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TO: Sandra Thurman, Director
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FROM: Gunther Freehill, Director
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RE: **WORLD AIDS DAY
December 1, 1999**

Charles L. Henry asked that I provide you with a copy of the attached letter. As you know, the American Association for World Health is sponsoring its signature World AIDS Day event in Los Angeles County this year. The attached letter invites Vice President Gore to participate.

The event will be a breakfast meeting of approximately three hundred and fifty participants, including elected officials, business, civic and religious leaders, foundation executives, and directors of AIDS service organizations.

I hope that you can assist in securing the participation of Vice President Gore.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (213) 351-8340.

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c: Charles L. Henry

Enclosure



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Honorable Albert Gore
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17th Street, Room 283
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. Vice President:

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

We would be honored to have you speak to the 300 guests, since your presence at this national program will reinforce the fact that AIDS is a high priority public health issue in the United States and, indeed, throughout the world. We are inviting a diverse audience from the greater Los Angeles community, representing public health, government, business, and healthcare professionals and AIDS Service Organizations, with a special focus on Hispanic, African American and faith communities.

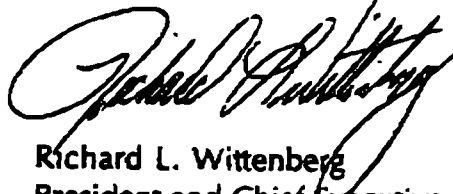
As the US Committee to the World Health Organization, each year AAWH coordinates World AIDS Day in the United States, in conjunction with the US Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. I am pleased to enclose a copy of our latest publication for World AIDS Day, *AIDS—End the Silence. Listen, Learn, Live!* Over 55,000 of these resource books have been distributed to AIDS organizations, all departments of health and education across the country, community-based organizations, schools and colleges, health care providers, prisons, corporations, faith-based groups and individuals interested in promoting awareness of HIV/AIDS prevention in rural and urban communities across the United States.

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

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

With warmest personal regards,



Richard L. Wittenberg
President and Chief Executive Officer

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



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Comments

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



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Hon. Richard Riley
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400 Maryland Avenue, SW, FOB-6, Room 7W301
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XC: Sandra Thurman
Director
White House Office of National AIDS Policy



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Sandra Thurman
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Dear Sandy:

On behalf of the 1999 World AIDS Day Advisory Committee, I am writing to request a letter from President Clinton to include in the American Association for World Health's (AAWH) World AIDS Day Resource Booklet. The President's letter has been on the opening pages of the Resource Booklets since 1994 and has demonstrated the Clinton Administration's concern about the health risks posed to our citizens and all of the citizens of the world by the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

The American Association for World Health would like to receive the President's letter no later than July 30, 1999, so that we could include it in the Resource Booklet, which will go to press in early August.

World AIDS Day is the only international endeavor of coordinated action against HIV/AIDS. World AIDS Day serves to strengthen global efforts in the fight against HIV/AIDS and enhances community support for HIV/AIDS programs. These programs assist in the development of sympathetic and respectful attitudes towards people with HIV/AIDS living in our communities.

Because AIDS is a major global challenge, AAWH suggests that President Clinton consider the following:

- (1) Challenge the world to end AIDS.
- (2) Commit the United States to lead a global effort to lessen, reverse, and ultimately end the AIDS pandemic.
- (3) Re-energize the U.S. effort to develop AIDS vaccines and therapeutics and to make these widely available to peoples of all nations.

The 1999 World AIDS Day theme is as follows:

AIDS--End the Silence
Listen, Learn, Live!

- The focus is on communication. A special emphasis has been placed on young people through 24 years of age without losing sight of the fact that HIV/AIDS affects everyone.
- The 1999 World AIDS Day initiative intends to build on the activities and awareness created in preceding years by turning the world's attention more

broadly to communication. Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), stated: "A big part of the answer is that adults spend too much time telling young people what to do without listening to what they need: affection, close bonds with adults, and education about healthy sexuality. In addition, we must speak out and loudly challenge the violence, poverty and discrimination that create huge reservoirs of HIV risk in young lives."

- Talking about AIDS is part of taking action. Opening up a shared dialogue about HIV/AIDS serves to not only reduce the risks for HIV-negative individuals but also works to reduce the stigma directed toward people living with HIV/AIDS.
- The false perception that the United States will soon win the battle against AIDS, which has been fueled by new advances in protease inhibitor treatment, must be addressed through re-energized and re-invented local and national initiatives. The changing demographics of the pandemic require increased awareness of HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment in rural communities; among children, adolescents and young adults; within African American, Latino and Native American communities; among women; and within prison and correctional facilities.

In addition, AAWH would like to confirm, as we have in previous years, when the White House lights will be dimmed on World AIDS Day so that we can announce it in the booklet. The following language was used in last year's booklet:

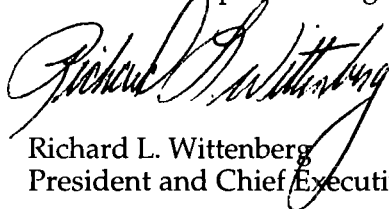
**Join our nation's capital in a unified observance
of World AIDS Day**

On December 1, as in years past, the White House is planning to dim its lights for fifteen minutes from 7:45 to 8:00 p.m. (eastern standard time) to commemorate World AIDS Day and to offer a tribute to those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Villages, towns and cities across the country are encouraged to join the White House in dimming their lights as a visual demonstration expressing the worldwide commitment to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Enclosed are a copy of President Clinton's letter from last year for reference and global statistics provided by UNAIDS.

Thank you for your cooperation.

With warmest personal regards,



Richard L. Wittenberg
President and Chief Executive Officer

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

WORLD AIDS DAY, 1998

Warm greetings to all those around the world observing the 11th annual World AIDS Day. On this day each year, we are called to unite in the memory of those who have lost their lives to AIDS and in support of all those who every day fight this terrible disease.

Although we are greatly encouraged by the recent progress in treating HIV and AIDS, this epidemic is far from over. With an increasing number of people worldwide now living with HIV and AIDS, the global community faces major challenges in guaranteeing that those infected will be able to obtain vital health care services and life-saving drugs. With nearly six million new infections every year, we must recognize that many, particularly in the developing world, will not have access to the new progressive drug therapies that dramatically improve the quality of life for those living with HIV and AIDS.

Developing a vaccine for HIV is crucial to ending this disease and ensuring a healthy future for our children. I am pleased that the global community has joined together in making the development of an HIV vaccine a top international priority. Within the next decade, we hope to have the means to stop this deadly virus. But until we reach that day, we must remain strong in our crusade to prevent the spread of the disease and to care for those living with AIDS. We must strengthen our efforts to educate young people about HIV and AIDS and make available to them, and others at high risk, effective prevention programs.

This year's World AIDS Day theme, "Be A Force For Change," is a reminder that each of us -- especially our young people -- has the opportunity to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS around the world. Our youth are faced with many challenges today, including drugs and alcohol, experimentation with sex, possible sexual exploitation, and lack of access to care and services, and these factors are often most severe for young women. As the rate of HIV infection continues to rise among young people aged 15-24, it is vital that we impart to them the seriousness of the epidemic and give them the knowledge they need to avoid infection.

As we observe World AIDS Day 1998, I urge you to recommit yourselves to the battle against HIV and AIDS. Our future, and that of the world's children, depends on the strength of our resolve today.

Bill Clinton

Global summary of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, December 1998

People newly infected with HIV in 1998	Total	5.8 million
	Adults	5.2 million
	Women	2.1 million
	Children <15 years	590 000
No. of people living with HIV/AIDS	Total	33.4 million
	Adults	32.2 million
	Women	13.8 million
	Children <15 years	1.2 million
AIDS deaths in 1998	Total	2.5 million
	Adults	2.0 million
	Women	900 000
	Children <15 years	510 000
Total no. of AIDS deaths since the beginning of the epidemic	Total	13.9 million
	Adults	10.7 million
	Women	4.7 million
	Children <15 years	3.2 million

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All Men—Make a
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World AIDS Day
December 1, 2000

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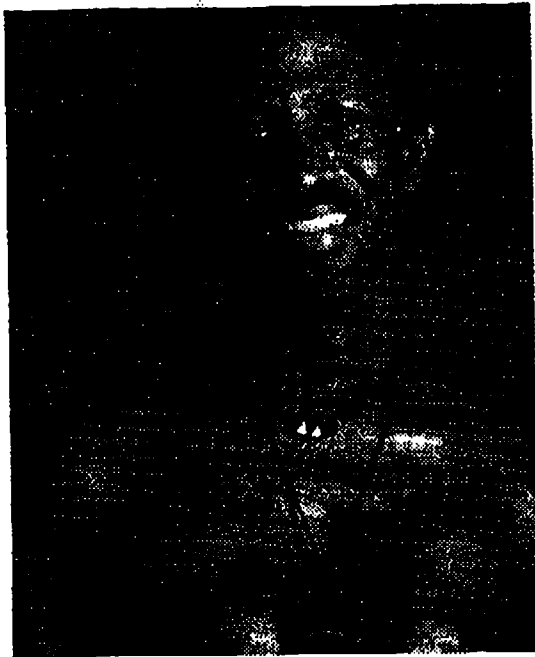
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Cheryl—

These pages are sent for your review, per Jason Franklin's request. They appear in the 1999 World AIDS Day resource booklet—over 60,000 of which will be distributed across the country to state and local departments of health and education, as well as to a large network of healthcare institutions, private organizations, businesses, etc.

See the quote from Sandy Thurman on the inside front cover of the book and the paragraph "The nation responds," which appears in the AIDS in the US section, on page 10.



"AIDS strikes in the best of families, and from this disease, no community has immunity—gay or straight, black or white, male or female, old or young. Anyone can get AIDS, and if we are going to win this fight, we must begin with the acceptance of that fact."

*Sandra Thurman, Director
White House Office of National AIDS Policy*



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WHY WE SHOULD CARE

DISPARITIES IN HIV CARE

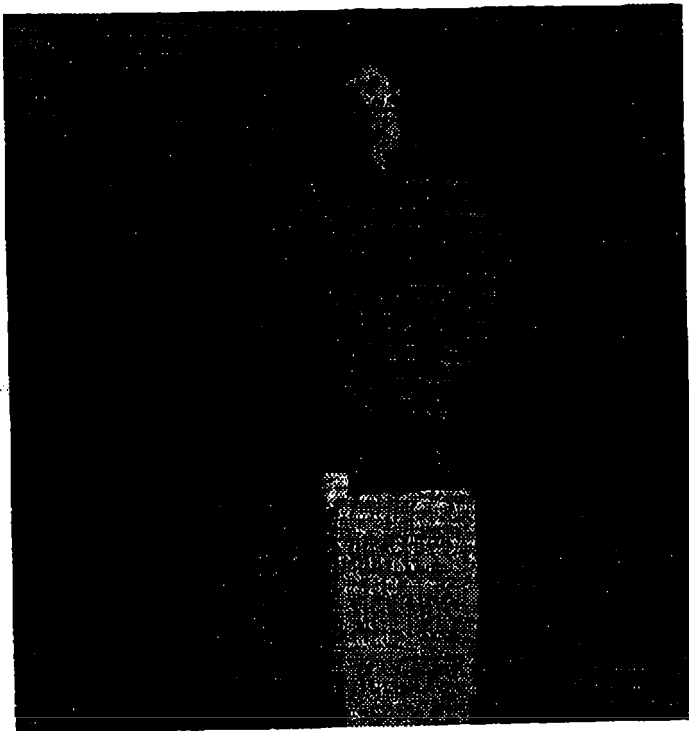
While most people infected with HIV in the US have good access to care, a recent study suggests that disparities in access and quality of care exist in some populations, including the following:

- ◆ African Americans
- ◆ Latinos / Hispanics
- ◆ Women
- ◆ The uninsured
- ◆ The Medicaid insured

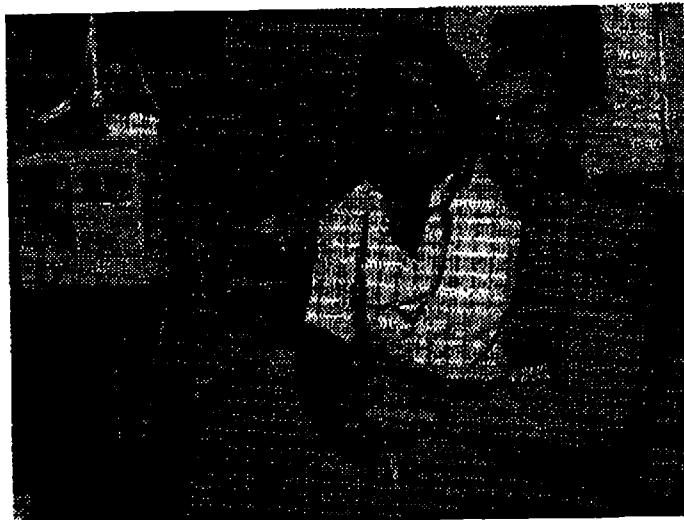
These disparities in access and quality of care are reflected in infrequent office visits, increased hospitalizations and an increased risk of not receiving potentially life-saving medications. Disparities among disadvantaged populations suggest that a person's insurance status (that is, whether the person is insured or uninsured) contributes to differences in receiving care.

THE STIGMA

The stigma that still surrounds HIV/AIDS causes many people to worry that they would suffer discrimination if their HIV-positive status became known. Prevailing attitudes concerning people with HIV/AIDS often center around the myths that only gay men and drug users can contract HIV.



Homelessness, poverty, lack of access to health care and lack of health insurance often prevent HIV-positive people from taking advantage of the latest drug therapies. Photo by Carolyn Jones, Photographer, New York.



An AIDS home care worker provides health care and emotional support. PAHO/WHO photo by M. Halamandaris, CARE Magazine.

The truth is that anyone can be at risk of HIV/AIDS if they engage in higher risk behaviors. The goal is to create an environment in which children and adults with HIV or AIDS can live free from discrimination. To overcome people's ignorance and misconceptions about HIV/AIDS, greater awareness and communication are essential.

STILL NO CURE

Vaccines are the most cost-effective medical intervention for preventing disease and death. While an AIDS vaccine has not yet been developed, several vaccines and new drugs currently under development show promise. Current drug therapies can prolong life and alleviate symptoms, but they do not cure AIDS, and not everyone benefits from them. While dedicated researchers, physicians, health workers and community activists around the world are working hard to find a cure, HIV/AIDS remains one of the most devastating epidemics in modern history.

THE NATION RESPONDS

Countless community and national HIV/AIDS organizations have worked to draw attention to the AIDS epidemic in the US. In response to their sustained efforts over the last decade and the alarming statistics about the growing crisis, the federal government and many state governments have increased financial resources for HIV/AIDS. In 1998, the President and the Congressional Black Caucus announced a new initiative to invest \$156 million to improve the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS in African-American and other minority communities. In 1999, the White House Office of National AIDS Policy announced a new \$100 million initiative to address the AIDS crisis in Africa. While much has improved, much still remains to be done, especially in the area of HIV prevention.



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RE: **World AIDS Day Advisory Committee Meeting**

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Please join us for a **continental breakfast and a meeting on Tuesday, May 9, for the first meeting of the World AIDS Day 2000 National Advisory Committee.** You are invited to provide direction on the development of the resource booklet and assist in coordinating World AIDS Day. We'll meet from 8:30 to 12:00 pm.

To continue the success of World AIDS Day, we need your guidance as a member of the Advisory Committee:

Tuesday, May 9, 2000
8:30 am to 12:00 pm
1801 K Street, NW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20006
(At law offices of Arter & Hadden;
4th floor conference rooms.
Take K St. elevators)

Please RSVP by Thursday, May 4, 2000 to 202-466-5883.

We appreciate your interest in World AIDS Day and look forward to seeing you on May 9.