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FROM THE ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOP OF CAPE TOWN
The Most Reverend Njongonkulu Winston Hugh Ndungane DD FKC

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22nd December 2000

The Honorable Sandra L. Thurman
Assistant to the President
White House Office of National AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Sandy,

Once again, let me thank you for your generous hospitality at the White House Interfaith HIV/AIDS Summit. You have called upon us all to respond to this world-wide pandemic. For my part, I am deeply appreciative of how you have given the tragedy and magnitude of the epidemic new meaning to many world leaders.

In response to your challenge to develop new responses from faith-based communities, I am pleased to provide a copy of the proposal we are submitting directly to USAID for support of technical assistance to the Church of the Province of Southern Africa. As you will remember, this idea was discussed at the South African Embassy reception during my recent visit to Washington.

This proposal would provide very tangible evidence of the United States government's commitment to acting on the recommendations and possibilities for richer partnerships with faith-based organizations that surfaced during the White House World AIDS Day 2000 Summit.

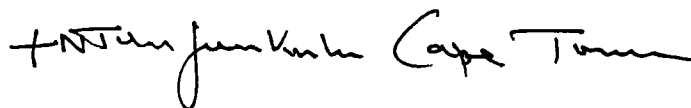
As we refine the budget for this initiative and seek additional partners for activities that may be beyond USAID's funding parameters, your endorsement and support will be greatly appreciated.

I will be happy to provide a copy directly to any other parties you may recommend, including Ambassador Sisulu. Please advise our Episcopal Diocese of Washington partner and contact, The Reverend Canon Ted Karpf, of any other parties you believe should have courtesy copies.

I am grateful to you and your staff for their thoughtful hospitality during my stay. I must also say that it was a deep privilege to introduce your President at the Howard University event. I believe his presence lent a magnitude to our commitment to the future. I trust you will convey my fondest regards and appreciation.

Please contact me if you are ever in South Africa as I will be glad to offer the hospitality of my community. May you have a time of much needed rest in at this time of the change of the year, and the may we continue to find new ways to eradicate HIV/AIDS from the lives of our people.

Grace and Peace

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Njongonkulu Ndungane" followed by "Cape Town". The signature is fluid and cursive.

The Most Reverend Njongonkulu Ndungane
Archbishop
Church of the Province of Southern Africa

PROVINCE OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN SOUTH AFRICA
HIV/AIDS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROPOSAL
DECEMBER 2000

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this project is to provide technical assistance to the Anglican Church of the Province of Southern Africa (CPSA) as it formulates a cooperative strategy to address the HIV/AIDS pandemic with governments, public health entities, other faith communities and civil society organizations. The Anglican Church in this province has played a major leadership role in ending racial apartheid and assuring a peaceful transition to representative government. Given its history, scope of influence, and geographic range, the CPSA has a unique role to play in addressing the prevention and care of HIV/AIDS.

The Anglican Church of the Province of Southern Africa serves over 3.3 million communicants residing in the countries of Angola, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, St. Helena, South Africa and Swaziland. This area of Sub-Saharan Africa has been particularly hard hit by HIV/AIDS, with HIV prevalence rising to as high as 25% in the adult populations in just eight years¹. Problems of poverty, stigma, geographic isolation, unemployment, multi-generational infection, orphaned children and maldistributed health resources complicate the response to HIV/AIDS⁵. As a recognized moral authority and an accepted social institution, the Church is an important actor in formulating a comprehensive response to the HIV/AIDS crisis.

The assistance requested in this proposal includes the services of a consultant who is familiar with the faith, structure and policies of the Anglican Church; has HIV/AIDS experience; and who understands a community-based, public health approach to program development. Funds to support consultant and participant travel are also requested. The consultant will be deployed under the auspices of the Archbishop of CPSA, the Most Reverend Winston Njongonkulu Ndungane. He/she will work over the period of nine to twelve months to develop an HIV/AIDS mission strategy for the Province aimed at improving coordination among existing HIV service/prevention efforts in all efforts, and identifying gaps which faith communities can fill. The expected outcomes of this assistance include: documentation of existing HIV-related prevention and service efforts; assessment and documentation of HIV-related needs in communities throughout CPSA; promulgation of a theology of compassionate response; development of a mission strategy and action plan with measurable goals and objectives; and refinement of information resources which can link faith community, government, public health, and civil society organization-based efforts to address HIV/AIDS. Information gathered from this assistance will set the Province's mission priorities for the next five to ten years.

This request represents a unique opportunity for the United States Agency for International Development to follow through on the initiative and momentum begun at the 2000 International Conference on HIV/AIDS and at the first White House Interfaith AIDS/HIV Summit. Foremost among them is the willingness of a well-developed faith community to take concrete action, in a country with enough infrastructure to support its efforts. Other faith communities can use this community- and evidence-based model for mission once it has been articulated.

NARRATIVE

AIDS is eroding the fabric of our society and jeopardizing the reconstruction and development of our country.

Nelson Mandela

A. Problem Statement: The purpose of this project is to provide technical assistance to the Anglican Church of the Province of Southern Africa (CPSA) as it formulates a cooperative strategy to address the HIV/AIDS pandemic with governments, public health entities, other faith communities and civil society organizations. The CPSA is organized into 22 dioceses covering the countries of Angola, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, St. Helena, Swaziland and South Africa. This Anglican province serves an estimated 3.3 million communicants(adult members), plus their children. The Province is the oldest in Africa, having been founded by British Anglicans in Cape Town in 1806.

This assistance is requested in advance of a planned Spring 2002 province-wide Partners-in-Mission consultation at which multi-year mission priorities, with concrete goals and objectives, are set. The Archbishop of CPSA has committed to two priorities for province-wide missions: responding to HIV/AIDS; and eradicating poverty. Both the nation of South Africa and the Province of Southern Africa have developed sufficient infrastructure and resources to implement the plans created by this technical assistance effort.

The countries of Southern Africa are experiencing more than 40 percent of sub-Saharan Africa's HIV infections⁶, exhibiting some of the highest HIV prevalence rates in the world. Some 6,090,000 adults and children in these seven countries were living with HIV/AIDS at the end of 1999⁷. Of those living with HIV, 54% were women of childbearing age, and 3% were children under 14 years of age⁸. Last year there were an estimated 771,845 living children who had been orphaned by HIV/AIDS⁹. The factors which have contributed to the explosion of HIV in Africa over the past decade have included the social disruptions brought on by war, economic change, the end of apartheid, increasing urbanization and reliance on migrant labor, all of which have disrupted traditional family life and social mores. The impact of the HIV/AIDS pandemic is devastating on

multiple fronts:

- The United Nations estimates that life expectancy at birth is now 47 years, 7 years less than would have been expected in the absence of AIDS¹⁰ ;
- Population growth in this region has been severely retarded by AIDS; by the year 2015, South Africa's population is expected to be 16 percent lower than it would have been in the absence of the AIDS epidemic¹¹;
- The economic impact of HIV is felt in the loss of people in their most productive years. Over 404,000 people died of AIDS in 1999 alone, and the vast majority were adults between 15 and 49¹²;
- Increasing mortality rates have been felt hardest among school teachers, employed male wage earners, and parents. As more women are infected and die—and women now represent over 55% of new infections—the capacity for care is also diminished. The loss of these people has severe economic and educational consequences for their families, students and orphaned children;
- Families and individuals affected by HIV/AIDS face severe social stigma, which limits their ability to support themselves, seek assistance from others, and plan for the care of their orphaned children.

The health and HIV service infrastructure of the countries in this Province varies by their degree of wealth and development. While there are numerous health care facilities either operated or supported by the dioceses of the Province, none is capable of delivering the Western standard of HIV care to their entire HIV-affected populations because of the exorbitant costs of that care and the barriers posed by poverty, geographic distance, maldistribution of health resources, and other competing needs. Further, delivering Western, medically-modeled care is not the highest social value. In the absence of an effective vaccine or a comprehensive care system, these countries must focus on employing effective primary and secondary prevention efforts, and on deploying compassionate volunteers to provide personal assistance to people in need.

The geography of the Southern African region is daunting. The CPSA area covers a vast

distance, with both natural boundaries and widespread differences in the development of roads and other infrastructure. Strategies to cover the entire region must take into account the isolation of many areas, resulting in the necessity of air travel for both project staff and group participants from the intended audiences. A comprehensive provincial plan must also have local, regional and national foci in order to be successful.

Around the globe, members of the Anglican Communion have recognized the call to respond to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. They have done so with pioneering work in developing youth prevention education, caring volunteer cadres, social outreach ministries, and liturgies which confront the pain of stigma and proclaim the power of love and service to heal disease and brokenness. The Anglican Church in the Province of Southern Africa has participated in this effort, developing local care programmes and supporting a National Adolescent Sexual Health Education Initiative in South Africa. However, as the 2000 International AIDS Conference in Durban and the White House Interfaith AIDS/HIV Summit in Washington made clear, the church has a more complex, multi-faceted HIV/AIDS mission. In order to accomplish this mission, it seeks technical assistance to describe how the church can enhance/expand upon existing efforts; what people of faith are seeking from the social institution of the church; how the church as a social guardian institution can respond to the impact of HIV/AIDS; how individuals and parishes/dioceses can access the resources they need; and what development issues must be addressed to create an effective response.

B. Project objectives: This proposed technical assistance project represents CPSA's response to the charge to deploy faith communities in their unique social roles to answer the human needs raised by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Its primary intended impact will be the identification of the ways faith communities in general, and CPSA in particular, can assist governments, public health agencies, civil society organizations (non-governmental organisations and voluntary associations) and their own membership to provide an effective response to HIV. Faith-based organisations will not be the only beneficiaries of the project. Affected individuals and communities will benefit from improved coordination of available resources. Partner agencies will benefit from broader participation by an acceptable moral authority. Other Provinces, particularly in Africa, will benefit

from the development of a model that fits their capabilities and needs.

Project goal: To improve the capacity of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa to mount an effective response to the HIV pandemic, through the development/expansion of prevention education programmes, volunteer care networks, programs for orphans and vulnerable children, and liturgy/pastoral support designed to meet the identified needs and priorities of affected communities, parishes, families and individuals.

Objective 1: Through a collaborative agreement between the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Church and Primate of the Province of Southern Africa, CPSA's companion Diocese of Washington, D.C. and other partners, provide technical assistance to develop a comprehensive plan for the delivery of coordinated prevention, support and care services in the context of the unique capacities of the faith community:

- a. A technical assistance consultant will be identified and detailed to the Cape Town offices of the CPSA (Target 4/1/2001).
- b. On site analysis and data gathering activities will be conducted in cooperation with partner agencies and will include: identification and description of their existing capacities, activities and intended audiences; descriptions of gaps in services and areas of highest need; and delineation of a needs assessment plan (Target 7/1/2001).
- c. Needs assessment activities will be conducted in all 22 dioceses of the CPSA, including interviews with key constituent groups as well as client identification data surveys. (Target: 8/1/2001).
- d. Data analysis will be conducted to develop key components of an intervention plan that meets the identified needs of intended audiences (Target: 9/1/2001).
- e. The intervention model and its implementation plan will be transcribed into written and Internet documents, ready for dissemination and approval within CPSA (Target 9/30/2001).

Objective 2: In collaboration with key Province leadership, the technical assistant will begin the dissemination and refinement of the plan, in order to prepare for establishment of Province-wide mission objectives to be adopted in early 2002.

- a. Conferencing activities will be held in key locations to create the momentum for expanded HIV ministries and mission activities (Target completion: December 2001).
- b. Leadership identification, cultivation and training activities will take place to prepare a cadre of clergy and lay volunteers to take responsibility for plan activities (Target: August 2001 - January 2002).
- c. Liturgy development activities which address HIV/AIDS will take place in consultation with Diocesan bishops, theologians and church educators, members of other faith communities, and interested lay groups (Target: September 2001).

- d. Program, resource and partnership activities will take place with identified partner agencies, to assure a phased implementation of the plan and wise use of available resources (Target: December 2001 -February 2002).
- e. The project will report its findings quarterly to USAID, the Province, the Companion Diocese and key partner agencies in government, public health, other faith communities and civil society organisations (Target: 7/1/2001, 10/1/2001, 1/1/2002, 4/1/2002).
- f. The CPSA will refine the original plan, developing concrete mission objectives and activities which it will propose for adoption at the Partners-in-Mission Consultation. This conference will also serve as a showcase for the developed liturgies (Target: after Easter 2002).

C. Description of the proposed project: The Church for the Province of Southern Africa requests HIV/AIDS technical assistance, to be staffed by the Episcopal Church of the USA (ECUSA) via its companion diocese, the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, D.C., and funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development and other partners. The project will be based in Cape Town, South Africa, and will cover the 22 provincial dioceses spanning a geographic region that includes Angola, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, St. Helena, South Africa and Swaziland. Activities to be conducted under this project include: data gathering, needs assessment, systems analysis, community organizing, HIV/AIDS information dissemination, prevention education, capacity and partnership development, and liturgy formation. The project seeks to discover and enhance existing faith community efforts to address HIV/AIDS, and to do so in partnership with governments, public health agencies, and civil society organisations.

Needs assessment and systems analysis: These activities will be conducted by the project consultant, relying on field-tested, evidence-based approaches. Qualitative needs assessment will proceed as follows:

- Visit widely across the region to see, hear, feel what is going on;
- Discover and document what communication and organizational systems are already in place, and how to use them;
- Using community development strategies, convene focus and interest groups to develop a broader sense of what groups think is happening and where gaps exist;

- Using client identification data, describe and quantify individuals' perceptions of their unmet needs;
- Identify local best practices and why they work;
- Identify leadership, create leadership database and contacts file for future leadership development efforts.

This region has a well-developed Internet communication system, whose capabilities will greatly enhance needs assessment efforts. The consultant will take advantage of existing field assessment work already performed by governments, health departments, and agencies such as Family Health International, World Health Organisation, the United Nations.

Systems analysis will be faith-community focused, and will define how information and influence travel among faith-based communities at the parish, diocese, region and province level. The impact of international mission and outreach efforts will also be assessed. The consultant will describe how new programming models are chosen and what theological and political language fosters their adoption. Further, they will describe barriers to implementing the project's planned efforts and strategies to overcome them.

Network development: If the long-range goal is to develop specific mission service objectives and theological tools for responding to HIV, the technical assistance must identify who is already providing services, who can fill service gaps, and who are ideal partners for collaboration.

At minimum, the network development effort will identify:

- **Faith community efforts** to address HIV/AIDS, including those sponsored by the worldwide Anglican communion, other Anglican provinces in Africa, ECUSA, CPSA-member dioceses and parishes, and other denominations. A compendium of specific resources (liturgy, curricula, health education materials, pastoral care tools, income-generating activities, orphan support programs, audiovisuals, Internet-based information will be compiled.
- **Civil service organisations (NGO's)** providing HIV prevention, psychosocial support, or other direct services to HIV-affected people, specifying their activities, eligibility requirements, geographic coverage area;
- **Public health efforts:** international, national, regional and local programs with resources to assist with prevention education, screening, and care of HIV, other sexually transmitted infections, maternal and child health. The location of these services, their coverage area and intended audiences will be mapped.
- **Government** policies, laws and programs that address the spectrum of HIV/AIDS services and needs will be identified.

Once catalogued, this resource inventory will be made available via print or electronic media.

Critical to the development of effective networks is the discovery of real and imagined

barriers that exist between the church and its potential partners in HIV/AIDS work. Stigmas attached to this epidemic operate in multiple directions. The technical assistance consultant will, through training, leadership development and conference activities, develop locally acceptable strategies to address these barriers.

Infusion of best practices: The U.S. Agency for International Development, the World Health Organisation, the U.S. Public Health Service, the United Nations, Family Health International, the national health ministries of the CPSA member nations and a number of religious and medical relief organisations have been working on HIV in sub-Saharan Africa for more than a decade. They have refined approaches to prevention, care delivery and volunteer deployment. It will be one of the technical assistant's responsibilities to assemble existing "best practices" and infuse them in training workshops, conferences, written materials and resource guides.

Populations to be served: The impact of HIV/AIDS in this region has fallen hardest upon HIV-infected women and their children. These two groups are particularly vulnerable, facing family stigma and the loss or lack of economic support. The large number of orphaned survivors of families with HIV place an increasing burden on grandparents and other extended family members.

The church sponsors most elementary and secondary education in these nations, and since these families can no longer afford the tuition for school, the church must find a way to assure that vulnerable children can still become educated while finding/developing alternative family-financed school fees.

The Church of the Province of Southern Africa has always had a strong interest in the care and nurture of families and in the education and moral development of children and young people.

These two populations will be the particular focus of CPSA's HIV efforts. The CPSA has well-developed programming and organisations for women (Anglican Women's Fellowship and The Mother's Union); young adults attending university (Anglican Students Federation), and children and youth (Department of Youth). The work of the parish church is also focused on these groups.

Capacity of the applicant organisation: The Church of the Province of Southern Africa has a

150 year history of faith community organising, deployment of professional and volunteer resources, and operator and sponsor of schools and health care facilities, such as hospitals and clinics. It has found a way to cover a vast geographic area with well-organised communication systems, and most recently the addition of Internet capabilities. The hierarchal structure of the Anglican church means each level understands its role and responsibilities. The Province office coordinates, publishing a provincial newspaper, conducting regional meetings and visits. As described above, the Anglican church also takes major responsibility for providing education in these countries. Its practical work as a social institution that cares for individuals can be matched in its educational work equipping the next generations of Africans to prevent and deal effectively with the impact of HIV infection.

Due to its high visibility in the struggle against apartheid, the South African Anglican church in particular has well-developed relationships with national and international government leaders, relief organisations, and opinion leaders. Its efforts to restore equity and social justice to all peoples in South Africa have been expressed in a strong theology with secure Biblical foundations. This theological support, rooted in forgiveness and responsibility, is a strong resource for addressing the HIV pandemic. In the context of divine love, human compassion, individual responsibility, the church can craft a legitimate, acceptable response to changing social attitudes and behaviors toward affected, vulnerable populations.

Requirements of the technical assistance provider: CPSA is requesting the HIV/AIDS expertise of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America (ECUSA). Few people in ECUSA possess the institutional understanding of the Provincial and diocesan Anglican church, the public health system, and HIV/AIDS ministry of The Reverend Canon Ted Karpf, who is employed by our companion diocese, the Diocese of Washington, D.C. Canon Karpf is a priest and pastor with over 30 years of working with people in crisis, particularly with issues arising from death and dying. Over 16 years of that pastoral experience has been spent working in HIV/AIDS, from grass roots to national policy to international strategies. He has broad consultative and administrative experience working with national and local governments, public health agencies and non-governmental organisations in problem solving, strategic planning, community development, institutional coordination and training. Further, Canon Karpf has program evaluation, grant

development and community needs assessment experience. He has published in the field of HIV/AIDS, and the heart of his recent work has been the development of theologic and liturgical tools for ministry. He has the capacity to work comfortably with medical personnel, social science researchers, public health officials, community agents, politicians, religious leaders, and most particularly, he has lived with and served people with HIV for sixteen years.

The CPSA wishes to deploy The Rev. Canon Karpf as its technical assistant for this effort. He has visited South Africa before, and has an established working relationship with the provincial leadership. His ability to address all the facets of this project will be critical; his understanding of an Anglican approach and issues, invaluable.

Innovation/opportunity: This request represents the chance for the USAID, ECUSA and CPSA to jointly promulgate a response to HIV/AIDS with a strong moral authority, in a region of the continent where equity and concern for human dignity have been in the forefront of consciousness. Theology and biblical studies reflect the state of our culture. They have a practical impact on the way people live, think and behave. The CPSA stands ready to help its people react to the HIV pandemic with compassion, practical help, and a concern for future generations. This technical assistance effort will give us the practical tools to map a response that is unique, uses resources effectively, and which represents our mutual concerns and aims.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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SUE J. SMITH
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF AGENCY LIAISON

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An unprecedented number of individuals still write the President and the First Lady for help. I know that this has meant a far greater volume of mail for your agency than ever before. I appreciate your continuing cooperation in our efforts to be as responsive as possible.

The attached letters have not received a White House Staff response. I am forwarding this correspondence to your agency for any appropriate action.

Please return the original incoming letter, along with a copy of any written or telephone response, to me at the address below. I also would appreciate your sending a copy of your agency's log of the names and addresses of these individuals. Any misreferrals should be returned to my office. If you have questions you can reach me at 456-7486.

Sue J. Smith
Director, Office of Agency Liaison
Room 6, OEOB
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Again, thank you for your continuing help.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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SUE J. SMITH *SJS*
DIRECTOR, AGENCY LIAISON

SUBJECT:

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I am forwarding the attached letter to your office for appropriate action. Please send us a copy of your written response or your telephone report along with the writer's original correspondence and envelope to the following address:

Ms. Sue J. Smith
Director, Agency Liaison
Room 6, OEOB
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

If you have any questions, call my office at 202/456-7486.

Thank you for your help.

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June 2, 1999

Mr. Bruce Wooley
4562 West Talmadge Drive
San Diego, CA 92116

Dear Mr. Wooley:

I am writing in response to your December 11, 1998 email message, which President Clinton forwarded to my attention.

I too am heartened by President Clinton's commitment to the HIV community. Under his leadership, this administration has done more for HIV/AIDS than any previous one. In the Office of National AIDS Policy, we are working like many individuals across the country and world to find an end to this pandemic, and to provide support and advocacy in the meantime.

Thank you for taking the time to acknowledge the President. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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Bruce Wooley
4562 West Talmadge Drive
San Diego, CA 92116

Dear Mr. Wooley:

President Clinton asked that I respond to your electronic mail message to him dated December 11, 1998.

It was such a pleasure reading your message of support. It clearly brightened my day and that of the staff of the Office of National AIDS Policy. We have only been able to accomplish as much as we have because of the support of individuals like you. So many have worked so long and so hard to help us get us to where we are today. While we still have a long way to go, we are proud of the firm foundation this Administration has laid in being able to provide the care and services that people with HIV deserve, and to help prevent new infections. Challenges such as an HIV prevention vaccine, a cure, and ending discrimination still remain.

Please know that I, and the President, are committed to meeting those challenges. Your support will only make our jobs easier.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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ZIP-CODE: 92116
COUNTRY: United States

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register agreement with a position
TOPIC: Social Issues
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Congradulations on your HIV Policies

[Message]

Just a short note to thank you for all you have done concerning your efforts with the HIV community. As a Gay American Male you have made my life easier. Please give Socks and Buddy a big hug. I may be a dad to a retriver soon myself.

Ingrid

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9-6-00
DATE

MEMORANDUM

FOR:

ONACP-1

FROM:

HELEN S. CASTLEMAN #SC
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF AGENCY LIAISON

SUBJECT:

REFERRAL OF CASEWORK IN BULK

An unprecedented number of individuals still write the President and the First Lady for help. I know that this has meant a far greater volume of mail for your agency than ever before. I appreciate your continuing cooperation in our efforts to be as responsive as possible.

The attached letters have not received a White House Staff response. I am forwarding this correspondence to your agency for any appropriate action.

Please return the original incoming letter, along with a copy of any written or telephone response, to me at the address below. I also would appreciate your sending a copy of your agency's log of the names and addresses of these individuals. Any misreferrals should be returned to my office. If you have questions you can reach me at 202/456-7486.

Mrs. Helen S. Castleman
Director, Office of Agency Liaison
Room 6, OEOB
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Again, thank you for your continuing help.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 30, 2000

Dr. Todd Miller
729 Meridian Avenue, Apt. 8
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Dear Dr. Miller:

Thank you for your electronic mail message to President Clinton regarding HIV/AIDS in Africa. I have been asked to respond to the concern raised in your message.

HIV/AIDS continues to devastate Africa and the entire developing world. An estimated 16,000 new HIV infections are occurring worldwide every day. Current estimates indicate that more than 34 million individuals are already infected with HIV and that millions of children have already been orphaned due to AIDS.

You are correct in stating that poverty, tuberculosis and malaria are significant causes of illness and death in Africa and elsewhere. Where these problems are endemic, HIV/AIDS only adds to the devastating impact poor health status has on life expectancy and quality of life.

HIV is now the leading cause of death worldwide by an infectious agent. Other diseases and social ills such as poverty contribute greatly to the inability to provide treatment and caring for those infected with HIV. It is our moral obligation, and the policy of the United States, to work with countries in the developing world to develop effective prevention, care/services and research programs to address the myriad of issues that HIV/AIDS presents.

Your comments will help frame our response. I appreciate your taking time to express your views and for your caring about others.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra L. Thurman". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sandra" being more prominent and the last name "Thurman" following in a similar style.

Sandra L. Thurman
Presidential Envoy for AIDS Cooperation, &
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

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from

ONACP *1/8P*

From: "Dr. Todd Miller" <todd33@ix.netcom.com> on 08/18/2000 11:09 AM GMT

Please respond to "Dr. Todd Miller" <todd33@ix.netcom.com>

To: president@Whitehouse.GOV

cc:

Subject: misleading statement

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ZIP-CODE: 33139
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Foreign Affairs
AFFILIATION: Professional
SUBJECT: misleading statement

[Message]

Dear President Clinton:

In your press release regarding Sandra Thurman, you stated, "AIDS is now the leading cause of death in Africa".

You are certainly aware that a number of scientists would disagree with this statement, and most of them would suggest that poverty, tuberculosis, and malaria are significant causes of death in Africa. Indeed, these diseases have been killing Africans in huge numbers for centuries.

I wonder what your source for this comment is? Is this published in a scientific journal? Is this comment based on estimates, and have you personally established the reliability of those estimates? I am aware that the S. African medical council recently completed their first survey of HIV, and

their result was considerably lower than the whopping numbers that continue to emanate from agencies like the UN and WHO.

You also must realize that President Mbeki must be offended by this comment, since he has specifically stated that, based on his investigations, it was difficult for him to believe that a single virus could cause all the deaths in Africa.

I am ashamed that our country adopts the hypocritical and self-serving position it has taken, as evidenced by your bold, yet certainly questionable comment. We insist on exporting our solutions to problems to other countries, when clearly, there are MUCH MORE IMPORTANT ways we could assist Africa to become a better nation.

I will continue to try to educate Americans about the thinking of a growing number of scientists and doctors, and part of this education will point out the problems with assertions such as yours.

Yours,

Dr. Todd Miller



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December 11, 2000

Sandra Thurman
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy
White House

Dear Sandra,

Words will not express how honored we were to have you be a part of Levi's and LIFEbeat present Music with a Message - World AIDS Day 2000.

We are all aware that the rate of infection among young people is rising at an alarming rate. LIFEbeat is devoting all of its efforts to educating youth about HIV prevention with the goal of decreasing the transmission rates.

The concert and MTV broadcast enabled us to reach millions of young people. We have received hundreds of thousands of hits on our website and a number of letters and inquiries from young people as a result of the show.

We cannot thank you enough for your part in this endeavor. You have been a strong advocate in the fight against HIV and AIDS. We know how busy you are and we are grateful that you deem the work that we do important enough to warrant your participation.

LIFEbeat is committed to ensuring that HIV and AIDS are foreign words to future generations. It is a commitment made easier by the support of people like you.

Once again, thank you and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Barri Cillie
Development Director

Sonya Lockett
Communications Manager

**OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT**

International Broadcasting Bureau

December 21, 2000.

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

Dear Ms. Thurman: *Sandra*

Loida and I would like to express our sincerest thanks for your generosity in time and advice that you displayed during our recent meeting.

After the holidays, we will telephone your office to obtain the contact information that we discussed. We look forward to working with you in the future, and wish you the best in your new "private sector" pursuits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg', is written over the typed name and title.

Gregory Alonso Pirio
Director

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December 14, 2000

The White House
Executive Office of The President
Office of National AIDS Policy
Washington, D.C.
Attn: Sandra Thurman, Director

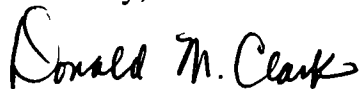
Dear Ms. Thurman:

Regarding your praises of the FY 01 Budget, I'm in complete agreement relative to federal expenditures that move forward on several fronts. Specifically, the 8% increase in Ryan White CARE proposed funding, was it approved or reauthorized by Congress?

The Clinton Administration will be departing Washington next month and the nation now thinks about legacy, and the importance of a White House Policy Office on AIDS in the greater context of history. What did the Office of National AIDS Policy accomplish in 8 years under Bill Clinton?

Psychologically, based on public perception, after the arrival of the Clinton Administration arrived back in 93. AIDS was mostly a disease of white gay males and now that has radically changed. Constitutionally, as the reigns of power transition over to George W. Bush. Ironically, there's a keen awareness that this same disease now runs rampant in minority communities. What brought about this bitter irony?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald M. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donald M. Clark
Community HIV Prevention Advocate



OFFICE OF NATIONAL AIDS POLICY
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE

FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO: Alex Ross

FROM: Cheryl

COMPANY:

DATE: November 20, 2000

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RE:

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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Here it is: (This is what we
sent, cables
& all...)
Cheryl

736 Jackson Place
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OFFICE OF NATIONAL AIDS POLICY
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO:

Virginia Rustique

FROM:

Sandy Thurman

COMPANY:

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November 17, 2000

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NOTES/COMMENTS:

We have been working on an international exchange between USAID and DFID for several months now and we seem to have run into a technical administrative challenge on the side of the Embassy in getting this done. It is our hope that Alex Ross from USAID will be cleared by the Embassy to accept this exchange. As you know, bilateral cooperation between the US and the United Kingdom has been a high priority for the President, particularly in HIV/AIDS. Alex has been very involved in these issues to date, and this USAID-DFID exchange is critical to the global fight against HIV/AIDS.

Alex is extraordinarily good and more than capable of taking care of himself. (We even invite him to our Christmas party!) Besides, how will it look to our British colleagues if we can't get moving on this because we are caught up in some bureaucratic nonsense? Awful!

Attached is additional background information. Our contact at the Embassy is Lee Lohman. Anything you can do to move this forward would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks so much- we miss you!

Big hugs!

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E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: AODE, AMGT

SUBJECT: NSDD 38 USAID/G/PHN STAFFING IN THE UK

1. THE FOLLOWING PROVIDES A FORMAL NSDD 38 PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE SIZE, COMPOSITION, OR MANDATE OF FULL-TIME, PERMANENT USG POSITIONS IN LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM. A COPY HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, MANAGEMENT POLICY AND PLANNING (M/P). IN ACCORDANCE WITH NSDD 38, M/P WILL FORWARD COMMENTS ON THE MERITS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THIS PROPOSAL TO YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN MAKING YOUR FINAL DECISION. NO POST ACTION IS REQUIRED AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED COMMENTS WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF RECEIPT OF THIS PROPOSAL, PLEASE NOTIFY M/P.

2. THE AGENCY REQUESTING THE POSITION IS THE GLOBAL BUREAU, CENTER FOR POPULATION, HEALTH AND NUTRITION, U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

3. THE POSITION WILL BE LOCATED IN: LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM.

4. THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL USAID NSDD-38 POSITIONS IN

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THIS COUNTRY TO ONE. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE NO USAID APPROVED NSDD-38 POSITIONS IN THE U.K.

5. USAID REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF POSITIONS:
ONE U.S. DIRECT HIRE POSITION.

6. THE TITLE AND GRADE OF THE REQUESTED NSDD-38 POSITION IS: SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISOR (GS-15).

7. JUSTIFICATION:

(A) WHAT DUTIES/FUNCTIONS ARE TO BE PERFORMED: THE PERSON IN THIS POSITION WILL SERVE AS THE USAID LIAISON TO THE U.K. DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (DFID) HEALTH AND POPULATION DEPARTMENT (HPD). THE INCUMBENT WILL SERVE FULL TIME IN THE DFID HPD OFFICE. THIS PERSON WILL REPRESENT USAID'S HPN ACTIVITIES AND SEEK TO BUILD MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIPS FOR USAID AND DFID. THIS PERSON WILL SERVE AS A TECHNICAL MEMBER OF THE DFID HPD TEAM AND WILL CONVEY USAID EXPERIENCES WITH PROJECT DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION. THE PERSON WILL COMMUNICATE DFID EXPERIENCES TO USAID, COMMUNICATE WITH USAID AND DFID FIELD MISSIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE JOINT DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, AND IDENTIFY ANY ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE RESOLVED BETWEEN THE TWO AGENCIES.

(B) HOW DO THESE FUNCTIONS SUPPORT USAID'S (USG) ACTIVITY'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: USAID AND DFID HAVE WORKED VERY CLOSELY IN INTERNATIONAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT FOR YEARS. THE TWO AGENCIES SHARE SIMILAR PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACHES, AS WELL AS EMPHASIS ON POPULATION, HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS. DFID AND USAID HAVE JOINTLY FUNDED A NUMBER OF PROJECTS IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES. THIS NEW POSITION IS DESIGNED TO INCREASE THE COLLABORATION AND LEARNING BETWEEN THE TWO AGENCIES. IN AN ERA OF LIMITED USG RESOURCES FOR INTERNATIONAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, INCREASING JOINT DONOR RELATIONSHIPS IS BENEFICIAL TO US INTERESTS BY LEVERAGING OTHER RESOURCES TO ADDRESS CRITICAL PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGES.

(C) EXPLAIN WHETHER THE PROPOSED POSITIONS ARE JUSTIFIED IN THE MOST RECENT MISSION PERFORMANCE PLAN. IF SO, UNDER WHICH GOAL? IF NOT, WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED TO JUSTIFY A NEW POSITION?: THE BENEFIT OF INCREASING USG STAFFING IS THAT IT WILL HELP TO FULFILL U.S. GOALS, INCLUDING THOSE SET BY THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE U.S. CONGRESS IN PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR

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POPULATION, HIV/AIDS, AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE
ACTIVITIES (SUCH AS TUBERCULOSIS AND MALARIA).

(D) WHY RESOURCES ALREADY PRESENT AT POST CANNOT
PERFORM THE FUNCTION: USAID CURRENTLY HAS NO NSDD-38
APPROVED POSITIONS IN THE UK AND IS UNABLE TO SUPPORT
THE SCOPE OF LIAISON ACTIVITIES PLANNED WITHOUT THIS
POSITION. THESE ACTIVITIES MUST BE PERFORMED IN
COUNTRY AND REQUIRE UNIQUE EXPERTISE SPECIFIC TO
USAID.

(E) WHY THE FUNCTION CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED FROM THE
U.S. OR THROUGH THE USE OF TDY, CONTRACT, OR OTHER
PERSONNEL: DUE TO THE INTENSE AND COMPLEX NATURE OF
THE ACTIVITIES TO BE ACHIEVED, PARTICULARLY WITH
REGARD TO THE LIAISON AND LEARNING/TEACHING
RESPONSIBILITIES, AND THE REQUIRED CONTACT AND
INTERACTION WITH UK COUNTERPARTS, THESE FUNCTIONS
CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED FROM THE U.S. OR THROUGH THE
USE OF TDY, CONTRACT OR OTHER PERSONNEL.

(F) IF A REGIONAL POSITION, THE REASONS FOR SELECTING
THIS POST ARE: DFID HEADQUARTERS ARE LOCATED IN LONDON
PROVIDING THE NECESSARY LINKAGE TO DFID PROGRAMMATIC
DIRECTIONS AS WELL AS FIELD MISSION OPERATIONS.

(G) SECURITY RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH ADDITIONAL
PERSONNEL: USAID WILL COVER REASONABLE COST FOR
NECESSARY SECURITY FOR THIS POSITION.

8. SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS:

A. USAID WILL REQUEST THE PROVISION OF BASIC
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES FROM THE EMBASSY UNDER
THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
SERVICES (ICASS) FOR THE PERSON ASSIGNED TO POST.
USAID ANTICIPATES REQUESTING SPECIFIC SERVICE SUPPORT.

THESE INCLUDE THE BASIC PACKAGE, RMO, RSO, CLO,
POUCH/APO/FPO, SHIPMENT AND CUSTOMS, CHECK CASHING,
AND TRAVEL SERVICES AT POST. THE PERSON WILL OPT FOR
LQA HOUSING. NO OFFICE SPACE AT THE EMBASSY IS
REQUIRED. ANY ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS WILL BE
DISCUSSED ONCE THE POSITION IS APPROVED.

B. USAID WILL COVER THE COSTS OF THE ASSIGNED PERSON
AT POST. NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT WILL BE
PROVIDED BY USAID/WASHINGTON AND BY THE US DEPARTMENT
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C. USAID WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL ICASS RELATED POST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES, AND TO CONFORM WITH ALL ESTABLISHED POST ICASS GUIDELINES.

9. REQUESTING OFFICIAL: THIS REQUEST IS FORWARDED BY DR. DUFF GILLESPIE, DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, USAID GLOBAL BUREAU.

10. THE REQUESTED POSITION IS PLANNED TO BE FILLED ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 1, 2000.

11. USAID WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE MR. ALEX ROSS, MSPH. BIODATA FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME: ALEX ROSS

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12. USAID APPRECIATES EMBASSY CONSIDERATION AND REQUESTS RESPONSE SOONEST. PLEASE CABLE REPLY TO USAID/G/PHN WASHINGTON ATTN RAY KIRKLAND.

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

*Response
from
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Ms. Linda N. Lion
Acting Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator
Bureau for Global Programs, Field Support and Research
U.S. Agency for International Development

Dear Ms. Lion:

The Chief of Mission (COM) in London has carefully reviewed the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) proposal to establish a Senior Public Health Advisor position in London as the USAID liaison to the U.K. Department for International Development (DFID) Health and Population Department (HPD). Ambassador Lader has denied the request for this full-time permanent position. (A copy of his message is enclosed.)

NSDD 38 assigns to the COM the principal responsibility for determining the size, composition, and mandate of all mission elements. In light of the COM decision in this case, USAID's options are as follows: 1) accept the COM decision; 2) have AID Administrator Brady appeal the COM decision to Secretary of State Albright; or 3) provide further justification or a revised proposal to the Chief of Mission and ask him to reconsider.

Should Administrator Brady decide to appeal this decision, my office will be charged with presenting his and the COM's position to Secretary Albright for her review and decision. Please notify M/P of USAID's decision. We would be glad to transmit your views to Ambassador Lader for further review in accordance with NSDD 38.

Sincerely,

Peter W. Bodde

Director

Office of Management Policy
and Planning

Enclosure:

As stated.

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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: USAID NSDD-38 REQUEST FOR POSITION INCREASE

REF: A) LONDON 6221, B) STATE 195295

1. I HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED USAID'S REQUEST FOR A NEW POSITION. WHILE THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE IS WORTHY, I HAVE SEVERELY CONSTRAINED ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES WITH WHICH TO SUPPORT MORE PROGRAMMATIC STAFF. IN REF A, POST SOUGHT ASSURANCES FROM THE DEPARTMENT THAT FY-2000 FUNDING WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO ENABLE THE ICASS SERVICE PROVIDER TO TAKE ON MORE WORKLOAD. REF B ASSURED US THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE OUR NEEDS.

2. WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE STATEMENT OF INTENT. BUT, IN THE INTEREST OF THE AGENCIES UNDER MY AUTHORITY, I CANNOT ASK THE ICASS SERVICE PROVIDER TO TAKE ON AN ADDITIONAL CLIENT IF SERVICES CANNOT BE MAINTAINED TO THE REST. REF B CLEARLY STATED THAT THOSE ASSURANCES CANNOT BE GIVEN AT THIS TIME. THEREFORE, REGRETTABLY, I MUST DENY THE REQUEST FOR A FULL-TIME POSITION UNTIL THOSE ASSURANCES CAN BE MADE.

3. RECENTLY, WE HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH JUSTICE AND TREASURY CONCERNING POSITIONS THEY WISHED TO ESTABLISH. WE HAVE SETTLED ON LONGER TERM TDY ASSIGNMENTS AS A MEANS TO TEST THE UTILITY OF THE PROPOSED POSITIONS WHILE STRESSING OUR ICASS CAPABILITIES AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE. BOTH HAVE AGREED. THE ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGE OF THIS APPROACH RELATES TO AN ANTICIPATED "RIGHTSIZING" EXERCISE NEXT YEAR IN CONJUNCTION WITH A MAJOR CHANCERY RENOVATION. SHOULD THE PROPOSED POSITIONS FAIL THE "RIGHTSIZING" TEST, THE TRAUMA OF REMOVING AN ESTABLISHED POSITION IS AVOIDED. I STRONGLY URGE USAID TO CONSIDER THE LONG-TERM TDY OFFER.

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U.S. AGENCY FOR
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*Official USAID
Response sent
today.*

November 16, 2000

Mr. Peter W. Bodde
Director
Office of Management Policy and Planning
U. S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Bodde:

The U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID) requests that the Chief of Mission (COM) in London reconsider his decision to deny the request to establish a full time Senior Public Health Advisor position in London to serve as the USAID liaison to the U.K. Department for International Development (DFID).

The impetus behind creating such a position was the recognition of the increasing importance of the global USAID-DFID collaborative relationship in the attainment of both U.S. and U.K. foreign policy goals, particularly with regard to international health issues such as HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases. Following bilateral discussions in Washington last year, an MOU was signed between USAID and DFID in May 2000 to exchange senior advisors between the two agencies for an initial period of two years, and DFID is currently identifying its candidate for secondment to USAID headquarters in Washington. Approval for this DFID secondment has already been obtained. DFID indicated that it would like the U.S. advisor to be in place prior to the beginning of the next U.K. funding cycle in order to help ensure maximum strategic coherence between the USAID and DFID programs in the mutual areas of interest.

Mr. Alex Ross, a GS-15 employee of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), who is currently working with USAID, was selected by DFID as their preferred candidate. He has been cleared by the U.K. Government to undertake this assignment and is currently in a position to

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do so. If there is an extended delay, however, he will have to withdraw his candidacy. This will likely place the exchange program in jeopardy.

As noted above, the position is of a long-term nature and cannot be handled on a TDY basis. Moreover, his wife and two-year-old daughter would accompany Mr. Ross on this assignment.

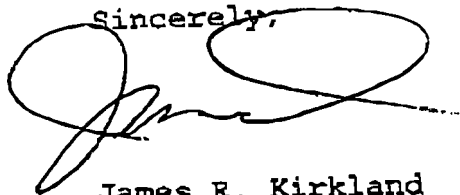
USAID is sensitive about placing an administrative burden on the Embassy in London and understands the constraints it faces in supporting its current staff levels. Mr. Ross, however, would require only minimal support from the Embassy (pouch and customs assistance) and all ICASS costs associated with this support would be fully covered by his parent agency, DHSS. DHSS will also be totally responsible for the following:

- All payroll
- All COLA and housing allowance payments
- Educational allowance (not currently required, as Mr. Ross' child is only 2)
- Finding and securing housing
- All travel arrangements (international and local travel)

No office space or RSO services would be required as Mr. Ross will work in the London DFID offices and will be subject to U.K. Government security arrangements. The U.K. Government in anticipation of his assignment has already granted him the necessary security clearance.

USAID will be prepared to sign an MOU with the U.S. Embassy, London, laying out all of the above.

Sincerely,



James R. Kirkland
Associate Assistant
Administrator
Bureau for Global Programs,
Field Support, and Research

Sandy,

I appreciate that you might call your friend at the London embassy. I'm not sure what his or her role is, but below is some background and possible talking points.

BACKGROUND

As a US government employee, USAID/USDHHS must send a request to the embassy for the Ambassador to clear on our creating this new position. I briefed the embassy over 6 months ago about the position. The attachments I sent to you under separate cover explain this further (document called talking points). We were requesting some minimal services from the embassy. Although it seems that the embassy may have recognized this, they were and are using me and this new position as a pawn to obtain more resources from State/Washington to hire additional staff in the embassy.

State/London has just sent in a cable stating that they do not approve our request and that we should treat this position as a long term TDY position. This is contrary to the purpose of the position and it introduces a degree of uncertainty into my life over the long haul.

It appears that the Administrative Counselor at the embassy (a man named Lee Lohman) is behind this. I had a good relationship with his deputy, Gerry Loftus, but he left to become DCM in Luxembourg.

PURPOSE OF A CALL

- To reinforce the point that this USAID-DFID exchange is critical to the global fight against HIV/AIDS. The White House, NSC, and others have all identified the need to get other donors on board and to leverage their resources. G8 issues. Global reach, etc.
- Alex has been very involved in these efforts to date. My involvement with helping you develop LIFE; leading USAID's efforts with Paul, etc.
- Testimonial to me that I am both good at what I do and, more importantly, that I can take care of myself. One comment that Mr. Lohman made to Duff recently was that "you say he won't use our services beyond a certain point, but when he gets here that will change." I have gone out of my way to set things up so that HHS handles all of my administrative support and I will find my own housing (which I want to do anyway).

In addition, this is an exchange program with DFID—we really do not want to fool around with this. It would look bad for the USG.

Bottom line: your calling may send a message that this is a serious position, one that is critical to the US interest, and that I will not be a burden to the embassy.

Thanks



U.S. Agency for International Development

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Office of Sustainable Development
1325 G St., NW Suite 400
Washington, DC 20005

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Message:

Sandy, several documents regarding London. The USAID response (Rayturkland) and Nancy Carter Foster's cable (sent today) are on their way to the Embassy. We want them to reach quickly. Thanks Alex.



OFFICE OF NATIONAL AIDS POLICY
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Sandy Thurman

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NOTES/COMMENTS:

We have been working on an international exchange between USAID and DFID for several months now and we seem to have run into a technical administrative challenge on the side of the Embassy in getting this done. It is our hope that Alex Ross from USAID will be cleared by the Embassy to accept this exchange. As you know, bilateral cooperation between the US and the United Kingdom has been a high priority for the President, particularly in HIV/AIDS. Alex has been very involved in these issues to date, and this USAID-DFID exchange is critical to the global fight against HIV/AIDS.

Attached is additional background information. Our contact at the Embassy is Lee Lohman. Anything you can do to move this forward would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks so much- We miss you!

Sandy Big hugs!
Sandy

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TO: Peter Bodie (sp?), State
FROM: Ray Kirkland, USAID/G/PHN
SUBJECT: Request for State Reconsideration of NSDD-38....

*Informal Draft
I prepared for
Buffy + Ray
(not sent
in
this
form)*

We have received the cable declining USAID's NSDD-38 request to establish a US-UK government exchange position. Whereas USAID appreciates the post's administrative and funding issues, the reality is that the USAID position would pose no additional burden on the post. This permanent, long term position is very much in the interests of the U.S. Government. Additional clarification follows.

1. **The importance of the exchange senior advisor position to US-UK relations.** This multi-year position has been created in recognition of the important relationship USAID has with its counterpart UK institution, the Department of Foreign International Development (DFID). The position is limited to the health arena and builds on similar US-UK priorities and investment in international health development. The position directly supports the foreign policy goals of the U.S. Government. As one example, the National Security Council is keenly interested in leveraging international funding for HIV/AIDS. This position is key to achieving this goal. An MOU has been created and agreed to by USAID and DFID to exchange senior advisors for a 2 to 4 year period, and the relationship is expected to be longer than this period. Given the nature of development, long term continuity is critical to the success of this exchange program and to joint U.S.-UK efforts.
2. USAID identified its nominee and DFID selected the final U.S. candidate many months ago. Should the USG renege on the offer, potential harm to US-UK relations could ensue. Moreover, DFID is sending someone to USAID Washington to serve in a similar capacity over a multi-year period.
3. **The duration and role of the position.** The position is that of a senior health advisor seconded to DFID where s/he will serve as an advisor to the DFID chief health advisor. The functions are similar to the many technical secondees to the World Health Organization. In addition, the USAID incumbent would seek ways to increase collaboration at the HQ and field levels, as well as to leverage DFID resources in ways that are supportive of USG goals. As noted above, the position is not on a TDY basis. A long term TDY position is also not viable given the reasons mentioned as well as the implications for the USAID individual based at DFID. It is designed as a long term, multi year position. USAID will not increase the number of its staff based in the UK beyond this one position.
4. **Administrative responsibility for the position.** USAID is sensitive to placing any additional burden on a post. USAID would be pleased to document the following understanding with the post through an MOU. U.S. DHHS (the home agency for the incumbent) will handle all administrative responsibilities for the position. These include the following types of services—HHS will be responsible for:
 - All payroll

- All COLA and housing allowance payments
 - No educational allowance for the incumbent (the only child is 2).
 - Finding and securing housing (via LQA).
 - All travel arrangements (international and local travel)
 - In addition, the incumbent will be housed within the DFID offices. DFID will provide the incumbent with an office and all necessary administrative support within the workplace. No office space is required at the embassy.
 - This position does not involve procurement of any major goods and services. USDHHS or DFID will handle all procurement of small scale equipment (e.g., computer) for the incumbent.
5. **Clarification for the NSDD-38 ICASS-related services.** The envisioned ICASS services originally requested from the post of interest to USAID/USDHHS are very minimal and will not exceed the following: Pouch privileges for the incumbent to allow him easier and more cost-effective access to US mail; a photo ID issued by the embassy to allow the incumbent access to local USG commissaries; occasional check cashing privileges (although the incumbent will use the commercial bank at the embassy); and assistance with customs for the shipment of household goods. RSO services are minimal (if needed) and there is no need from our perspective for RMO or CLO services (although USAID would be happy to pay for an ICASS package that included these as was indicated in the outgoing NSDD-38 cable).
6. **Selection of the U.S. candidate.** Mr. Alex Ross was selected by DFID from a slate of USAID candidates provided them. He is a senior USG official (GS-15) who is highly regarded by USDHHS, USAID, and the White House. He has repeatedly demonstrated his ability to take care of administrative details on his own and we are very confident he will not pose any burden on the post. As an example of his initiative, Mr. Ross took it upon himself to brief the embassy over 6 months ago about the prospects of the assignment and has kept the embassy informed about the position. He has also sought to minimize any administrative burden on the embassy by working with DHHS and USAID to identify direct means of support for the position. Mr. Ross has worked for GAO, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Assistant Secretary for Health, the World Health Organization in Geneva, and USAID (via USDHHS). He is well acquainted with different bureaucratic systems, how to get things done, as well as living abroad. Mr. Ross's family includes his wife and a two-year old daughter.

In conclusion, we ask that the U.S. Embassy in London reconsider its position with the understanding that the USAID individual selected for the position will not add to the post's management burden. Unlike other USG agencies supported by the post, the USAID position will not operate out of the embassy, but out of the UK government's offices. USAID and USDHHS are committed to ensuring that it handles all administrative responsibilities for the position.

Thank you.

Chad Carson Davis
635 East Franklin Street
Shelbyville, Indiana 46176-1659

*This was
Sent to Mrs. Clinton
before election day
so I added a line now that
she is Senator-elect.*

Dear Mr. Davis:

First Lady Hillary Clinton asked that I respond to your letter to her regarding the Administration's efforts to combat HIV/AIDS.

As you know, the process of developing new treatments for HIV is a long, tedious and costly one. We continue to do all we can to speed the process, including working with the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health to speed development and approval of new drugs. We are also working closely with the pharmaceutical industry to enhance their efforts at developing new medications, as well as searching for both a cure and a vaccine to prevent new infections. New drugs are being developed, although for those living with HIV, the process is understandably never quick enough.

This Office remains committed to doing all that we can, and your support of our efforts is crucial to our success. I look forward to working closely with Senator-elect Clinton when she assumes office.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman
Presidential Envoy for AIDS Cooperation and
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

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October 31, 2000

Shara L. Byrnes
2422 Bing Place
Union City, CA 94587-4410

Dear Ms. Byrnes:

President Clinton asked me to respond to your letter to which expresses your concern about HIV/AIDS, especially in young people.

First, thank you for sharing your story about your personal experiences as a woman living with HIV. I know that at times it must be very difficult. But, as highlighted in your letter, you should be very proud of the work you are doing to help educate others about HIV/AIDS. I thank you for your contributions to help others.

Your letter appropriately spoke to the impact that HIV/AIDS was having on young people. I am pleased to say that just last week the White House Office of National AIDS Policy released a new report focusing on young Americans, entitled, "Youth and HIV/AIDS 2000: A New American Agenda." In this report, we highlight the impact that HIV/AIDS is having in young people, and offer action steps for the future. I have enclosed a copy for your use in your work.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts, and for giving of yourself to help others. It is because of people like you that I am certain that we will be able to end this pandemic.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman
Presidential Envoy for AIDS Cooperation
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

Enclosure

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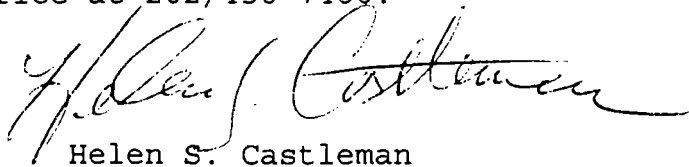
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☐ ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION

Please return the original inquiry, this referral form and a copy of your written response or your telephone report to the following address:

Mrs. Helen S. Castleman
Director, Agency Liaison
Room 592, OEOB
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Thank you for your help and cooperation in getting this tracked inquiry returned to the White House. Prompt action is requested.

If you have any questions, call my office at 202/456-7486.


Helen S. Castleman
Director, Agency Liaison

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OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT
International Broadcasting Bureau

December 21, 2000.

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

Dear Ms. Thurman: *Sandra*

Loida and I would like to express our sincerest thanks for your generosity in time and advice that you displayed during our recent meeting.

After the holidays, we will telephone your office to obtain the contact information that we discussed. We look forward to working with you in the future, and wish you the best in your new "private sector" pursuits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Gregory Alonso Pirio', is written over a circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Gregory Alonso Pirio
Director

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place
Washington, DC 20503

November 17, 2000

Dear Ms. Thurman:

I am a filmmaker working on a documentary about Fountain of Hope, the shelter and community school for street kids in Lusaka, Zambia orphaned by AIDS. Deborah Bickel and other friends at Project Concern International in Lusaka as well as Ambassador Arlene Render invited me to be in contact with you. I am sending you the first fruits of that project: an audio cd of the Fountain of Hope kids choir singing. I hope you enjoy the kids' wonderful music.

The documentary was shot over the summer of 1999 and I have begun trying to raise funds for its completion. It will put the crisis of AIDS in southern Africa in very human terms: we hear individual children speaking in their own voices and languages about what has happened to them, a story that of course needs to be better known, and meet the volunteers of Fountain of Hope trying to face the challenge in its enormity and successfully doing something about it, even with limited resources. Children deprived of almost all else who still, as on the cd, sing joyful songs of hope is part of the story I am trying to capture.

I would be grateful for your support. A letter from you recommending the project would help me in approaching grant-giving institutions. And if you had any ideas about how to publicize the cd, sales of which support Fountain of Hope, and raise completion funds for the documentary, I'd be delighted to hear them. I'd also be glad to send you further information about the project. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Charles Mercier

Ancient Films 3250 E. Main St. #19 Waterbury, CT 06705
203 754 9353 charlesmercier@earthlink.net

September 25, 2000

Reed Martin
Director of Marketing
Independent Pictures
42 Bond Street
New York, NY 10012

Dear Mr. Martin,

Thank you for providing our office with a copy of Larry Clark ^{lm} ~~film~~ *Kids*. *Kids* is indeed a striking film that bears a dire warning about the dangers of HIV/AIDS for American teenagers. Viewing the film, we were struck by the realistic depictions of teenage ignorance and recklessness, and also the noted lack of parental guidance into the teenagers' lives.

Undoubtedly, *Kids* will have a profound and educative effect on those who view it. Unfortunately, our office is unable to integrate the film into our educational materials at this time, ^{and we feel *Kids* is most helpful in the fight against AIDS simply by being available for viewing through regular channels.}

Again, thank you for allowing us at the Office of National AIDS Policy the opportunity to view this fine film. We wish you continued film-making success.

Sincerely,

Sandra Thurman
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

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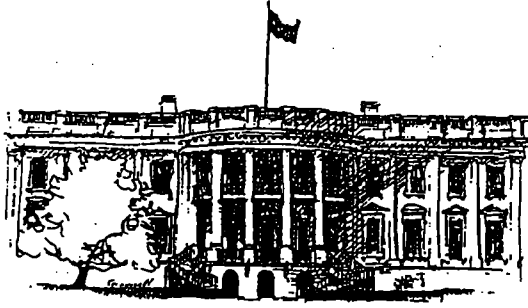
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**The White House
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TO:

Sandy Thurman

DATE:

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FROM: Carrie Street
184 OEOB/456-5487

ATTACHED:

☒ Please advise on how to respond	☐ For your information	☐ For your action
☐ As you requested	☐ Please call me regarding the attached	☐ Please prepare response per instructions below
☐ For your approval	☐ For Surrogate Consideration	☐ Please prepare Scheduling Proposal

COMMENTS:

*Please return to me if you would like
Scheduling to respond.*

*Thanks,
Carrie*

CC: