

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SUBJECT: Orphan in distress

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IND_TO: Lahoma Romocki (ROMOCKI_L) (OPD)
READ:13-AUG-1996 14:45:29.34

TEXT:

Two dozen members of ACT UP disrupted a satellite symposium sponsored by Bio-Technology (BTG) at the International AIDS Conference in Vancouver July 10th, 1996. The demonstration included a skit featuring an ACT UP member dressed in diapers representing the orphan drug oxandralone asking to be adopted and the abuse he suffered at the hands of BTG. This is the text of the press release issued at the time.

ACT UP ADOPTS ORPHAN DRUG:
1200% MARKUP FOR AIDS CALLED OBSCENE

People with AIDS at the Vancouver AIDS conference today zapped* Bio-Technology General Pharmaceuticals Company for its 1200% price markup of oxandralone, a drug used to treat AIDS-related wasting. A coalition of ACT UP groups, including chapters Golden Gate, New York, Philadelphia, Paris, Atlanta, and DC announced a national U.S. campaign beginning today to adopt oxandrolone and have its orphan drug status for AIDS-related wasting withdrawn by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Oxandralone is a thirty year old anabolic steroid that has long been known to be an effective wasting treatment and that shows great promise in treating AIDS-related wasting, which is a contributing cause of death in up to 2/3rds of AIDS deaths in the U.S. Oxandralone was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 1963 for use in wasting due to chronic infection. It also shows promise for women with AIDS-wasting, as it does not have the masculinizing side effects of other hormonal wasting treatments.

According to the activist group, during most of the time that Oxandralone was on the market, it was sold very cheaply, at a cost of \$0.26 to \$0.37 U.S. for a 2.5 milligram pill. It was withdrawn from the U.S. market in 1989 because its manufacturer feared bad publicity due to its occasional non-prescription use by athletes. In December of 1995, BTG began marketing Oxandrolone for use in AIDS-associated wasting, but at a cost of \$3.75 for the same 2.5 milligram pill, or \$10,950 US per year at the lowest recommended dose for AIDS (20 mg per day).

"Something is terribly wrong when a formerly inexpensive drug is marked up more than 1200% to be sold to people with AIDS," said Lisa Penyak of ACT UP Philadelphia. This the clearest example of price gouging. We know what the drug's price was before it was marketed for AIDS, and we know its price now, and the markup is unconscionable.

Rob Sabados of ACT UP Golden Gate explained the high price of Oxandralone in the U.S. as a result of an abuse of the US's Orphan Drug Program, a set of regulations designed to encourage non-commercially viable drug development for rare or under-served diseases. Winning orphan drug status, allows a drug marketer to have exclusive marketing for a drug for seven years even if there are no patents on the drug. "BTG is grotesquely misusing the Orphan Drug regulations to create a monopoly in the marketing of a 30 year old drug which should be available cheaply as a generic, and the U.S. FDA and the National Institutes of Health are encouraging it," charged Sabados.

ACT UP chapters from across the U.S. pledged to adopt the drug and have its orphan status withdrawn by the FDA so that the drug would be available as a generic.

"Starting today," declared David Mahon of ACT UP/Golden Gate, we are launching a campaign to make sure that Oxandrolone is an orphan no longer. We call on Donna Shalala to withdraw oxandrolones orphan drug status and we call on the N.I.H. to study oxandrolone as a generic drug for AIDS wasting."

* A zap is a demonstration or disruption of an event for a political purpose. Note: wasting is not merely weight loss, it is loss of lean muscle mass that may include weight loss as well.

To see photo's of this action and others during the week of the international AIDS Conference in Vancouver go the ACT UP/NY's web site at : www.actupny.org.

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SUBJECT: ACT UP Speech at AIDS Conference text

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IND_TO: Lahoma Romocki (ROMOCKI_L) (OPD)
READ:27-AUG-1996 13:26:24.80

TEXT:

This is the text of the speech Eric Sawyer, one of ACT UP/NY's founding members and founder of Housing Works, made to the 15,000 people attending the International AIDS conference in Vancouver this July.

Remarks at the Opening Ceremony of the International AIDS Conference in Vancouver July 7th. by Eric Sawyer, ACT UP New York

Thank you for your kind words of introduction. And thank you to the IAS, to the Five Co-sponsoring Organizations and to the conference organizers.

Distinguished guests, I am going to be very blunt. I'm here to sound a wake up call to everyone attending this conference. I am afraid that you all will miss the real message from this conference. I speak especially to the media, who have started the spin that the "the cure is here, let's dance." If you think the cure is here, Think Again. The cure is not here.

The fact that the protease - combination-drug treatments are showing a lot of promise in the blood tests of the very few people who can get them, does not mean that the cure is here. Yes the preliminary results from these hugely expensive combination treatments look great. But we are a long way from a cure, even for the rich who can afford the treatments. And we are no closer to a cure for the majority of people living with AIDS on this planet than we were ten years ago. Most PWAs can't get aspirins.

Are you listening yet? The headlines that PWAS want you to write from this conference would read: "Human Rights Violations and Genocide continue to kill millions of impoverished people with AIDS". That is the truth about AIDS in 1996.

The truth is, genocide continues against poor people with AIDS, especially those from developing countries, by AIDS Profiteers who are more concerned about maximizing profits than saving lives. Drug Companies are killing people by charging excessive prices. This limits access to treatments. The greed of AIDS Profiteers is killing

impoverished people with AIDS.

The truth is, the governments of the world are killing people with AIDS, because they think public health is isolating their rich often white populations from the diseases of the poor by instituting immigration barriers instead of providing health care to the sick. Governments are killing poor people in developing countries because they are providing only a tiny amount of AIDS funding which is limited to prevention efforts and does not pay for AIDS care.

The truth is, Hatred of the poor and of the disenfranchised communities continues to allow discrimination, stigmatization, violence and even the murder of people living with AIDS to remain unchecked. People with AIDS do not have any protection against Human Rights Violations.

I hope that I've gotten your attention. Because People with AIDS need access to treatments, not false hope. People with AIDS need their Human Rights to be protected. People with AIDS also, need a new global initiative to get treatments into developing countries.

To the drug companies people with AIDS say it's time to drop you prices. Drug Companies should consider developing a two tier pricing system that allows reasonable profits to be made from the rich. But, AIDS treatments must also be made available to the poor everywhere, at cost or at very minimal levels of profit.

And if you drug companies don't make this shift voluntarily we will advocate for governmental regulations to mandate this and fight to have your patents taken away from you. Remember tetracycline in W.W.II. If drug companies don't respond we should fight for taxing the profits of Pharmaceutical to pay for treatments for the poor.

To the development agencies, UNAIDS and USAID PWAs say "we need a Global Initiative to get treatments to poor people, especially in developing countries. You must form a partnership between people with AIDS, drug companies, the business community at large and governments to get treatments and prophylactics for TB, PCP and diarrhea diseases, the primary killers of people with AIDS.

We are not talking about huge amounts of money, like we in the north are paying for the Protease three drug cocktails. Peter Piot told me TB Prophylaxis costs \$15 per person per year in Uganda. Community Prescription Services says generic bactrium is purchased by some governmental programs in the US for \$32 per person per year. NTZ is being studied by WHO for treatment of Diarrhea, including crypto-sporidium. It is produced in one ton batches and should be priced similarly to the TB Prophylaxis. Thus, for less than \$60 per year we can save a persons life. We have a moral obligation to humanity to make these treatments available to everyone.

During the community forum, a working group to continue cooperative work towards global access to treatments was formed. This process must be nurtured and supported, drug companies and governments must join

this group to help get drugs into developing countries.

To the researchers, PWAs say re-think the way that research is conducted on treatments against HIV and the Opportunistic Infections of AIDS. We must take advantage of the revolutionary new laboratory tests, including viral load testing. We must start methodological research of Off-Patent use of a host of safe drugs that might treat HIV or it's OI's. A series of 10 week efficacy studies should be sufficient.

Similarly, we must start sanctioning, funding and evaluating the benefit of indigenous, alternative and holistic treatments. Some of these treatments are providing some anecdotal benefit for the treatment of opportunistic infections and against HIV many are cheap and plentiful.

To the governments of the world PWAs say you must quite lying. Our governments lie to us when they sign meaningless statements like the Paris Summit Declarations and the G-7 Statement promising to do something for AIDS. Government promises don't save lives, but government actions and funding for AIDS Programs can. Bill Clinton if you care about PWAs ask Congress for 3 billion dollars for International AIDS Programs instead of 130 million dollars.

We must also broaden global AIDS programs away from the prevention only priority for AIDS funding because it is undermining prevention efforts. HIV/AIDS programs must include prevention, human rights and treatment components. This is necessary because effective prevention efforts both target HIV infected individuals with prevention education and use self-identified HIV-infected individuals as prevention educators. HIV infected individuals need an incentive, like access to treatments and care to encourage their participation. HIV infected individuals also need protection from persecution that often accompanies disclosure of HIV infections. Prevention efforts that lack accompanying treatment and human rights components are undermining prevention efforts.

We must also broaden our approach to treatment and prevention efforts to include the greater participation of infected community members, tribal leaders and traditional healers.

During the Community Forum a second working group was also started to initiate a network of cooperative actions by AIDS Service Organizations and by Human Rights Organizations around HIV/AIDS Human Rights Violations. And in the United States Academy Award Winning Actress Susan Sarandon and I started The HIV/AIDS Human Rights Project to raise money and media attention to the many Human Rights abuses that are occurring around the world.

But the communities impacted by AIDS can't do it alone. It's time for society to share the commitment to making a difference - not in the politics of AIDS, but in the lives of tens of millions of people living with the virus.

It is time for the media to stop talking about a cure that does not exist.

It's time we start talking about global access to health care; not about donor fatigue and diminishing resources.

It's time we start talking about protecting the human rights of people with AIDS; not about imposing more immigration restriction that deny more people with AIDS from health care.

It's time we all learn to work together, whether we work to fight AIDS through an Agency Program, an NGO, a government, a health care provider or a private business. For any one of us to make a difference we must all work as one team in this global fight.

But before this can happen we must end the genocide. Before this can happen we must end the greed. Because: GREED = Death, end the greed. Demand access to All.

-Greed Kills-Access for All-
-Greed Kills-Access for All-
-Greed Kills-Access for All-

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (EXTERNAL MAIL)

CREATOR: tap-drugs@essential.org@INET@EOPMRX

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-AUG-1996 08:34:00.00

SUBJECT: Last Demonstration at Vancouver

TO: Multiple recipients of list (tap-drugs@essential.org@INET@EOPMRX)
READ:NOT READ

IND_TO: Lahoma Romocki (ROMOCKI_L) (OPD)
READ:16-AUG-1996 16:50:43.11

TEXT:
ACT UP indicted Merck for its AIDS profiteering with its protease inhibitor Crixivan.

But the last Golden Urn Award went to:

Bayer

for knowingly selling HIV-tainted Blood to Hemophiliacs, murdering thousands.

"The worst medically induced tragedy in the history of the U.S."

Bayer Pharmaceuticals murdered thousands of Hemophiliacs when it knowingly sold tainted blood products to patients in the U.S., Canada, Japan, Costa Rica, Mexico, Brazil, the Philippines, and other countries. The company now sells HIV drugs like IVIG and Mycelex troche tablets to the very people they infected. According to reports, Bayer has also formed a multi-million dollar joint venture with the Red Cross to build a blood products factory in Canada.

Bayer is part of a group of blood products companies that are currently being sued by hemophiliacs in several countries. Canadian hemophiliacs who were infected by tainted blood products were awarded approximately \$125,000 each as compensation for HIV infection. American hemophiliacs are currently considering an offer of \$60,000-\$100,000 per person.

"These blood products companies are getting away with murder," commented ACT UP Golden Gate's Bill Thorne. "The financial settlements these companies are paying People with AIDS are only a fraction of the price the patients are paying every year for blood products from the same companies that infected them." Other companies known to have sold tainted blood products include Alpha Therapeutics, Baxter, and Centeon.

"This is the worst medically-induced tragedy in the history of the United States," commented Terry Stogdell, an HIV+ hemophiliac. "The company also refuses to acknowledge the danger of other blood-born

viruses. Ninety-eight percent of Hemophiliacs have hepatitis, and most have been exposed to arthritis-inducing parvo virus."

Although there were 10,000 US Hemophiliacs infected with HIV in 1985, 4,000 have died, not including their partners and children. The company still sells clotting factor to hemophiliacs. Clotting factor, for one person costs between \$1 - \$6 per unit, or as much as \$360,000 per person per year. Due to this fact, most people with Hemophilia are living in poverty. Hemophiliacs maintain that Bayer keeps the price high by creating artificial shortages. "Bayer has stopped manufacturing clotting factor to drive up their prices," commented Stogdell. The company is expected to recommence manufacturing in early Fall, 1996, once supplies have dwindled.

ACT UP DEMANDS that the Krever commission immediately release the names of the people to blame for the tainted blood tragedy that killed so many.

For more information, please contact:
Durhane Wong-Rieger, President Canadian Hemophilia Society
514-848-0503 x40 Terry Stogdell 415/482-1899

To see photo's of this action and others during the week of the International AIDS Conference in Vancouver (July 7-11) go the ACT UP/NY's web site at : www.actupny.org.

ACT UP will continue its campaign against exorbitant drug prices in Washington DC at the weekend of October 11-13th. We intend to hold congress, the president and drug companies liable for the crisis high prices have created for people suffering from life threatening conditions such as AIDS.

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CREATOR: Sarah T. Holewinski (CN=Sarah T. Holewinski/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:21-JAN-1998 14:51:31.00

SUBJECT: Security in San Fran

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Ted Kurtz from the Steele Foundation called today to alert you to the situation that they have in San Fransisco right now:

Act Up San Fransisco, a militant branch of Act Up Golden Gate, caused some physical harm to some Executive Directors and high level faculty from area AIDS organizations a little while ago. A judge dropped the charge two weeks ago on a community service condition. The community in SF has called the threat level high for the Summit as a result of Act Up's now clean slate...

In addition to general security, The Steele Foundation is willing to provide a personal security personal for you for the day....a low profile person who will help if you are caught in a crowd or bombarded by media. Helene Gayle has requested it and some other higher profile people...

Ted Kurtz's number is 415-781-4300. I will be happy to call him back if you would like the protection. Thanks

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: esawyer@igc.org@INET@LNGTWY (esawyer@igc.org@INET@LNGTWY [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:23-MAR-1999 01:43:57.00

SUBJECT: Re: White House Africa and HIV Fact-Finding Delegation

TO: Sandra Thurman@eop (Sandra Thurman@eop [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

To: Sandra Thurman and Ron MacInnis

From: Eric Sawyer, ACT UP NY & HIV Human Rights Project

Re: Ron's Statement on NGO and PWA Representation

I can not agree more with Ron's statement regarding NGO and PWA representation. This is especially true given the recent murder of a women for simply going public last December that she was living with HIV.

As a prior Board Member to the Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+) who helped to organize the Capetown GNP+ Conference in 1995 I can assure you that during the month I spent in Capetown surrounding the conference, the most important work was being done by PWAs through NPWA South Africa and by PWAs working for various hospital clinics in major cities or for the National AIDS Program. I'm sure things have improved somewhat since 1995, but my impression from communicating with some PWAs in South Africa is that not alot of progress has been made.

I also want to express my strong caution that the US Government not make any more threats to interfere with the South African Government's desire, (or any other African Country government's desire) to pursue compulsory licensing or parrell importing of essential medicines, as is their legal right under the Trips Article of the GATT and other International Trade Treaty - - to do so will bring the immediate rath of the PWA Activist Movement thundering upon the White House with more furry than a run away herd of Buffalos.

Respectfully Yours,

Eric Sawyer

>22 March 1999

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>To: Sandra Thurman

>Director, White House Office of National AIDS Policy

>From: Ron MacInnis

>Director, AIDS Program, Global Health Council

>Re: Upcoming Africa HIV/AIDS Delegation

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>Dear Sandy,

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>I hope you are well and I wish you well as you prepare for your upcoming
>fact-finding mission to three African countries. I am inquiring on behalf
>of colleagues at the Global Health Council and at the NORA coalition, as
to
>the extent of NGO involvement in the Africa delegation and in the
>delegation's in-country visits.
>
>Will there be representatives of US-based non-governmental organizations
on
>the delegation? Are you planning to select any? If you are interested,
>the Global Health Council and the NORA Coalition could offer suggestions
as
>to individuals who would help complement the delegation.
>
>Will your in-country visits focus mainly on USAID's bilateral initiatives,
>or will you have the chance to look at community-led efforts and at the
>specific concerns of those living with HIV/AIDS? Have you put together a
>program already, and could we be made aware of its details? Once again,
>the Council and our colleagues at NORA are willing to put you in contact
>with our counterpart organizations in those countries you are visiting.
>
>As you know, in most African countries, as in the United States, the bulk
>of effective responses to the HIV/AIDS epidemic is carried out by NGO
>groups. It is our belief that including US NGO representatives on your
>fact-finding mission will show our counterpart officials in other cou
ntries
>of the strong relationship between the US government and US NGOs.
>
>It is also my personal belief that the most important statement your
>delegation could make would be to include the prominent inclusion of an
NGO
>leader from the US who is living with HIV/AIDS. Because of the intense
>stigma and discrimination of people living with HIV in most African
>countries, this would also be an important example for our US national
>leadership to demonstrate in official visits to Africa - that people livin
g
>with this virus can be respected and productive colleagues and allies in
>the fight against AIDS.
>
>While I am sure that you, my colleagues and I are of the same opinion on
>all of these matters, I would be remiss in not bringing these issues to
>your attention as you prepare for your trip. I look forward to hearing
>from you and hope that me and my colleagues can assist you in making this
>international visit successful.

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>Warm regards,

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>
>Ron MacInnis

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>*****
>The Global Health Council (formerly NCIH)
>Global AIDS Program

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>Program staff:
>Ron MacInnis, Director (ext. 209)
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>Dr. Mike Aidoo, Program Intern (ext. 213)
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CREATOR: Asia Russell <asia@CritPath.Org> (Asia Russell <asia@CritPath.Org> [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:21-JUN-1999 16:15:08.00

SUBJECT: possible correction

TO: Cheryl S. Bauerle (CN=Cheryl S. Bauerle/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Cheryl:

Just want to clarify my SS#--suddenly thought I may have reversed the digits on the phone:

(b)(6)

[001]

Forgive the confusion--

Sincerely,

Asia Russell

Asia Russell
ACT UP Philadelphia
(215) 731-1844
(215) 731-1845 fax
asia@critpath.org
ACT UP/FIGHT BACK

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: James Love <love@cpotech.org> (James Love <love@cpotech.org> [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:21-JUN-1999 11:56:26.00

SUBJECT: Re: meeting with Sandra Thurman

TO: Cheryl S. Bauerle (CN=Cheryl S. Bauerle/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Confirmed for the meeting are:

James Love
Robert Weisman, attorney, Essential Information
Dr Peter Lurie, Public Citizen
Eric Sawyer, Act Up! NY
Asia Russell, Act Up!, Philly
Paul Davis, Act Up!, Philly

Cheryl_S._Bauerle@opd.eop.gov wrote:

>
> Hi Jamie-
>
> I haven't spoken with you since we set up the meeting with you and Sandy
> Thurman. I just need to confirm that it's still happening at 10:30 AM,
> June 22, and would appreciate receiving a list of who will be attending
> with you.
>
> Many thanks and hope to hear from you soon-
>
> Cheryl Bauerle
> Office of National AIDS Policy

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James Love, Director, Consumer Project on Technology
I can be reached at love@cpotech.org, by telephone 202.387.8030,
by fax at 202.234.5176. CPT web page is <http://www.cpotech.org>

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: "P. Davis" <pdavis@CritPath.Org> ("P. Davis" <pdavis@CritPath.Org> [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-JUN-1999 18:49:37.00

SUBJECT: Re: IMPORTANT - about Sandy Thurman meeting

TO: love@cptech.org (James Love) (love@cptech.org (James Love) [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: asia@CritPath.Org (asia@CritPath.Org [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: esawyer@igc.org (esawyer@igc.org [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Cheryl S. Bauerle (CN=Cheryl S. Bauerle/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

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CC: plurie@citizen.org (plurie@citizen.org [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: pdavis@CritPath.Org (pdavis@CritPath.Org [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: rob@essential.org (rob@essential.org [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Representatives from ACT UP Phila can attend either day. Can you call in from your travels, Eric?

Paul Davis

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>The 6th is bad for me. The 7th is much better. Jamie

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>Cheryl_S._Bauerle@opd.eop.gov wrote:

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>> We need to re-schedule the June 29th meeting planned with Sandra Thurman

>> because she will be traveling. We are now looking at either July 6 or

7,

>> but I will not be able to give you a definite date until Monday. I

>> apologize for the inconvenience. Please let me know if you have any

>> questions.

>>

>> Many thanks-

>>

>> Cheryl Bauerle

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>--

>James Love, Director, Consumer Project on Technology

>I can be reached at love@cptech.org, by telephone 202.387.8030,

>by fax at 202.234.5176. CPT web page is <http://www.cptech.org>

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CREATION DATE/TIME:25-JUN-1999 09:16:33.00

SUBJECT: Fwd: ACT UP to Protest Gore in Phila. Monday

TO: Sandra Thurman@eop (Sandra Thurman@eop [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Todd A. Summers@eop (Todd A. Summers@eop [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Daniel C. Montoya@eop (Daniel C. Montoya@eop [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

This seems so out of left field.

Where are the ACT UP protest over the disparity in health care for African Americans living with HIV? Where is ACT UP's fury over the fact that some American women are being treated with monotherapy?===== ATTACHMENT 1
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Date: 6/25/99 9:04am

Subject: ACT UP to Protest Gore in Phila. Monday

ACT UP to Protest Gore in Phila. Monday

PHILADELPHIA, June 25 /PRNewswire/ -- Hundreds of demonstrators from the AIDS, African American and gay and lesbian communities are expected to participate in a demonstration next Monday, June 28th, outside a \$1,000 per person fundraiser for the Gore for President campaign, according to ACT UP Philadelphia.

The general theme of the demonstration, which is supported by We The People, One Day At A Time, and a variety of church and community organizations, is "AIDS Drugs for Africa." Gore is blamed for resurrecting the "AIDS Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)," legislation that, among other things, will attempt to prohibit African nations from developing less-expensive generic forms of AIDS medications and force them to pay high prices for US-patented versions of the drugs.

Four other recent Gore campaign appearances in other cities have been disrupted by activists concerned about the issue in recent days.

The Philadelphia demonstration will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a gathering at 15th and Cherry Streets, followed by a march to the Wyndham Franklin Plaza hotel, the site of the fundraiser, which is expected to draw about 500 people.

ACT UP, which calls Gore's presidential bid his "Apartheid 2000 Campaign," said it will bring a "life sized puppet of Al Gore as a life-sized marionette, with 'Big Pharma' drug company executives controlling the strings."

Last week, AIDS activists, infuriated by Gore's pivotal role in threatening trade sanctions against South Africa and his active support for the AGOA, confronted Gore at three early presidential campaign announcements across the country.

Philadelphians who disrupted a Gore speech in New Hampshire will be available during Monday's demonstration.

"We don't wish for a President G. W. Bush. We are looking forward to supporting a candidate who will end Medical Apartheid, rather than one who is complicit in this racist application of trade policy," said Joe West of ACT UP Philadelphia. "As an African American, I will support a candidate who will take strong stands against big drug companies so that millions of lives in Africa can be saved."

Currently, 22.5 million Africans are HIV-positive, including up to 26% of young adults, totaling 67% of the world's HIV infected population. Average income in South Africa is \$2,600 per year, while the AIDS therapies that have extended the lives of many in wealthier nations cost over \$12,000 per year.

"As an American, I am ashamed that anyone in my country, much less the vice president, would do anything to interfere with access to lifesaving drugs," said Chris Bartlett, grand marshal of the 1999 Philadelphia Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride march. "As a member of the gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender community courted by Gore for votes, I am appalled that a potential president would see the worldwide AIDS crisis through the lens of big business & profit margins."

Many of Gore's top advisors are current or former drug company lobbyists. Tony Podesta, top Gore advisor and brother of Clinton's chief of staff, is currently the contracted lobbyist for PhRMA (Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturer's Association) and many other large U.S. drug interests. Tom Downey, close Gore associate and former congressman, lobbies for Merck pharmaceuticals. Gore fundraiser Peter Knight is a former Schering-Plough lobbyist.

"Candidate Gore finds time to pressure Congress to pass the so-called 'Africa

Growth and Opportunity Act' which would fuel the AIDS epidemic by placing multinational profits over health care and education," said John Bell, a African American Vietnam veteran and ACT UP Philadelphia member. "But he has

still not endorsed the 'Early Treatment for HIV Act,' which would extend Medicaid benefits to all Americans living with HIV. I don't want another

President Bush, but I fear that many voters will sit on their hands come November if Gore seems to be a puppet of big business interests."

The Vice President, in his role as the Co-Chair of the Bi-National Trade Commission on South Africa, has threatened trade sanctions and suspension of relief payments since 1997. The trigger was the South African passage of the

Medicines Act, through which Pretoria would have used "compulsory licensing" to produce inexpensive versions of patented drugs for local use, and "parallel importing" to purchase drugs through a 3rd party to benefit from price differentials. The Medicines Act has been tied up in South African courts with sanctions and threats from the U.S. as well as lawsuits filed by drug companies.

"Al Gore pushes for sanctions against South Africa for attempting to make or import drugs that could save the lives of millions of residents, at no loss to U.S. drug companies," said Paul Davis of ACT UP Philadelphia. The entire African continent represents 1.5% of pharmaceutical sales worldwide.

Major pharmaceutical companies have long been under attack from AIDS activists for high prices. However, drug manufacturers have claimed that the

high cost of treatment reflects research and production expenses. The U.S. Patent and Trade Office reports, however, that in cases where U.S. tax dollars were used substantially to research or invent new treatments, the federal government either hold the patents or retains the rights to the drugs.

"Big Pharma is using Al Gore to hide their big secret: Many of these drugs cost pennies to make," reports economist Carl Priskell. "In many cases, drugs such as ddI, d4T or 3TC were researched and developed primarily with U.S. tax dollars, and could be turned over to the World Health Organization legally right now, so that drugs could be made available at-cost in developing nations."

"Drug companies stand to lose credibility as generic drug licensing exposes the true low cost of AIDS drug production. Drug companies fear any reductions

in their capacity to continuing to drastically overcharge in first-world markets," continued Priskell.

A leaked Department of State report (available at <http://www.cptech.org/ip/health/sa/stdept-feb51999.html>) specifically names the Office of the Vice President as an agency of the US government that "[has] been engaging in an assiduous, concerted campaign to persuade the Government of South Africa to withdraw or modify the provisions of Article 15(c)" which would permit compulsory licensing. "Since the passage of the offending amendments...U.S. Government agencies have been engaged in a full court press with South African officials from the Departments of Trade and Industry, Foreign Affairs, and Health, to convince the South African Government to withdraw or amend the offending provisions of the law."

"How can this be anything but blatant racism?" asks Jerome Costa of We the People. "I don't see Gore strong-arming the UK for importing medications, I

see him threatening a poor, African country trying to deal with a virus that attacks one in eight citizens."

"Gore's 'family values' message is diluted by his policies on South Africa. In a nation where 20% of pregnant women have HIV, Gore works to prevent access to even a few weeks of AZT," said Asia Russell, also of ACT UP Philadelphia. "A short course of AZT reduces new infections in infants by over 50%, but even this limited treatment is unavailable because Al Gore values drug company contributions over the lives of people of color. Even though Glaxo Wellcome markets the drug, the federal government paid almost every penny for the invention and research on AZT."

Compulsory licensing is a legal mechanism that can be deployed during health emergencies, according to the TRIPS agreement established by the World Trade Organization. Compulsory licensing provides royalties to patent owners, and is utilized by wealthy nations such as the United States or Great Britain for

technologies ranging from gene therapies to infrared goggles. In South Africa, compulsory licensing of AIDS medications could reduce prices by as much as 90%.

The demonstration is being organized around the following demands:

1. Drug Access in Developing Nations:

A) Gore, as VP and US Chair of the Bi-National Commission on South Africa, must cease threats of trade sanctions against South Africa and other developing nations that are attempting to provide access to essential AIDS medications through TRIPS-compliant measures for compulsory licensing and parallel importing.

B) The South African government must be allowed to implement its Medicines and Related Substances Act without opposition from the US Trade Representative or other Administration departments or officials.

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PHILADELPHIA, June 25 /PRNewswire/ -- Hundreds of demonstrators from the AIDS, African American and gay and lesbian communities are expected to participate in a demonstration next Monday, June 28th, outside a \$1,000 per person fundraiser for the Gore for President campaign, according to ACT UP Philadelphia.

The general theme of the demonstration, which is supported by We The People,

One Day At A Time, and a variety of church and community organizations, is "AIDS Drugs for Africa." Gore is blamed for resurrecting the "AIDS Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)," legislation that, among other things, will attempt to prohibit African nations from developing less-expensive generic forms of AIDS medications and force them to pay high prices for US-patented versions of the drugs.

Four other recent Gore campaign appearances in other cities have been disrupted by activists concerned about the issue in recent days.

The Philadelphia demonstration will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a gathering at 15th and Cherry Streets, followed by a march to the Wyndham Franklin Plaza hotel, the site of the fundraiser, which is expected to draw about 500 people.

ACT UP, which calls Gore's presidential bid his "Apartheid 2000 Campaign," said it will bring a "life sized puppet of Al Gore as a life-sized marionette, with 'Big Pharma' drug company executives controlling the strings."

Last week, AIDS activists, infuriated by Gore's pivotal role in threatening trade sanctions against South Africa and his active support for the AGOA, confronted Gore at three early presidential campaign announcements across the country.

Philadelphians who disrupted a Gore speech in New Hampshire will be available during Monday's demonstration.

"We don't wish for a President G. W. Bush. We are looking forward to supporting a candidate who will end Medical Apartheid, rather than one who is

complicit in this racist application of trade policy," said Joe West of ACT UP Philadelphia. "As an African American, I will support a candidate who will take strong stands against big drug companies so that millions of lives in Africa can be saved."

Currently, 22.5 million Africans are HIV-positive, including up to 26% of young adults, totaling 67% of the world's HIV infected population. Average income in South Africa is \$2,600 per year, while the AIDS therapies that have extended the lives of many in wealthier nations cost over \$12,000 per year.

"As an American, I am ashamed that anyone in my country, much less the vice president, would do anything to interfere with access to lifesaving drugs," said Chris Bartlett, grand marshal of the 1999 Philadelphia Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride march. "As a member of the gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender community courted by Gore for votes, I am appalled that a potential president would see the worldwide AIDS crisis through the lens of big business & profit margins."

Many of Gore's top advisors are current or former drug company lobbyists. Tony Podesta, top Gore advisor and brother of Clinton's chief of staff, is

currently the contracted lobbyist for PhRMA (Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturer's Association) and many other large U.S. drug interests. Tom Downey, close Gore associate and former congressman, lobbies for Merck pharmaceuticals. Gore fundraiser Peter Knight is a former Schering-Plough lobbyist.

"Candidate Gore finds time to pressure Congress to pass the so-called 'Africa

Growth and Opportunity Act' which would fuel the AIDS epidemic by placing multinational profits over health care and education," said John Bell, a African American Vietnam veteran and ACT UP Philadelphia member. "But he has

still not endorsed the 'Early Treatment for HIV Act,' which would extend Medicaid benefits to all Americans living with HIV. I don't want another President Bush, but I fear that many voters will sit on their hands come November if Gore seems to be a puppet of big business interests."

The Vice President, in his role as the Co-Chair of the Bi-National Trade Commission on South Africa, has threatened trade sanctions and suspension of relief payments since 1997. The trigger was the South African passage of the

Medicines Act, through which Pretoria would have used "compulsory licensing" to produce inexpensive versions of patented drugs for local use, and "parallel importing" to purchase drugs through a 3rd party to benefit from price differentials. The Medicines Act has been tied up in South African courts with sanctions and threats from the U.S. as well as lawsuits filed by drug companies.

"Al Gore pushes for sanctions against South Africa for attempting to make or import drugs that could save the lives of millions of residents, at no loss to U.S. drug companies," said Paul Davis of ACT UP Philadelphia. The entire African continent represents 1.5% of pharmaceutical sales worldwide.

Major pharmaceutical companies have long been under attack from AIDS activists for high prices. However, drug manufacturers have claimed that the

high cost of treatment reflects research and production expenses. The U.S. Patent and Trade Office reports, however, that in cases where U.S. tax dollars were used substantially to research or invent new treatments, the federal government either hold the patents or retains the rights to the drugs.

"Big Pharma is using Al Gore to hide their big secret: Many of these drugs cost pennies to make," reports economist Carl Priskell. "In many cases, drugs such as ddI, d4T or 3TC were researched and developed primarily with U.S. tax dollars, and could be turned over to the World Health Organization legally right now, so that drugs could be made available at-cost in developing nations."

"Drug companies stand to lose credibility as generic drug licensing exposes the true low cost of AIDS drug production. Drug companies fear any reductions

in their capacity to continuing to drastically overcharge in first-world markets," continued Priskell.

A leaked Department of State report (available at <http://www.cptech.org/ip/health/sa/stdept-feb51999.html>) specifically names the Office of the Vice President as an agency of the US government that "[has] been engaging in an assiduous, concerted campaign to persuade the Government of South Africa to withdraw or modify the provisions of Article 15(c)" which would permit compulsory licensing. "Since the passage of the offending amendments...U.S. Government agencies have been engaged in a full court press with South African officials from the Departments of Trade and Industry, Foreign Affairs, and Health, to convince the South African Government to withdraw or amend the offending provisions of the law."

"How can this be anything but blatant racism?" asks Jerome Costa of We the People. "I don't see Gore strong-arming the UK for importing medications, I see him threatening a poor, African country trying to deal with a virus that attacks one in eight citizens."

"Gore's 'family values' message is diluted by his policies on South Africa. In a nation where 20% of pregnant women have HIV, Gore works to prevent access to even a few weeks of AZT," said Asia Russell, also of ACT UP Philadelphia. "A short course of AZT reduces new infections in infants by over 50%, but even this limited treatment is unavailable because Al Gore values drug company contributions over the lives of people of color. Even though Glaxo Wellcome markets the drug, the federal government paid almost every penny for the invention and research on AZT."

Compulsory licensing is a legal mechanism that can be deployed during health emergencies, according to the TRIPS agreement established by the World Trade Organization. Compulsory licensing provides royalties to patent owners, and is utilized by wealthy nations such as the United States or Great Britain for

technologies ranging from gene therapies to infrared goggles. In South Africa, compulsory licensing of AIDS medications could reduce prices by as much as 90%.

The demonstration is being organized around the following demands:

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Moderator note: Many apologies if you are receiving a duplicate copy of this. We have re-posted it as we had technical difficulties sending it out the first time.

UNAIDS PCB Meeting - Act Up Paris Response

UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB): Only one thing to say: the fight against AIDS is elsewhere.

UNAIDS P.C.B. meeting was held in Geneva on June 28 & 29, gathering different political decision-makers, U.N. agencies and international NGOs on two objectives: to take stock of the activities achieved during the year and to settle UNAIDS's workplan for the following year.

Act Up-Paris attended the meeting as an observer, willing to assess the contents of the debates and the problems raised in order to put an end to the alarming propagation of the epidemic and to help affected populations. We've wasted our time and our money.

It is clear that the people there present were there to put up a good show and congratulate each other; it is clear that they just do not find in the current emergency sufficient motivation to leave their usual bureaucratic

comfort. It is clear that the fight against AIDS is elsewhere.

On the occasion of the PCB, the decision-makers announced, within the scope of a multisector-based offensive against the epidemic in Africa, their will to widen the range of the interlocutors and NGOs involved. They've never been able to support the PWAs (People Living With AIDS) fighting at the grass-root level; what kind of guarantee can they give us that this will not just lead to a dissolution of the fight against AIDS in a general slump pigeonholed 'Development'?

We have been fighting for years so that the money of the fight against AIDS in the developing countries should not be monopolised by consortiums of NGOs, with local or international political support, so-called fighters against the virus. This money must go to the people who are directly hit, the associations of PWAs. This objective will never have been achieved; without money, with no treatments, the PWAs and their associations keep dying.

Of course, the officials of the fight against AIDS put those associations forward at conferences and international meetings; but, they despise them or do without them. Nevertheless, these associations, in many countries, compensate the weaknesses and the inertia of the States and provide the minimum of psychological and medical support with derisory means. These associations are occasionally instrumentalised, exploited and never really supported, neither logistically, nor financially.

The fight against AIDS will never succeed without the PWAs, because they know, better than anybody else, what HIV infection represents in their countries, they know the reality of the illness, the state of the medical support and the failures of the health systems.

Nevertheless, just like 15 years ago in the Western countries, doctors, researchers, officials, politicians etc. prefer endlessly argue with each other. Those very same people have lost years and years to oppose prevention and access to treatments, with savings as sole concern, letting the epidemic spread, letting the people die and killing the efficacy of policies against AIDS. Those very same people see Africa as a wide therapeutical and vaccinal experimentation field and consider ethics as a brake upon progress. Those very same people refuse to face the reality and keep saying, shamelessly, that the prices of ARVs weigh more than the life of people and the consistency of their policies. Those very same people patronise, from the top of their stands or in front of cameras, claiming that it is so essential to involve people living with AIDS at any level of the fight, but they just have no interest about what really happens in the field. Who do they think they delude?

We cannot stand anymore:

a. UNAIDS's cowardice, its inability to support ill people and its way to submit to American pressure; two years ago, UNAIDS had at least had the courage to open the debate on access to treatments in developing countries, had had the will to manage in good conditions, the distribution of ARVs. But now it wavers under the pressure of its detractors, of those who tried to convince us that prevention would be sufficient to halt the epidemic and that ARVs cost more than the consequences of their inaction,

of those who, after 30 years of deep thoughts and recommendations, keep being unable to implement any access to basic treatments ;

a.. USAIDS's pretentiousness when it tries to impose its leadership in the fight against AIDS while despising PWAs' experience and refusing to take part to the international solidarity for access to treatments ;

a.. The European Union's hypocrisy, when, behind Lieve Fransen, and more and more set back from the public scene, it does everything to reduce its financial contribution to the fight against AIDS, while the reality of the epidemic, on the contrary, demands an increase of it ;

a.. The quarrels and competition between bilateral agencies, international bodies or ministries, and their inability to co-ordinate so as to be more efficient ;

We will not accept anymore that individuals with high salaries, living in Geneva, Brussels, Washington, Paris etc. and "working for" the fight against AIDS content themselves with stringing together meaningless bureaucratic sentences and spend their time asking us to be patient.

The epidemic is NOT waiting.

10% of new contaminations each year; it is unacceptable. How many thousands of people die everyday? How many are contaminated with no hope for care and support? In the most hit countries, our friends HIV+ and PWAs fight and kick the bucket, with no treatments, no care, no premises for their associations, no phone, no fax machine, no computers, sometimes no electricity. Where people live with AIDS, the fight survives thanks to little charity. This can't go on any longer.

How many associations could have got out their isolation and precarity if the huge sums of money that have been wasted in conferences purposely made futile - such as Geneva last July - had been used to support them ?

We, who live thanks to care and therapies in Western countries, will not remain silent in front of such hypocrisy and inertia. We will not wait for a next PCB of that kind to make ourselves heard. What the PWAs and the rest of the population are interested in are concrete measures which must be implemented to protect and help them : information, medical and psychosocial support, access to decent and sufficient testings.

We, Act Up-Paris, largely involved in the fight against AIDS, on the side of people living with AIDS in developing countries, we are angry. We demand that the decision-makers have the courage and the honesty to lead a real fight against the epidemic, or that they change job.

We demand:

a.. that the backers and sponsors (European Union, World Bank, USAID, Bilateral French, German, English, Dutch, Belgian, Japanese etc. Cooperations) put an end to their mean calculations and support the associations of PWAs fighting on the grassroot level, and that they invest the necessary financial means to develop access to health care and treatments;

b.. that UNAIDS, its executive director and all its members, show a clear strategy and make recommendations, and clarify the means it intends to make use of to achieve ;

c.. that UNAIDS plays its role as a coordinator between all sponsors ;

d.. that UNAIDS, WHO and the World Bank refuse to submit to American

pressure and blackmail leading them to foster the epidemic instead of supporting the populations ;
e.. The European Union stop hiding, planning its disengagement in the fight against AIDS and multiply its budget by 100 so as to really face the epidemic. The decision-makers and their herd of bureaucrats must choose their side: the fight or the epidemic.

By refusing to hear and support people living with AIDS, they are accomplice of AIDS and of millions of deaths to come. Their incompetence does not relieve them from their responsibilities.

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TEXT:

Heads up!

An Act Up demonstration is planned of Oct. 6th 12:00 Noon at Farragut Square. Directed to Charlene Barshevsky (US Trade Representative) to support making lifesaving AIDS drugs available to the 90% of the worlds HIV+ population which has no known possible way to pay North American or European cost levels and thus feels effectively excluded from access to treatments. This is an extension of the debate over South Africa, India, international patent and intellectual property rights, and demonstrations at Political events attended by Vice President Gore. For further information contact Act

Up Philadelphia (215) 731-1844.

It is possible (but known for certain to me personally) that this demonstration could move to other locations before concluding.

William E. Arnold
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CREATION DATE/TIME: 4-OCT-1999 20:46:25.00

SUBJECT: Re: HUGE ACT UP PROTEST

TO: KLASKY_HELAINÉ@ustr.gov@INET@LNGTWY (KLASKY_HELAINÉ@ustr.gov@INET@LNGTWY [UNKNOWN])

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TEXT:

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TEXT:

Helaine, can you call me on this. Thanks, Patrick 65364

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CREATOR: Joseph Papovich <PAPOVICH_JOSEPH@ustr.gov> (Joseph Papovich
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CREATION DATE/TIME: 4-OCT-1999 18:36:14.00

SUBJECT: Re: HUGE ACT UP PROTEST

TO: Lael Brainard (CN=Lael Brainard/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I will be on official travel until Oct 13. Bernie Ashcer will be
Acting AUSTR thru Oct 1. Peter Collins will be Acting AUSTR from Oct
4-12.

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CREATOR: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-OCT-1999 08:25:17.00

SUBJECT: HUGE ACT UP PROTEST

TO: Sarah A. Bianchi (CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-OCT-1999 20:27:16.00

SUBJECT: [251] Like Father, Like Son - George W. Bush is AWOL on AIDS

TO: Thomas M. Rosshirt (CN=Thomas M. Rosshirt/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Just to let you know you're not alone....

Todd

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INTAIDS - ACT UP <intaid@hivnet.ch>

10/05/99 08:51:08 PM

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-OCT-1999 08:15:29.00

SUBJECT: Re: HUGE ACT UP PROTEST

TO: Patrick M. Dorton (CN=Patrick M. Dorton/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])
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TEXT:

We are preparing a statement which shuld answer everything. When it is ready, I will send it your way. Helaine

>>> <Patrick_M._Dorton@oa.eop.gov> 10/04/99 08:46PM >>>
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Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

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CREATION DATE/TIME:16-NOV-1999 10:29:08.00

SUBJECT: ACT UP - World AIDS Day

TO: Sarah A. Bianchi (CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Thomas M. Rosshirt (CN=Thomas M. Rosshirt/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

PILLS COST PENNIES * GREED COSTS LIVES

Washington, DC, USA: Tuesday, November 30

press conference * march * protest * civil disobedience
events start at noon * locations to be announced

Free buses leave Philadelphia 8 am SHARP * Broad and Walnut Streets
reserve your seat: 215-731-1844 -- jdavids@critpath.org

On the eve of World AIDS Day, join ACT UP Philadelphia, the HealthGAP coalition, and hundreds of other people with HIV and AIDS activists as we call on the US government to cease blocking access to lifesaving medication worldwide.

We will hold a press conference and rally, and hold a short march to link the Clinton Administration to their drug company cronies (detail to be revealed shortly).

Activists around the world will be speaking out on November 30 and December 1 to demand an end to deliberate roadblocks to lifesaving medications perpetrated by the Clinton/Gore administration and greedy drug companies that would rather let millions die than reveal the truth -- drugs are cheap.

**** In the past 6 months, activists in the United States and South Africa forced the US Government to stop harrassing South Africa for their goal of producing affordable HIV/AIDS medication. But US AIDS Czar Thurman says that pressure against all other countries will be judged on a "case-by-case" basis -- how many more will die in Africa, in Asia, in Central and Latin America as the Administration continues heavy-handed

trade sanctions? ****

Put the WORLD back into World AIDS Day -- join us in Washington
to hold our government and multinational drug companies accountable
for putting profits before lives!

Can't come to DC? Contact us for a World AIDS Day Education and Action Kit
for your local commemorations... for more information, contact
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Julie Davids #####
ACT UP Philadelphia #####
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Lives must become more valuable than drug company profits.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Katharine Button (CN=Katharine Button/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:29-NOV-1999 09:01:24.00

SUBJECT: Re: World AIDS Day

TO: Cheryl S. Bauerle (CN=Cheryl S. Bauerle/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thanks. Do you know where we are on South Africa? Is Act Up still going to act up?

Cheryl S. Bauerle
11/24/99 03:30:06 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Katharine Button/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: World AIDS Day

Hi Katy-

We sent over a draft (to Eric Massey) of a report that will be released on World AIDS Day to help with the First Lady's speech. We're willing to prepare talking points but are waiting for the latest figures from UNAIDS- do you know if the speech writers will be working over the weekend or would early Monday morning be soon enough?

I'm also attaching below a copy of the talking points from the Sept. 7th Meeting. Let me know if I should forward them to someone else.

Many thanks!

Cheryl

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Talking Points for First Lady's Meeting on AIDS in Africa

AIDS in Africa is a crisis of biblical proportion. Each and every day – AIDS claims the lives of more than 5,500 African men, women, and children – and in the next few years, that number will more than double. And yet the epidemic rages on. In fact, while we are here today – nearly 1,000 in Africa will become HIV-infected – half of whom will be under than age of 25.

What we see in Africa today – we are likely to see in India and in the Newly Independent States tomorrow, if serious action is not taken now. By 2005, more than 100 million will have been infected with HIV.

AIDS is a humanitarian health emergency unlike anything we have seen in our lifetime. It is an economic issue, a security issue, a civil society issue, and a key development issue. AIDS in Africa is rolling back decades of progress on development benchmarks from infant mortality to life expectancy.

It is important for us to keep in mind that when we talk about the need to increase access to education for girls and to alleviate poverty among women in the developing world –we remember the link between this basic vulnerability and the risk of HIV. Poor women and children with no options or choices are in the center of the storm of this burgeoning pandemic. And when we talk about increasing trade with Africa, we must remember that AIDS is striking down workers and consumers and driving up the cost of doing business.

But amidst the tragedy we find signs of hope and opportunity. Across the African continent and around world, valiant efforts are being made to stem the rising tide of infection and to care for the growing number of people who are sick.

[First Ladies experiences with model efforts in Uganda and Thailand].

But overall, we are losing this war – and more, much more needs to be done.

On July 19th, the Administration launched a new initiative which is designed to enhance our leadership and investment in the global battle against AIDS. A centerpiece of this effort is an initial downpayment of an additional of \$100 million. This new investment will enable us to more than double our efforts in sub-Saharan Africa by focusing on four main objectives:

- prevention;
- basic care and treatment;
- caring for children orphaned by AIDS; and
- developing essential public health infrastructure and service delivery capacity.

But the US government cannot and should not do this alone. It is for this reason, that we seek to help galvanize action by other essential stakeholders. It is in this spirit of

cooperation that we have gathered here this morning. It is my hope that today, we can continue to build the momentum to win this war. I hope to spend our time and energy not only talking about the need for resources but also on promoting leadership, establishing priorities, and identifying effective public/private partnerships.

We are pleased to joined this morning by:

- leaders in the Administration
 - Secretary of Health and Human Services, Donna Shalala
 - Secretary of the Treasury, Larry Summers
 - USAID Administrator, Brady Anderson
 - Under-Secretary of State, Frank Loy
 - Assistant to the Vice President for National Security Affairs,
Leon Fuerth
 - Director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy,
Sandy Thurman
- multilateral organizations
 - The World Bank, Jim Wolfenson and Jan Piercy
 - UNAIDS Program Director, Dr. Peter Piot
- foundations who have and can provide leadership and resources when and where government can't or won't – demonstrating effective strategies and paving the way for more comprehensive action
 - Rockefeller Foundation
 - Gates Foundation
 - Open Society Institute
 - MacArthur Foundation
 - Kaiser Family Foundation
- businesses who help us understand that AIDS is an economic and trade issue that affects us all
 - Black Entertainment Television
 - Bristol Myers Squibb
- non-government organizations (AIDS community observers) who remind us that the lives of millions of individuals and families are in our hands – and who have been on the front lines and who more often than not implement the programs we will be discussing
 - National Association of People with AIDS
 - Global AIDS Action Network

HIV/AIDS has no cure and as yet there is no vaccine. We all grapple with the dual nature of current intervention efforts: prevention of new cases by expanding behavior change, and providing care to those already affected by the disease. As we come together from our diverse background – government, global business, foundations, intergovernmental and community-based organizations among others

– we can bring not only our perspectives on these efforts, but also our unique interests, capabilities and expertise. I want to use our meeting to identify roles, define opportunities, and develop new partnerships in the battle against this devastating epidemic.

We are living in wartime and the stakes are high. Tragically, we know the severity of the horror that lies ahead. Fortunately, we also know a great deal about what can be done to protect children and to support families and communities in their battle against AIDS.

But the battle against AIDS has just begun, and the worst is yet to come. We need to continue to promote and reward leadership, and to remove barriers that impede a cooperative multi-sectoral response. We must support the organizations of the United Nations who are fighting the epidemic of the front lines. We need to expand our vision, our capacity, and our resource base – in the face of an ever expanding nightmare that just won't take no for an answer. Living in wartime means pushing forward on several fronts at the same time.

As we seek to keep pace and even gain ground, the magnitude of this challenge looms large. Nevertheless, the faces of the children and families crying out for our help beckon us all to find ways to do better, to be smarter, to move faster, and to develop whatever capacity and partnerships we lack, as we gear up for the long haul.

Onward.

Script:

Location: Roosevelt Room 10:30am September 7, 1999

Press enters

- **Welcome**
- **Opening remarks by the First Lady**, including introductions (see above)

Press departs

- **Introduce Dr. Peter Piot**, Executive Director, Joint UN program on HIV/AIDS in Geneva: For brief overview of epidemic and the specific challenges we face as we move into the next century.
- **Call on Donna Shalala** for her thoughts on where we need to go in the health sector
- **Call on Lawrence Summers** for his thoughts on where we need to go in the international financial sector
- **Call on James Wolfensohn** for his thoughts on directions for the International Financial Institutions
- **Follow on with open discussion with foundations and corporations and others**

Issues -- Incorporating AIDS into specific sector portfolios:

- Prevention activities. Engagement of leadership. Stigma reduction. Education. Mother to child transmission prevention.
 - Care and treatment. Provision of basic medical care., including treatment of TB and other opportunistic infections.
 - Infrastructure development, including financing and debt relief
- **Next Steps**
 1. Foundation meeting called by MacArthur Foundation. Could they take a leadership role with other foundations?
 2. Business Leader's meeting coordinated by VP and Commerce. Could Bristol Myers have a role in helping with pharmaceutical companies?
 3. Could BET help organize a communications forum to discuss increased AIDS activities internationally?

4. Follow on the Cologne Initiative: Demonstration project in Africa on Debt for AIDS prevention activities.
 5. New UN activities
 6. Other (as come up in the open discussion).
- Close.

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:31-MAR-2000 17:07:24.00

SUBJECT: Re: FW: ACT UP San Francisco Launches Survive AIDS Campaign

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TEXT:

Loved seeing you today. What a treat! Let's do it again soon.

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CREATION DATE/TIME:18-APR-2000 15:10:29.00

SUBJECT: FW: Act Up SF Gate Crashes PI Forum & Mbeki Rally

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TEXT:
LGrinberg@aol.com on 04/18/2000 12:56:19 AM

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> sftroubl@hooked.net, carlton@ccbr.umn.edu, timhorn@worldnet.att.net

> cc:

> Subject: AUSF Gate Crashes PI Forum & Mbeki Rally

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> The AUSF goons just attacked a Project Inform/Survive AIDS forum on

> structured treatment interruptions held tonite with Steve Deeks, Mike

> McCune,

> etc. in S.F. Somehow they got past two security guards, physically

injured

> a

> PI staffer, threw pills in people's faces, screaming their usual epithets

> at

> Marty. We intend to find a lawyer and get a restraining order tomorrow.

> This is all a dress rehearsal for Durban, I fear, and they're growing

more

> cocky each day. We need everyone's support in dealing with these

> terrorists.

>

>

> And, now these maniacs are invading my home town. Soon they'll be in

your

> backyard...

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> ACT UP/Hollywood is joining health advocates and free-speech advocates

> locally and around the globe in a special Rally of Support for South

> African

> President Thabo Mbeki, at noon April 27th, at the Los Angeles home of the

> South African Consulate, 6300 Wilshire Boulevard.

>

> On that day, activists in cities around the world, including New York,

San

> Francisco, Toronto and others in a growing list are announcing public

> rallies

> and events to mark the International Day of Support for Mbeki. Mbeki, the

> President of South Africa, is attracting a firestorm of attention as he

> has

> begun questioning the causes and treatments for AIDS in his country, and

> focusing greater attention on the upcoming 13th annual international AIDS

> conference in July in Durban, South Africa.

>

> Much of the attention has been from angry mainstream AIDS supporters who

- > would rather that the President's questions not be addressed publicly.
- > Some
- > of them are pressuring Mbeki to be silenced or they threaten to try to
get
- > the conference cancelled. Mbeki is questioning the use of the toxic drug
- > AZT
- > specifically (still the number-one most prescribed AIDS treatment drug),
- > and
- > is asking experts on all sides of the HIV/AIDS issue to send him their
- > viewpoints and scientific information regarding whether HIV is the proven
- > cause of AIDS.
- >
- > The purpose of the rallies is to garner more media attention for Mbeki's
- > questions and to support public discussions of AIDS theories and
- > treatments.
- > We hope YOU will join us at the peaceful L.A. rally, a noontime event
- > designed to be media-friendly and easy to join. Organizers will supply a
- > variety of anti-censorship signs and anti-AZT signs. Your
- > comments and support are greatly needed.
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- > Please signal your support by planning to join us on YOUR lunch hour from
- > noon-1pm on Thursday April 27th,
- > at 6300 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles.
- >
- > Questions? Ideas? Call or email us:
- > actuphollywood@earthlink.net or 323/692-7766.
- >

> For more on Mbeki's battle, visit

> <http://www.virusmyth.com> and look under Front News.

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TEXT:

> More violence from ACT UP/SF

> Woman injured at HIV treatment forum

> by Terry Beswick

> 4/21 Bay Area Reporter article & editorial

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> About halfway through an educational forum on treatment options for
people

> with HIV and AIDS on Monday evening, April 17, Todd Swindell, David

> Pasquarelli, Michael Bellefountaine, Ronnie Burke, and several other

> members

> of ACT UP/San Francisco suddenly burst into the room, shouting, spitting,

> and

> throwing handfuls of hard pills into people's faces.

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> One woman was injured when she was pushed down after she tried to break
up

> a

> scuffle between audience members and the protesters.

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> "What happened was when the crowd started shouting and telling [the
> protesters] to get out, they really became violent," said Judy Leahy, who
> helped organize the meeting as a staff member for Project Inform, one of
> the
> meeting's co-sponsors. "They were hitting people with signs, and I tried
> to
> stop them."
>
> Leahy was taken to San Francisco General Hospital, where she was X-rayed
> and
> treated for a knee injury, and released at about 1 a.m. Tuesday.
>
> Over 100 people attended the meeting at the Baha'i Center at 170 Valencia
> Street in San Francisco co-sponsored by Survive AIDS, the group formerly
> known as ACT UP/Golden Gate. Twenty-four people reportedly gave their
> phone
> numbers so they could be called as witnesses to the violent attack.
>
> "They were screaming, 'You faggots deserve to die!'" said Hank Wilson, a
> member of Survive AIDS. Wilson said that, prior to the disruption, the
> meeting was one of the best he had attended "since the beginning of the
> epidemic."
>
> The protesters fled before police arrived. In a statement issued the next
> day
> from their Market Street headquarters, Bellefontaine and Pasquarelli
> claimed

> their "mission was to confront Founding Director Martin Delaney over his

> public about-face on interrupting lifelong dosing of HIV-positive people

> with

> potent protease inhibitors."

>

> In addition to Delaney, the meeting featured Dr. Steven Deeks of the

> University of California, San Francisco AIDS Program, and other experts

> discussing current thinking on HIV treatment strategies, including the

> option

> of taking "treatment holidays," or structured treatment interruption.

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> "I think they need to be in front of a judge," said Wilson, adding that

he

> personally signed onto the police report as a complainant over the

> disruption. "That behavior is not acceptable and their actions should

> have

> consequences."

>

> "We're going for restraining orders," Delaney told the Bay Area Reporter.

>

> Wilson and others said that, while the membership of ACT UP/San Francisco

> does not appear to be increasing in size, the small group is able to

> leverage

> their wealth from sales of medical marijuana to spread their dissident

> message that "AIDS is over."

>

> Members of the group have been involved in violent protests several times

> in

> recent years, including throwing cat feces and litter at San Francisco

> AIDS

> Foundation Executive Director Pat Christen, spitting in the face of

former

> San Francisco Department of Public Health staff member and nurse Marcy

> Fraser, among numerous other incidents.

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> "We can predict from their infusion of cash from their pot club that

their

> visibility will increase," said Wilson.

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> "I don't think there will be a next time now," said Delaney. "They've

> pissed

> off so many people this time that forces are rising up to bring them

> down."

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> "They're not demonstrators. I don't know what they are," said Leahy. "It

> was

> physical violence.

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> "People should not buy pot from their pot club."

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> Editorial by the B.A.R.

> ACT UP/SF acts out <<ATT05774.txt>>

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ATT CREATION TIME/DATE: 0 00:00:00.00

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This latest incident of physical violence by ACT UP/San Francisco reveals they will stop at nothing to harm people living with HIV/AIDS and their advocates -either verbally with their dangerous "AIDS is over, throw out your meds" hype or physically by attacking people. The violence must stop.

The incident underscores the fact that ACT UP/San Francisco has definite misogynous leanings, as several victims of their physical violence over the past few years have been women. Judy Leahy, of Project Inform, was merely the latest in a string of women who work with the AIDS community who have been spit on, had cat feces and litter dumped on them, or otherwise been assaulted by David Pasquarelli, Michael Bellefontaine, Ronnie Burk, and others.

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It's interesting to see the two different sides of the story. Project Inform issued a news release that described the incident - which is confirmed by others who were there - indicating that the dissidents burst into the meeting spitting and screaming incoherent slogans. After Leahy was injured, ACT UP/San Francisco members fled the scene before police could arrive.

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There's free speech, and there's violence. ACT UP/San Francisco members who were involved in the attack on Leahy should be held accountable for their actions. The community should hold them accountable by demanding an explanation as to why, if ACT UP/San Francisco members believe AIDS is over and HIV doesn't exist, they make millions of dollars pedaling medical marijuana to people living with HIV/AIDS. That's a disconnect if we ever saw one.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Greg Folkers [SMTP:GFOLKERS@niaid.nih.gov]

> Sent: Friday, April 21, 2000 4:13 PM

> Subject: Bay Area Reporter: ACT UP/SF acts out...again

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> <http://ebar.com/bareedit.htm#article1>

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> From:

> Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2000 1:42 PM

> Subject: AIDS ACTIVISTS DISRUPT PFIZER SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

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>> ACT UP

>> Press Release:

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>> FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 27, 2000

>> CONTACT: Carla Day (917) 951-8566

>> Asia Russell or Kate Krauss (215) 731-1844

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>> If you reach voice mail, leave a message in box 9.

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>> ***BREAKING NEWS***

>> AIDS ACTIVISTS DISRUPT PFIZER SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

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>> PFIZER MEETING: Grand Hyatt Hotel 42nd street and Lexington o RIGHT NOW

>> Protesters scatter pill bottles and seize microphones demanding

> affordable

> > access to fluconazole

> >

> > (NEW YORK) A dozen activists rushed the stage at the opening of Pfizer's

> > annual stockholder meeting; the activists left a legal picket outside to

> > storm the meeting. Before the disruption, shareholders planned to

> consider

> > a merger action with Warner-Lambert. The merger would have created one

> of

> > the world's largest drug companies.

> >

> > Activists from ACT UP Philadelphia, ACT UP New York, South Africa's

> > Treatment Action Campaign (TAC), and Latino AIDS groups distributed

> > information about Pfizer's "market-driven genocide" to shareholders as

> > they arrived at today's meetings at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in mid-town

> > Manhattan. Inside the meeting room, activists scattered pill bottles

and

> > blood money, and used the microphones to demand sustainable, affordable

> > access to Diflucan (fluconazole), Pfizer's life-saving anti-fungal

> > medication.

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> > Earlier this month, Pfizer responded to a high-pressure campaign by

> > activists in the United States and South Africa by agreeing to provide

> its

> > anti-fungal drug free to HIV positive South Africans with cryptococcal

> > meningitis, an otherwise fatal brain infection. So far, the company has
> > failed to answer similar requests from Nicaragua and other Central
> > American countries, where an estimated 30,000 HIV positive individuals
> > have limited access to essential medicines. Uganda has also asked for a
> > sustainable access program.

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> > "Pfizer doesn't want shareholders to know that the company's exorbitant
> > prices literally kill millions with AIDS. Pfizer must stop stalling and
> > commit publicly to providing affordable, sustainable access to this
> > life-saving drug-in Central America and everywhere else people with
AIDS

> > can't afford Pfizer's killer prices," said Paul Davis of ACT UP
> > Philadelphia.

> >

> > "Pfizer is trying to get through these crucial meetings without
> > addressing the issue," said Mel Stevens of ACT UP NY. "It's time for
> them
> > to stop stalling and commit, publicly, to making their drug available
> and
> > affordable to any country that needs it."

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> > Fluconazole is used to treat cryptococcal meningitis, an otherwise
fatal

> > brain infection that afflicts roughly nine percent of people with AIDS.

> It

> > is also used to systemic fungal infections like esophageal candidiasis.

> > Without a price reduction or substantive, sustainable plan for improved

> > access, most of Central America's estimated 30,000 HIV positive
> > individuals cannot afford the drug. In Guatemala, where the average
> > monthly wage is U.S.\$250, a single 200 mg fluconazole pill costs
> > U.S.\$11.90 in the public sector and U.S.\$27.60 in the private sector.

In

> > Thailand, where there is no patent on the drug, the same pill costs
> > U.S.\$0.29.

> >

> > Activists are challenging Pfizer to reduce the price of the drug or
> agree

> > to allow countries that cannot afford it to produce it generically.

> > "Donations are short-term solutions," said SharonAnn Lynch of ACT UP
NY.

> > "Pfizer needs to take substantial steps to provide for long-term,
> > affordable access on terms that work for every country."

> >

> > "The tremendous scope of the AIDS epidemic requires a worldwide price
> > reduction on fluconazole," said Zackie Achmat of South Africa's
activist

> > group, Treatment Action Campaign (TAC), who attended the protest. "The
> > donation is a start, but Pfizer is still placing profits before lives
> all

> > over the world." TAC has encouraged the South African government to
> accept

> > the donation, but has given Pfizer a July 1 deadline for agreeing to a
> > price reduction.

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> > In 1999, Pfizer earned U.S.\$1.2 billion in revenue from on fluconazole
> > sales. "For the money they make, we can help so many people that need
> > these medications. That would not effect their profits," said protester
> > Jesus Aguais of AID for AIDS, a nonprofit organization that provides
> > recycled HIV medications to Latin America.

> >

> > "People with HIV/AIDS in Central America are among the most abandoned
of

> > victims of human rights violations in the world. This action has
> > tremendous importance," said Richard Stern, a Central American
treatment

> > advocate who made the request that Pfizer make its drug available to
the

> > region. "Until Pfizer agrees to a sustainable affordable access program
> > for distributing fluconazole to all PWAs who need it in Central
America,

> > many will continue to die. Meanwhile companies reap billions in
> profits."

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SUBJECT: FW: ACT UP Protests International AIDS Conference Censorship

TO: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])
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TEXT:
> -----Original Message-----

> From:

> Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2000 10:49 AM

> Subject: ACT UP Protests International AIDS Conference Censorship

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> (Press release from an AIDS denialist/dissident group)

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>> FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

>> DATE: April 27, 2000

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>> CONTACT:

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>> ACT UP Protests International AIDS Conference Censorship

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>> Activists commend President Mbeki's skepticism of AIDS cause and

> treatment

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> New York City -- Members of the militant direct action organization ACT

UP

- > San Francisco will join forces today with AIDS dissidents from New York
- > City to protest censorship by organizers of the 13th International AIDS
- > Conference. The activists are part of an international coalition of groups
- > including HEAL New York, ACT UP Hollywood, ACT UP Toronto and London-based
- > Continuum Magazine that will stage rallies today to support South African
- > President Thabo Mbeki's call for an impartial investigation into the cause
- > and treatment of AIDS.
- > >
- > ACT UP members Ronnie Burk, Todd Swindell and David Pasquarelli are
- > scheduled to speak at a demonstration in front of the United Nations from
- > noon to 3:00 p.m. They plan to publicly condemn the recent decision by
- > conference organizers to prevent ACT UP from participating in the upcoming
- > scientific forum to take place in Durban, South Africa. Activists have
- > scheduled appointments to follow up on ACT UP's mass mailing of dissident
- > information to U.N. member nations and say they will urge U.N.
- > representatives to call for inclusion of all scientific viewpoints at the
- > AIDS conference or
- > demand its cancellation. Conference Chair HM Coovadia announced in a
- > letter last month that ACT UP's attendance would "detract from the ethos
- > and principles of the International AIDS Conference" -- whose theme this
- > year is, ironically, "Break the Silence."

> >

> > Additionally, Coovadia stated that ACT UP members' assertion that HIV
> does not cause AIDS, that HIV tests are dangerous and that AIDS drugs are
> poison would "harm efforts at HIV openness, cause tremendous confusion
> among people at risk and undermine much needed prevention efforts."

> >

> > Responding to the silencing of his organization, ACT UP member Todd
> Swindell explained, "It has been our experience as activists that anyone
> or any group that challenges the profitable AIDS industry is met with
> ridicule, ostracism and physical violence. For the chairperson of the
AIDS

> Conference to

> refuse us a place at the table is in keeping with the ongoing policy of
> censorship and repression that results from questioning popular beliefs
> about AIDS."

> >

> > In particular, ACT UP San Francisco opposes pharmaceutical industry
> pressure to federally subsidize billions of dollars in AZT exports for
> use in pregnant African women. Activists argue that AZT, a controversial
> and potent cancer chemotherapy, is toxic and will cause birth defects
and

> death. They urge the government of South Africa to reject such plans and
> support Mbeki's allocation of funds to solve the problems of poverty,
> malnutrition and lack of basic and prenatal health care.

> >

> > "Exporting AZT to Africa is a catastrophe in the making," warned
> longtime ACT UP member Ronnie Burk. "We commend President Mbeki's astute

> and courageous stance in defense of the people of South Africa."

> Activists state there can be no question that President Mbeki's challenge

> of the AIDS industry is a turning point for the world community. They

> argue it is imperative that the World Health Organization and the

United

> Nations meet the basic health care needs of the world population rather

> than pander to the interests of multinational corporations that push a

> flawed but profitable HIV hypothesis.

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SUBJECT: FW: AIDS Industry Execs Get the Boot from ACT UP SF

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> > DATE: May 2, 2000

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> > Ronnie Burk in New York City: (415) 864-6686

> >

> > AIDS Industry Execs Get the Boot from ACT UP SF

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> > May Day! Activists announce the end of AIDS; condemn Clinton

> > Administration claim that African illnesses pose risk to U.S. security

> >

> > New York City -- In a whirlwind day of colorful protests and getaway

> > cab rides, members of ACT UP San Francisco yesterday announced the end

of

> > AIDS by

> > staging a series of demonstrations inside the offices of the Gay Men's

> > Health

> > Crisis (GMHC), POZ Magazine, AIDS researcher Dr. David Ho and outside

> the

> > Fifth Avenue residence of author and playwright Larry Kramer.

> >

> > Activists stated their purpose was to warn those who broadcast the myth

> > that AIDS is caused by a virus and push poisonous anti-HIV treatments

> that

> > their time is up. More importantly, they used the protests to condemn a

> > recent Clinton Administration declaration that AIDS in Africa poses a

> > security

> > risk to the United States as a "dangerous, racist lie" employed to

> > demonize

> > blacks and to justify dumping the toxic drug AZT on African citizens.

> >

> > Armed with an arsenal of silly string and confetti, ACT UP members

> > toured AIDS industry hot spots in New York City to celebrate the end of

> > the

> > HIV-causes-AIDS swindle. At each location activists David Pasquarelli,

> > Todd Swindell

> > and Ronnie Burk gave select executives "the boot" by literally

> presenting

> > them

> > with a large cardboard cowboy boot decorated with a neon pink "AIDS is

> > Over!"

> > sticker.

> >

> > Activists accompanied their symbolic farewell with a brightly colored

> > bunch of balloons emblazoned with the words "Happy Retirement!" Those
> > booted out
> > of a job were GMHC Executive Director Ana Oliveira; POZ magazine
> publisher
> > Sean Strub and editor Walter Armstrong; Aaron Diamond AIDS researcher
> and
> > Time Magazine Man of the Year Dr. David Ho, and bought-off AIDS drug
> > activist Larry Kramer.
> >
> > The day got started when ACT UP members swarmed into the offices of the
> > Gay Men's Health Crisis to take Oliveira to task for being a lesbian
> > sellout guilty of pushing poisonous AIDS pills. Activists were
> especially
> > critical of
> > an expensive pharmaceutical industry advertising supplement published
in
> > the April 23, 2000 New York Times Magazine that featured outrageous
> quotes
> > from
> > the GMHC executive. Next, ACT UP members confronted POZ Magazine's Sean
> > Strub
> > and Walter Armstrong for carving out lucrative careers by terrorizing
> gay
> > men with
> > the flawed HIV hypothesis and by promoting a glossy gay male culture of
> > death.
> >

> > Later that afternoon, activists stormed the medical office of Dr. David
> > Ho at the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center to protest his discredited
> > HIV
> > eradication theory that demanded the immediate and continuous dosing of
> > patients with experimental protease inhibitors. Chanting "David Ho! You
> > Can't Hide! Hit Hard, Hit Early Was Genocide!" ACT UP members chased Ho
> > into
> > his seventh floor office -- whereupon he locked the door -- by loudly
> > derided him for pushing a profitable paradigm that injured and killed
> tens
> > of
> > thousands of men and women.
> >
> > ACT UP members ended the day by popping in on author and playwright
> > Larry Kramer at his Fifth Avenue residence to demand that he renounce
> ACT
> > UP's mission of "drugs into bodies" that has resulted in massive
> > destruction
> > of human life. Unfortunately, Kramer was out of town but activists left
> a
> > handwritten message, dissident information and an AIDS industry boot
> > for him at the security desk of his apartment building.
> >
> > ACT UP San Francisco accuses those paid by the pharmaceutical industry
> > of maintaining the illusion of an AIDS epidemic in order to market
> > expensive drugs. Activists argue that since 1980, more Americans have
> died

> > each

> > year in car accidents than from AIDS. As the myth of a contagious U.S.

> > AIDS

> > epidemic falls apart, ACT UP members say the American government has

> > concentrated on painting the continent of Africa as a threatening

> cesspool

> > of HIV to

> > justify strong-arming nations into importing billions of dollars in

> > dangerous

> > anti-HIV drugs.

> >

> > "The AIDS lie has spiraled completely out of control. Rather than admit

> > America made a tragic mistake in 1984 by prematurely concluding that

HIV

> > causes

> > AIDS, the Clinton Administration is on a course to save face and mimic

> an

> > African AIDS plague by poisoning the continent," warned ACT UP member

> > David

> > Pasquarelli. "World leaders must put a stop to the reign of terror

> > caused by the U.S. AIDS scandal."

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> > Press photos (digital and paper) of ACT UP SF's "AIDS is Over

> > Retirement Party" are available by contacting us via email or phone.

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TEXT:

> FYI -- in case you had not already seen this.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: mary@aegis.org [mailto:mary@aegis.org]

> Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2000 12:43 PM

> To: aids

> Subject: [AEGiS] A message from Larry Kramer, co-founder of Gay Men's

> Health Crisis, and the founder of ACT UP

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> To Whom It May Concern:

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> I am the cofounder of Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc., this country's first

> AIDS service organization, and the founder of ACT UP, the AIDS protest

> organization. I am certain you are aware of the many historically

> important

> deeds ACT UP has fought to bring about, most particularly the
> acceleration

> of the FDA drug-approval process so that patients with life-threatening

> illnesses might obtain benefits years before they formerly were able to.

> At

> the height of ACT UP's mobilizations, from the late 1980's and into the

> mid-90's, there were some 140 chapters of ACT UP around the globe. Today,

> when activists and activism for any causes are hard to come by, there are

> still some dozen ACT UP chapters, much smaller certainly, working

> energetically to eradicate AIDS.
>
> Unfortunately, because ACT UP chapters can be set up by anyone (under the
> all-too-democratic principles that we tried to live by for so many
years),
> several groups calling themselves ACT UP have been usurped by people who
do
> not stand for the code of ethics and beliefs, and moral humanitarianism,
> that motivate the original chapters. I specifically refer to people
calling
> themselves ACT UP San Francisco, ACT UP Los Angeles, ACT UP Atlanta, and
ACT
> UP Washington, D. C.. All of these have been infiltrated by a number of
> people whose behavior I can only characterize as psychopathic, people who
> lie and cause great willful damage. I cannot for the life of me
comprehend
> what motivates them. To maintain that AIDS is not caused by HIV, to
disrupt
> government and other official hearings to argue that money should not be
> voted for AIDS research and patient aid, to utilize vicious smear
campaigns
> and to threaten legitimate activists and ACT UP members with actual
physical
> harm is beyond any intelligent comprehension. Truly, in the face of our
> worldwide plague, such actions can only be construed as crazy.
>
> I write this letter to ask that these people not be listened to, and to
> request that such aberrant inhumane activities not be held against the
> wonderful work that legitimate ACT UP chapters have accomplished and
> continue to accomplish. I particularly point all this out to all members
of
> the United States Congress and to foreign countries and their dignitaries
> who might have been swayed by the propaganda directed particularly at
them.
> The fallacious deeds and arguments spewed by these distressing
malcontents
> must not be allowed to disrupt the forthcoming and vitally important
> International AIDS Conference in Durban.
>
> Sincerely,
> Larry Kramer
> Founder, ACT UP
>
> 21 June 2000
> -----
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SUBJECT: RE: [AEGiS] CORRECTIONS to Larry Kramer's statement on ACT UP

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Could you please forward the attached to PACHA members for their information?

Thanks.

Regina

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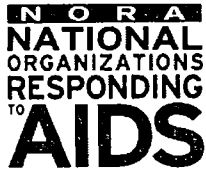
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June 15, 2000

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA), a coalition comprised of over 175 health, labor, religious, professional, and advocacy groups that represent a broad consensus on HIV and AIDS-related policy, legislation, and funding, we urge you to disregard recent communications from ACT UP San Francisco to members of the House of Representatives.

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Jane Silver
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AIDS RESEARCH

ACT UP San Francisco's message regarding the basis of the AIDS epidemic is unfortunate in its absence of scientific fact. More troubling is that it is an affront to the millions of men, women and children living with and affected by HIV/AIDS in the U.S. and around the world, and the millions who have already died from HIV disease. ACT UP chapters in other major cities have denounced the San Francisco chapter and its misguided positions.

Reductions in AIDS mortality, widespread changes in risk behaviors, and the decreases in HIV transmission from mothers to their newborns in the U.S. are all the direct result of federal investment in HIV/AIDS care, prevention, and research. While we have made progress on these and other fronts, we know firsthand that HIV/AIDS continues to wreak havoc on communities across the country. There are still significant challenges ahead and it is crucial that the nation strengthen its response to HIV/AIDS to build upon the progress to date.

The FY 2001 appropriations process and the reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act provide opportunities to do just that. We urge you to seize these opportunities by swiftly reauthorizing the CARE Act and funding the nation's HIV/AIDS programs at the levels recommended by the National Organizations Responding to AIDS.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terje Anderson".

Terje Anderson, Co-Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rose Gonzalez".

Rose Gonzalez, Co-Chair

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Act Up-Paris - Press Release - October the 23rd, 2000

Access to cotrimoxazole for PWH&A living in African countries
A New Scandal : Top US Research Institute Attempts Falsification of Latest
W.H.O. Recommendations

The American CDC, Centers for Disease Control, was asked a few months ago by

WHO and UNAIDS to review the March 2000 Harare recommendations on cotrimoxazole for a completeness check. But two weeks ago, upon careful reading of the document as returned by the Atlanta-based institute, a scandal broke out from Geneva : the major points of consensus - against which coincidentally the CDC had failed to gain support in Harare - were found to have been grossly altered by the reviewers, toward an actually lesser access to cotrimoxazole, this essential AIDS-preventative treatment !

Since March 2000 cotrimoxazole has been officially recommended in Africa for all people living with HIV already ill or in risk of falling ill - those whose immune system is below 500 CD4. The CDC has tried to impose to WHO to allow access only to PLWH&A whose CD4 are below 200 - a level which means, in these high-germ, low-nutrition environments, that most people are already

suffering from those very infections that cotrimoxazole serves to prevent. What the bottom line of this is, is that the CDC, alone, feels that people should wait as long as possible before accessing this preventative treatment

- even if that means many will fall ill and die in the meantime. The culprits of this misdemeanour have also tried to impose dramatic

prerequisites for African governments to engage in wide access to this key prophylaxis, such as creation of a specific health administration to monitor

the drug, even though it has already been Africa's #1 broad-spectrum antibiotic for the last 30 years. Such absurd demands might doubtlessly flatter the CDC's ideals of excellence, and would certainly guarantee its staff continued opportunity to market research projects and expertise.

However, they will necessarily fail to find an audience, because recommendations have already been arrived at, and because it's way past time

the condemnation of millions of people with AIDS to disease and death ended.

The reality of the situation is that the time for debate on this basic treatment is far behind us. And indeed even UNAIDS said on last October 20 at

the IAPAC conference in Cairo that the time is now for doctors all around Africa to put all their AIDS patient on this preventive treatment.

The CDC's focus of cotrimoxazole for its falsification attempt is particularly ill-chosen : this treatment, and the fact that PLWH&A living in Africa have been deliberately deprived of it for the past 20 years, already stands as one of the loudest scandals in the history of the fight against AIDS. By this grotesque misdemeanour, the CDC has only achieved ridicule and

disqualification. It needs to realise that people with AIDS will no longer accept to be pitted against renowned institutions when trying to assert the

most basic of their rights, such as access to this easy, cheap, available and efficacious preventative antibiotic treatment, when at the same time the wealthy nations are afloat in Highly Active Anti-Retroviral Therapy, content to watch them die.

ACT UP-Paris demands that the Harare recommendations be immediately implemented, without allowing any further delay from disgruntled "experts".

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Communiqué de presse - 23 octobre 2000

Accès au cotrimoxazole (Bactrim R) pour les séropositifs d'Afrique

Nouveau scandale

Le plus grand institut de recherche américain tente de falsifier les dernières recommandations de l'OMS

L'affaire est si crapuleuse que l'alerte a été donnée par les responsables de l'ONUSIDA, co-signataires de ces recommandations avec l'OMS, à tous les experts, responsables politiques et représentants des personnes atteintes par le VIH qui s'étaient réunis à Harare en mars 99 pour les rédiger - dont deux membres d'Act Up-Paris.

Le CDC, Centers for Disease Control, était à l'origine chargé par l'OMS de compléter le texte des recommandations. Mais une lecture attentionnée du document final a provoqué le scandale : les critères pour bénéficier de ce traitement essentiel qui retarde l'apparition des premières maladies liées au VIH ont été gravement modifiés au passage !

Le cotrimoxazole est recommandé par l'OMS pour tous les séropositifs avant qu'ils ne tombent malades - dès que leurs défenses immunitaires tombent sous 500 CD4. Après modification par le CDC, il leur faudrait attendre le seuil de 200 CD4, c'est à dire en Afrique, un stade très tardif avec un risque élevé d'infection. Le CDC préfère traiter plutôt que prévenir. Les africains attendront d'être malades, et s'ils rechappent à leurs premières infections, ils pourront espérer accéder à cet antibiotique qui les protégera enfin.

Les auteurs du forfait se sont également arrogé le droit d'imposer des prérequis drastiques (systèmes de surveillance des résistances, de monitoring etc) avant que les gouvernements africains puissent généraliser l'accès au

cotrimoxazole. Ces exigences satisfont sans doute leur soif d'excellence et leur garantiraient sûrement la possibilité de poursuivre des recherches et de vendre leur expertise. Mais elles condamnent ? la maladie et ? la mort des milliers de personnes atteintes par le VIH.

Ce n'est que l'unique scandale d'une longue série ; que faut-il encore faire pour que cet antibiotique de base, répandu partout en Afrique, efficace, peu coûteux et pratique soit systématiquement distribué ? tous les dispositifs - et ce le plus tôt possible ? Le CDC s'est ridiculisé, son attitude le disqualifie définitivement sur ce sujet. Les malades ne peuvent plus supporter de se battre sans cesse pour que des institutions de renom international cessent d'entraver l'accès des africains ? un traitement aussi basique et essentiel - ? l'heure ou le reste du monde bénéficiera de thérapies.

Act Up-Paris exige que les recommandations de l'OMS soient enfin appliquées, sans plus attendre de commentaires d'experts.

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for a completeness check. But two weeks ago, upon careful reading of the document as returned by the Atlanta-based institute, a scandal broke out from

Geneva : the major points of consensus - against which coincidentally the CDC

had failed to gain support in Harare - were found to have been grossly altered

by the reviewers, toward an actually lesser access to cotrimoxazole, this essential AIDS-preventative treatment !

Since March 2000 cotrimoxazole

has been officially recommended in Africa for all people living with HIV already

ill or in risk of falling ill – those whose immune system is below 500 CD4.

The

CDC has tried to impose to WHO to allow access only to PLWH&A whose CD4 are below 200 - a level which means, in these high-germ, low-nutrition environments,

that most people are already suffering from those very infections that cotrimoxazole serves to prevent. What the bottom line of this is, is that the

CDC, alone, feels that people should wait as long as possible before accessing

this preventative treatment – even if that means many will fall ill and

die in

the meantime.

The culprits of this misdemeanour have also tried to impose

dramatic prerequisites for African governments to engage in wide access to this

key prophylaxis, such as creation of a specific health administration to monitor

the drug, even though it has already been Africa's #1 broad-spectrum antibiotic

for the last 30 years. Such absurd demands might doubtlessly flatter the CDC's

ideals of excellence, and would certainly guarantee its staff continued opportunity to market research projects and expertise. </P>

<P>However, they will necessarily fail to find an audience, because recommendations have already been arrived at, and because it's way past time the

condemnation of millions of people with AIDS to disease and death ended.

The reality of the situation is that the time for debate on this basic treatment

is far behind us. And indeed even UNAIDS said on last October 20 at the IAPAC conference in Cairo that the time is now for doctors all around Africa to put all their AIDS patient on this preventive treatment.

The CDC's focus of

cotrimoxazole for its falsification attempt is particularly ill-chosen : this

treatment, and the fact that PWH&A living in Africa have been deliberately deprived of it for the past 20 years, already stands as one of the loudest scandals in the history of the fight against AIDS. By this grotesque misdemeanour, the CDC has only achieved ridicule and disqualification. It needs

to realise that people with AIDS will no longer accept to be pitted against renowned institutions when trying to assert the most basic of their rights, such

as access to this easy, cheap, available and efficacious preventative antibiotic

treatment, when at the same time the wealthy nations are afloat in Highly Active

Anti-Retroviral Therapy, content to watch them die.

<P>ACT UP-Paris demands that the Harare recommendations be immediately implemented, without allowing any further delay from disgruntled "experts".</P>

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<P align=left>Communiqu? de presse – 23 octobre

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<P align=left>Acc?s au cotrimoxazole (Bactrim R) pour les s?ropositifs d'Afrique</P>

<P align=left>Nouveau scandale
Le plus grand institut de recherche am?ricain tente de falsifier les derni?res recommandations de l'OMS

L'affaire est

si crapuleuse que l'alerte a ?t? donn?e par les responsables de l'ONUSIDA, co-signataires de ces recommandations avec l'OMS, ? tous les experts, responsables politiques et repr?sentants des personnes atteintes par le VIH qui

s'?taient r?unis ? Harar? en mars 99 pour les r?diger – dont deux membres

d'Act

Up-Paris.

Le CDC, Centers for Disease Control, ?tait ? l'origine charg?

par l'OMS de compl?ter le texte des recommandations. Mais une lecture

attentionn?e du document final a provoqu? le scandale : les crit?res pour b?n?ficier de ce traitement essentiel qui retarde l'apparition des premi?res maladies li?es au VIH ont ?t? gravement modifi?s au passage !

Le cotrimoxazole est recommand? par l'OMS pour tous les s?ropositifs avant qu'ils ne tombent malades – d?s que leurs d?fenses immunitaires tombent sous 500

CD4.

Apr?s modification par le CDC, il leur faudrait attendre le seuil de 200 CD4,

c'est ? dire en Afrique, un stade tr?s tardif avec un risque ?lev? d'infection.

Le CDC pr?f?re traiter plut?t que pr?vvenir. Les africains attendront d'?tre malades, et s'ils r?chappent ? leurs premi?res infections, ils pourront esp?rer

acc?der ? cet antibiotique qui les prot?gera enfin.

Les auteurs du forfait se sont ?galement arrog? le droit d'imposer des pr? requis drastiques

(syst?mes de surveillance des r?sistances, de monitoring etc) avant que les gouvernements africains puissent g?n?raliser l'acc?s au cotrimoxazole. Ces exigences satisfont sans doute leur soif d'excellence et leur garantiraient s?rement la possibilit? de poursuivre des recherches et de vendre leur expertise. Mais elles condamnent ? la maladie et ? la mort
des milliers de

personnes atteintes par le VIH.

Ce n'est que l'?ni?me scandale d'une

longue s?rie ; que faut-il encore faire pour que cet antibiotique de base, r?pandu partout en Afrique, efficace, peu co?teux et pratique soit syst?matiquement distribu? ? tous les s?ropositifs - et ce le plus t?t possible

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Le CDC s'est ridiculis?, son attitude le disqualifie d?finitivement sur

ce

sujet. Les malades ne peuvent plus supporter de se battre sans cesse pour que

des institutions de renom international cessent d'entraver l'acc?s des africains

? un traitement aussi basique et essentiel - ? l'heure ou le reste du monde b?n?ficie de tri th?rapies.

Act Up-Paris exige que les recommandations

de l'OMS soient enfin appliqu?es, sans plus attendre de commentaires d'experts.

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