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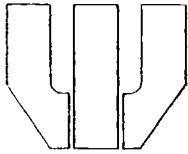
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Ms. Sandra Thurman
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Dear Ms. Thurman:

You were absolutely magnificent at last month's David Jowers Lectureship! How do I ever express appreciation for your portrayal of nursing and our contribution to the care of patients with AIDS and infectious diseases? The beauty of your words and compassionate expression needs to be shared with a larger national nursing audience. Thank you for making this lectureship a special tribute to the life of David Jowers and elevating the nursing discipline in an academic event.

We were pleased with the press coverage of your remarks, both in the local papers and the campus newsletter. These accolades affirm your high regard in Atlanta and the nation. Enclosed are copies of the local media coverage and selected photographs of the event.

It was my great pleasure to welcome you to the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing and Emory University, and to mark your return when you are in the Atlanta area again. I look forward to hearing your successes as you advocate for patients and nursing in the public policy and forums.

Sincerely,

Dyanne D. Affonso

Dyanne D. Affonso, Ph.D., FAAN
Dean and Professor

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AIDS czar Thurman delivers annual David Jowers lecture

Facing a packed Rita Anne Rollins Room Jan. 15, Office of National AIDS Policy Director Sandra Thurman told the overflowing crowd that while great strides have been made in dealing with the HIV virus, much more work remains to be done.

"We're at a critical junc-

ture in the fight against this deadly virus," Thurman said in delivering the annual David Jowers lecture on AIDS. "With hope on the horizon, many Americans and also policy-makers yearn to believe the worst is behind us, yet the sobering truth is that the AIDS epidemic is far from over. With

no vaccine and no cure in sight, we are actually far closer, I think, to the end of the beginning than to the beginning of the end.

"While we have good news about declining rates of death, we have no decline in the overall rate of infection," Thurman continued. "In this country alone, we are looking at between 40,000 and 50,000 new infections each year, and while we have a decline in rates of infection of gay white men, we have dramatic increases in women, people of color and adolescents."

A former director of advocacy programs with The Task Force for Child Survival and Development at The Carter Center, Thurman was appointed AIDS czar by President Bill Clinton last April. She served as director of AID Atlanta from 1988 to 1993, tripling the organization's size to 90 staff members and more than 1,000 volunteers.

In recognition of Emory's nursing school, which sponsors the Jowers lecture, Thur-

man spoke of the importance of nurses on the front lines of the battle against AIDS. In three areas—patient caregiving, education and advocacy—nurses can provide the leadership the country needs, she said.

In fact, Thurman said educating others about AIDS and HIV infection is the single most important thing individuals can do to help out. "There's this incredible assumption that people know about this disease," she said, "and the fact of the matter is they don't. We're in this amazing situation now where people are afraid to ask about it because they think they ought to know."

But apart from education, Thurman said nurses' traditional role in care provision is all the more important in dealing with AIDS, from early intervention to the last stages of the disease. "Some of the most brilliant and profound moments I have ever been privileged to witness have been among nurses, patients and their

loved ones in the last moments of life."

Following her speech, Thurman entertained a lengthy question-and-answer session that covered AIDS issues as disparate as needle-exchange programs and the church's importance in the battle. Thirty to 40 percent of new infections are related to intravenous drug use, Thurman said, and Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala is looking at granting funding to state needle-exchange programs providing they meet two criteria: that they do cut down on HIV infection rates and that they do not increase overall drug use. Thurman said Shalala would look at the latest research on those factors before making a decision.

Thurman added that the impact of HIV infection rates in developing countries is "really staggering," and her office is very concerned about the hold AIDS has on sub-Saharan Africa in particular. Recent global figures indicate some 5.8 million people worldwide carry the HIV virus; Thurman said her office expected the number to be closer to 3 million.

However, in his introductory remarks, James Curran, dean of the School of Public Health, said Emory is poised to make great breakthroughs in AIDS research. "Many people have referred to Atlanta as the 'public health capital of the world,'" Curran said. "Emory's major clinical facilities now care for well over 4,500 HIV-positive individuals. There are lots of pockets of [AIDS] research going on all over campus. We think Emory will soon be recognized throughout the country and the world for primacy in AIDS research."

—Michael Terrazas



National AIDS czar Sandy Thurman, former director of AID Atlanta, says education is the single most important component to help stop spread of the disease.

AIDS CONTROVERSY

Needle exchange fight may be brewing again

By M.A.J. McKenna
STAFF WRITER

The controversy over programs that give addicts sterile syringes in an attempt to slow the spread of AIDS looks likely to warm up in the coming months, federal AIDS czar Sandra Thurman said Thursday in Atlanta.

Speaking at Emory University, Thurman said some conservative members of Congress may be preparing a second challenge to federal funding for local needle-exchange programs. The first such challenge, which would have stripped Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala of the power to grant funding, was defeated in Congress last fall.

"We have heard some rumblings that some members may call for hearings, though it is too early to tell," Thurman said. She spoke after delivering the David Jowers Lecture on AIDS, sponsored by Emory's nursing school.

The coming months are critical for the needle-exchange programs: A congressional ban on the use of federal funds for them expires April 1. After that date, Shalala can release the funding — which would go to state and local AIDS prevention programs — if she can prove that needle exchanges reduce the spread of the AIDS virus without increasing the use of illegal drugs.

Since the ban was imposed, scientific evidence and political pressure in favor of needle

exchanges have mounted. Last month, President Clinton's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS issued a statement harshly critical of the delay. And last Saturday, the prestigious international medical journal *The Lancet* called on Clinton to begin funding the programs, saying, "Delay is costing lives."

"We're looking at mounting evidence that the scientific community in this country and around the world supports removing the restrictions on funding," Thurman said. "I think there is very little doubt that these programs reduce HIV transmission. But there is very real anxiety that they increase the rate of drug use, so we need to continue to have a dialog about what the evidence says."

Needle exchange has been a contentious issue in Georgia as well, and there are indications the issue will be raised in the newly convened Legislature, a group that Thurman, the former executive director of AID Atlanta, knows well.

"The secretary is in a position to look at the science, and I think we ought to follow her lead," Thurman said.

"I would certainly encourage states to move forward on their own in favor of needle exchange, if they aren't comfortable with where we are; but I don't know that we need to be backing up until we have some word from the secretary."



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MEMO

To: Sandy Thurman and Joe O'Neill
From: Darin E. Johnson
Government Affairs Director
Re: Rural HIV/AIDS Initiative
Date: March 4, 1998

Attached a revised summary of the Rural HIV/AIDS Initiative. I would appreciate if you both could take a look at it, and let me know if I should make any changes.

Could you each let me know who else you would like to add onto the steering committee. Please remember this group is different than the national task force in that its charge is implementing the initiative (i.e. choosing speakers and workshops for the September conference, selecting members of the task force, and developing the PSA campaign). I am adding Martha McKinney to the steering committee as a representative of the NRHA. Martha has done extensive work in the area of rural HIV/AIDS including writing reports for HRSA on the topic and developing our rural conference on HIV/AIDS last year. If each of you could select one additional steering committee member and let me know as soon as possible, I would appreciate it.

I would like to schedule a planning meeting for the committee in the next two weeks so it is important you get back to me on the Initiative summary and with the names of steering committee members. My assistant will be in touch with your office next week to schedule a meeting.

Hope all is going well for you both. Call me if you have any questions.

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THE NATIONAL RURAL HIV/AIDS INITIATIVE

As a direct outcome of the National Rural Health Association's (NRHA) *Southeastern Conference on Rural HIV/AIDS: Issues in Prevention and Treatment* held August 14-15, 1997 in Atlanta Georgia, the NRHA in conjunction with the Office of National AIDS Policy and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is developing the National Rural HIV/AIDS Initiative. The mission of the initiative is to address the growing impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in rural and frontier America, and to foster increased national, state, and local awareness and direct public and private resources to education, prevention and treatment efforts in rural communities.

The National Rural HIV/AIDS Initiative will be composed of four specific projects: the establishment of a national rural HIV/AIDS task force, a regional conference focusing on rural HIV/AIDS issues in the western United States, a rural HIV/AIDS track at the NRHA's annual national conference, and an education and prevention campaign aimed at rural communities and youth.

National Task Force on Rural HIV/AIDS

A national task force composed of physicians and other health care providers, care givers, persons living with HIV/AIDS, state and territorial AIDS directors, county health department officials, and community and religious leaders will convene to develop a set of national recommendations on rural HIV/AIDS. The goal of the task force will be to provide specific direction for the prevention of HIV transmission in rural America and providing access to quality, affordable and appropriate health care services for those already living in rural communities with HIV and AIDS in rural communities.

Western Conference on Rural HIV/AIDS: Issues in Prevention and Treatment

The NRHA will build upon the success of the Southeastern Conference on HIV/AIDS by developing a conference that addresses the very unique issues and delivery systems present in the western United States. The conference will focus specifically on issues affecting Native Americans, migrant workers, and foreign aliens. Topics discussed at the Atlanta conference will also be expanded upon including effective education and prevention programs, outreach to gay and bisexual populations, and the impact of managed care and physician networks in providing health care services to persons living with HIV and AIDS. The Western Conference on Rural HIV/AIDS will take place September 10-12, 1998 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Rural HIV/AIDS Track at National Rural Health Association Conference

As part of the annual NRHA's national conference, a series of sessions focusing on the diverse issues associated with rural HIV/AIDS will be conducted. The HIV/AIDS track will begin with a presentation by Dr. Scott Hitt, Chairman of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. The general session will be followed by a series of concurrent sessions focused at rural primary care physicians and other rural health care providers. The NRHA's national conference will be held May 13-16, 1998 in Orlando, Florida.

Rural HIV/AIDS Public Service Announcement Campaign

The NRHA and the Office of National AIDS Policy will join forces with the country music industry to develop a series of public service announcements (PSAs) focusing on HIV and AIDS education and prevention in rural America. The PSA campaign will be a catalyst for educating rural Americans, especially children and young adults, that AIDS is solely an urban issue, but is one that is affecting a greater number of people living in rural communities.

Sandy Thurman, Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy, and Darin E. Johnson, Director of Government Affairs for the National Rural Health Association, are co-chairing a steering committee that is charged with the development and implementation of the National Rural HIV/AIDS Initiative. Members of the steering committee include Dr. Joseph O'Neill, Director the HIV/AIDS Bureau, HRSA, Terry Anderson, member of the Presidential Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS, ***, and ***.

For more information or to learn how you or your organization can play a role in the National Rural HIV/AIDS Initiative, please contact the National Rural Health Association at (202) 232-6200 or the Office of National AIDS Policy at (202) 632-1090.



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March 11, 1998

Ms. Sandra Thurman

Dear Ms. Thurman,

We have scheduled a conference entitled "HIV/AIDS: Changes and Challenges for the 21st Century". This conference will provide an opportunity for successful programs addressing the prevention needs of targeted high risk populations for HIV/AIDS to be presented and discussed by health care professionals, social workers, mental health professionals, teachers, school counselors, clergy, correctional facility counselors, CBO's and other professionals in southwest Georgia and east central Alabama.

We want to invite you to be the keynote speaker of this conference on either February 11 or 12, 1999.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael R. Stewart".

Michael R. Stewart, ThM., M.S.
Infectious Disease Coordinator

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HIV/AIDS

March 16, 1998

The Honorable Donna Shalala
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Shalala:

As the leading public health official in the country, it is your responsibility to exercise leadership on critical issues affecting the health of the nation. As the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, we urge you to demonstrate that leadership on the issue of needle exchange programs in our common fight against the transmission of HIV.

As you know, the statistics are compelling: injection drug use is directly responsible for half of all new HIV infections in this country annually, and indirectly responsible for the infection of thousands more people who are the sexual partners or children of infected users. HIV transmission related to needle sharing is, to a great extent, responsible for the frightening and disproportionate spread of HIV among African-Americans and Latinos, particularly women.

As you also know, the scientific evidence of the efficacy of needle exchange programs in preventing new infections is equally compelling, and there is no credible evidence that needle exchange programs lead to increased drug use.

We are, therefore, increasingly dismayed by your almost complete silence and continued inaction. This critical health issue demands your leadership, not only inside the government but also on a public level. Needle exchange programs have powerful and vocal opponents. As the nation's leading spokesperson on health you must ensure that science, not unsubstantiated fears, guides this administration's policies.

It is imperative that you state, publicly and unequivocally, what the scientific evidence demonstrates: needle exchange programs meet the two-pronged test laid out in the law. By issuing such a determination you will send an important message to the American people, and will help to change the terms of debate and discussion on this issue.

The Honorable Donna Shalala

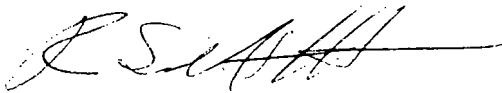
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It is equally imperative that you immediately engage the President on this matter by providing him with a full briefing on the scientific data and stressing the critical role needle exchange programs can play in reaching his stated goal of reducing the number of new HIV infections until there are none. We are hopeful that, presented with such compelling evidence and your strong advocacy, the President will immediately act in the interest of public health and bring federal policy into line with current scientific knowledge.

Lack of political will can no longer justify ignoring the science. Every day that goes by means more needless new infections and more human suffering. We call upon you to make an immediate determination and to allow the local use of federal funds for needle exchange programs as part of a comprehensive HIV prevention program. To do anything less would be an abdication of your responsibilities.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. Scott Hitt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

R. Scott Hitt, M.D.

Chair



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR NANCY-ANN MINN DEPARLE

From: Sandra L. Thurman 
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy
(202) 632-1090

Date: March 13, 1998

Re: **REPORT LANGUAGE ON AIDS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

It is my understanding that report language for the legislation covering Medicaid expenditures for FY98 included a directive to fund a \$1 million AIDS-related demonstration project with a specific agency (AIDS Healthcare Foundation) in Los Angeles.

I have very serious reservations about the appropriateness of both the project described in the report language and the expenditure of such a large amount of money without any open and competitive process. Further, I have been advised that the agency referenced in the legislation is the subject of on-going administrative and criminal investigations into over-billing for AIDS drugs.

I would recommend to you that strong consideration be given to a review of the necessity for the project described in the report language. If in your best judgment such a project would enhance our ability to address the healthcare needs of people living with HIV/AIDS, I recommend a competitive process to avoid any appearance of favoritism.

I am sure that you share my concern about the precedent that report language directives of this kind have on the intent of the demonstration program. It is my hope that we could preserve these funds for projects that, at your discretion, will significantly enhance our ability to serve those Americans who rely on the Medicaid system for their critical healthcare needs.

Please call me if you would like to discuss this any further. Thank you so much for your tireless work on behalf of people living with HIV/AIDS! You're doing a great job.



March 2, 1998

Sandra L. Thurman, Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
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Washington, DC 20006

Dear Sandi,

It was a pleasure to meet you last month at the AIDS Action briefing in Boston. It was good to hear a voice that didn't have an accent. Please know that I, the staff of APW and the more than 2,100 individuals we serve throughout Central Massachusetts appreciate your efforts on our behalf to keep HIV/AIDS issues a focus of our national health and political efforts.

I am enclosing the latest editions of our newsletter to share with you some of the things we are doing. And certainly, if you find yourself in the Boston area again, please come over to Worcester.

It was good to hear that Ted and Buck are doing well. Please tell them I asked of them. I continue to appreciate their support of our common work over the years.

As I mentioned briefly, I too am interested in the international aspect of HIV/AIDS work. My previous position as The United Methodist Church's staff person responsible for international HIV/AIDS efforts burned within me a realization of the enormous needs and potential inherent in the international arena. If I could be of assistance to your office at any time, please do not hesitate to call me. I am aware of some innovative and successful work going on in Latin America and India which combine comprehensive community-based primary health and HIV/AIDS prevention development.

I do ask one imposition on your time. We will be recognizing our more than 150 volunteers on April 22, 1998. Would it be possible to have the President's office write a letter to our volunteers thanking them for their vital work. Our volunteers provide this agency and the individuals we serve more than \$120,000 of services every year.

Once again, thanks so much for your work, your spirit and your ministry.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Carnahan
Executive Director

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Protease Linked to Diabetes

The government warned doctors that thousands of patients taking the powerful new AIDS drugs called protease inhibitors should be closely watched for an unexpected side effect: diabetes.

In letters nationwide, the Food and Drug Administration stressed that the estimated 150,000 Americans taking protease inhibitors should not stop, because the diabetes risk appears fairly small. The FDA, investigating after complaints from pioneering AIDS researcher Dr. Michael Gottlieb and from Japan's drug regulators, discovered 83 patients who contracted diabetes or high blood sugar or had those diseases suddenly worsen after they began taking protease inhibitors. Six cases were life-threatening, and 21 other patients needed hospitalization.

The FDA called the cases

disturbing enough that it is relabeling all four protease inhibitors now sold in the United States to warn about the potential side effect. The agency urged patients to immediately report such symptoms as increased thirst, unex-

"As many as one in 1000 to one in 100 patients who take protease inhibitors may be at risk"

plained weight loss, increased urination, fatigue and dry, itchy skin.

As many as 1 in 1,000 to 1 in 100 patients who take protease inhibitors may be at risk, said FDA medical officer Dr. Jeff Murray. Many of those may be treated for diabetes successfully without stopping their AIDS therapy, he said.

However half of the 83 patients discovered had to quit taking protease inhibitors, which have revolutionized AIDS care in the last year.

"I don't take this as a cause for alarm," said Dr. Sandra Pallega of Hoffman-La Roche, maker of the nation's first protease inhibitor, Invirase. "It just says we need to be vigilant when we monitor patients."

According to a draft obtained by *The Associated Press*, the standard of AIDS care should be one protease inhibitor taken in combination with two older AIDS medicines.

How and when to use these potent drugs has proved a mystery for many doctors, and AIDS groups were horrified recently to discover patients still taking the granddaddy AIDS drug AZT alone, which merely causes the fatal virus to

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An Unfolding Future
Charles R. Carnahan
Executive Director

The new year brings with it a sense of the possible. With the passing of the old year, chances missed become potential opportunities. Tasks which were not completed hold out the promise of being fulfilled.

Such is the case at APW. The past year has been one of transition and change not only for the agency, its staff and board of directors, but also for our clients. New drug therapies are providing hope for longer healthier lives, posing the need for APW to diversify further the types and levels of services offered. In order to more adequately respond to those changing needs, we have undertaken a major restructuring of existing programs and a deliberate evaluation of new services needed. The new year will provide the framework to meet those opportunities.

One of the historic strengths of this agency and the foundation for its continued growth is our many volunteers. APW is fortunate to be led by a diverse, committed group of these volunteers who make up our Board of Directors. Under the leadership of our new chairperson, Charlene Nemeth, and 14 other community leaders, APW faces the uncertainties of a changing environment, the challenges of increased competition for limited community resources, and an expanding array of needs which remain unmet, with a sense of the possible.

For those of you who have stood by us over the past ten plus years, I say thank you and hope you will continue to support our efforts to enable families and individuals living with HIV throughout Central Massachusetts to live increasingly productive lives. If you haven't supported us in recent months, please know that it is only the generosity of the community that enables APW to be the primary provider of non-medical AIDS Services.

We're Off! APW
Reaching For \$1,000,000
...A Walk for Life

Charlene Nemeth, President of the Board of Directors, recently announced the largest fund-raising effort for agency services in APW's 10-year history. Our goal is to surpass the 1 million dollar mark in lifetime *Walk* giving.

The excitement of this undertaking goes beyond its historic dollar goal or even APW's compelling services. What is truly important is the opportunity the agency has to make an impact on families, adults and children, by addressing one of the most urgent community problems of our time—HIV/AIDS non-medical services.

As we concentrate on surpassing the \$1 million dollar *Walk* goal, we must not overlook the improvements in our fund-raising capabilities that can be achieved as part of this exercise. These include an expanded and more experienced cadre of volunteers; an expanded prospect pool, which, if solicited during the *Walk* Campaign, will have a better understanding of the agency's needs and a higher level of commitment to addressing them; and a more sophisticated development program, one which is capable of competing successfully for voluntary support in an increasingly competitive environment.

APW and United Way

APW is a community partner through area United Ways as they implement new services for adults and children infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS. APW and the United Way make a difference in the lives of our neighbors by responding to community needs.

APW Staff has been featured presenters at corporations on behalf of the United Way. Local businesses have benefitted from expertise in such areas as prevention and education, mental health services, and the HIV testing and counseling. For further information call Jamie Cormier, Interim Director of Prevention & Education at 508-755-3773, Ext. 38.



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HIV COMMUNITY PREVENTION PLANNING GROUP

March 16, 1998

Helene Gayle, MD, PhD
Director
Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road
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Dear Dr. Gayle:

On behalf of the members of the Michigan Region II (HIV/AIDS prevention) Community Planning Group we wish to support our Michigan Statewide Community Planning Group (SCPG) correspondence with Dr. David Satcher of December 12, 1997 which outlined serious concerns regarding the reduction in the FY98 CDC cooperative agreement funding and disposition of FY98 supplemental funding for HIV prevention.

This letter is to indicate our region's objection to the reduction in FY98 HIV prevention cooperative agreement funding especially in a year during which funding for HIV prevention funding to the CDC increased.

It is also disturbing that as of December 12th the CDC had not yet awarded FY98 supplemental funds. The SCPG also found it unacceptable the CDC is proposing to award these funds through a competitive process.

At a time when our Region is trying to build partnerships to sustain quality HIV prevention programming, examining the impact of proposed revisions to the community planning guidance and planning for FY99 will redirect our attention away from this effort and force our attention and energies to the disposition of FY98 supplemental funds.

Under proposed funding scenarios, Michigan may likely receive little more under a competitive funding process than was cut from the FY98 prevention award. The FY98 cooperative agreement application submitted by the Michigan Department of Community Health was clearly responsive to priority prevention needs identified through the community planning process. The budget associated with that application was reflective of the final FY97 award level.

Michigan completed a statewide HIV prevention services request for proposal (RFP) in January, 1998. Resource allocation decisions under this RFP were guided by the prevention priorities identified by our planning group as well as the other seven Michigan planning groups. This is the first time all HIV prevention resources have been competed since the implementation of community planning in 1994. Our RCPG members invested a tremendous amount of time and energy into helping develop a process by which resources would be distributed in a manner which is both responsive to regional prevention priorities and was fair and objective. Funding requests under this RFP exceeded \$8.2 million. Awards made under this RFP were predicated on receipt of federal funding at the final FY97 level. The reduction in FY98 base funding seriously compromises our ability to address priority needs.

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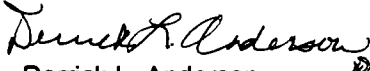
Finally, we have been made aware the CDC is considering requesting applications which are based on addressing all well-documented unmet needs. Funding requests should under this scenario reflect resources needed to address all unmet needs rather than simply the amount of resources which will be available through competitive process for FY98 supplemental resources. This proposal is quite frankly outrageous given the short time frame for submitting applications and the fact that applications for FY99 funding will be due in less than six months.

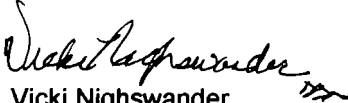
Continued delays in awarding funds coupled with cumbersome and ill-timed applications procedures only serve to undermine the community planning process by disrupting annual workplans and timelines and forcing our community planning group to turn our focus away from thoughtful planning.

This RCPG respectfully requests you refocus your attention immediately to addressing these concerns by restoring HIV prevention cooperative agreement funding for FY98 to the final FY97 level and expediting award of FY98 supplemental funds through a formula process.

This action on your part will reaffirm our trust in the partnerships which have been built through the states, territories and the CDC community planning process.

Sincerely,


Derrick L. Anderson
Community Co-Chair


Vicki Nighswander
Health Department Co-Chair

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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A National Institutes of Health consensus panel supports needle exchange programs and determined that a "preponderance of evidence shows that [there is] either no change or decreased drug use" as a result of needle exchange programs. The American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, and over 60 percent of America support needle exchange programs. Half of all new infections are injection drug use related, which is responsible for the disproportionate spread of HIV among African-Americans and Hispanics. The Congressional Black Caucus and the Hispanic Caucus support needle exchange programs.

The Congressionally imposed moratorium on federal funding for needle exchange programs expires March 31, and I hope you will act expeditiously and decisively to avert any further infections. This critical health issue requires your leadership to ensure its implementation. Needle exchange programs can bridge the gap between the racial and ethnic health disparities. I urge you to call on the reserve of scientific evidence to place this fiscally prudent intervention as a priority in our common fight against the transmission of HIV. Thank you for your commitment to people living with HIV/AIDS.

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Sincerely,

Rosemary Stuessy
Deputy Director



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INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM**B I O G R A P H I C I N F O R M A T I O N**

The delegation of South African business and trade union leaders is visiting the United States of American in a program sponsored by the United States Information Agency, International Visitor Program. Their program is coordinated by the AFL-CIO Solidarity Center.

Objectives: South Africa is in the midst of a fundamental transformation of its industrial relations in response to the end of apartheid and the concurrent reintegration of South African corporations into the global economy. The challenges of this shift from a sanctions-oriented regime to a highly competitive global economic environment, while at the same time responding to pressures from trade unions for greater workplace democracy, places considerable strains on leaders of both unions and business. Increasingly, the forces of globalization are compelling labor and management to devise innovative solutions to traditional problems.

The four nominees are directly involved in decision making which can produce the kinds of creative workplace solutions that South African companies and workers need to remain competitive. They are particularly interested to meet with both labor and management officials from industries in which the two sides have reached "win-win" outcomes to common problems. Key issues in this regard include the challenge of corporate restructuring and retraining.

MR. BRIAN ANGUS**Executive Director****Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of South Africa****P.O. Box 1338, Johannesburg, South Africa 2196****(#42 Anderson Street, Johannesburg, South Africa 2000)**

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English, Afrikaans

Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain
Germany, France, Switzerland and
Zimbabwe**Professional****experience:**

1984-87, Human Resources Director

1979-84, Personnel Director, Beecham, SA, Ltd.

1972-79, Personnel manager, Tongaat Sugar, Ltd.

Academic:

1979, Master of Arts, University of Natal (industrial psychology)

1964, Bachelor of Arts, University of Natal (English, psychology)

Medical:

No special consideration, non-smoker

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MR. MUZI ENOS BUTHELEZI

General Secretary

Chemical Workers Industrial Union

P.O. Box 6516, Johannesburg 2000, South Africa

Sex: Male

Nationality: South African

Married: Yes

DPOB:

Languages:

Travel:

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English, Zulu

United States

Professional

experience: Regional Secretary, Congress of South African Trade Unions

Academic: (Candidate) Advanced Management Program

University of the Witwatersrand Business School

Medical: No special considerations, non-smoker

MR. HUMPHREY MBUYISENI KHOZA

President

South African Chamber of Business

101 Hendrick Verwoerd Drive

Randburg

(P.O. Box 50616, Randburg 2125)

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Married: Yes

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Languages:

Travel:

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experience: 1987-95, Director, Shell South Africa, Cape Town

1979-86, National Sales Manager, Nestle, South Africa

1975-79, National Sales manager, Shell, South Africa

Academic: 1995, Imede Training Program, Switzerland, Program

for Executive Development

Medical: No special considerations, non-smoker

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MR. MBUYISELO STEWART NGWENDA

General Secretary

National Union of Metal Workers of South Africa (NUMSA)

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Johannesburg, South Africa

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Nationality: South African
Married: Yes

DPOB:

Languages:

Travel:

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Germany, Korea, Canada, United
Kingdom, India, Switzerland,
Australia, Singapore and Japan

Professional

experience: 1994-96, Regional Secretary, NUMSA
1989-94, Regional Education Officer, NUMSA

Academic: Artisan, Machinist (turner)
1988-91, Bachelor of Arts, University of South Africa (Administration)

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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITOR PROGRAM: SOUTH AFRICAN
BUSINESS AND LABOR LEADERS

1. POST NOMINATES BRIAN ANGUS, HUMPRHEY KHOZA, MUZI BUTHELEZI, AND MBUYI NGWENDA AS VOLUNTARY VISITORS DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 27 - APRIL 4, 1998. EACH OF THE VISITORS IS A SENIOR OFFICIAL IN EITHER MANAGEMENT OR BUSINESS AND A PROMINENT PLAYER ON THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SCENE. AS DIRECTOR OF THE STEEL AND ENGINEERING FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICA, AN EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION, ANGUS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS FOR OVER 200 COMPANIES. HUMPHREY KHOZA IS PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMBER OF BUSINESS AND A DIRECTOR OF NESTLE SOUTH AFRICA. BUTHELEZI IS GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CHEMICAL WORKERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION, AND NGWENDA IS GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF METAL WORKERS OF SOUTH AFRICA. DETAILED BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON EACH OF THE PARTICIPANTS IS IN PARA 5 BELOW.

2. OBJECTIVES FOR NOMINATING FOR THIS PROJECT: BRIEFLY, SOUTH AFRICA IS IN THE MIDST OF A FUNDAMENTAL TRANSFORMATION OF ITS INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE END OF APARTHEID AND THE CONCURRENT REINTEGRATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN CORPORATIONS INTO THE GLOBAL ECONOMY. THE CHALLENGES OF HAVING TO SHIFT FROM A SANCTIONS-ORIENTED REGIME TO A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE GLOBAL ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME RESPONDING TO PRESSURES FROM LABOR UNIONS FOR GREATER WORKPLACE DEMOCRACY, HAVE PUT CONSIDERABLE STRAIN ON LEADERS OF LABOR AND MANAGEMENT. INCREASINGLY, THE FORCES OF GLOBALIZATION ARE COMPELLING BOTH LABOR AND MANAGEMENT TO DEVISE INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO TRADITIONAL PROBLEMS.

3. IN THIS REGARD, THE FOUR NOMINEES FOR THIS VOLVIS PROGRAM ARE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN MAKING DECISIONS THAT CAN

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PRODUCE THE KINDS OF CREATIVE WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS THAT SOUTH AFRICAN COMPANIES NEED TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE. MOREOVER, MR. KHOZA, IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMBER OF BUSINESS (SACOB), IS IN A POSITION TO INFLUENCE THE THINKING OF SACOB MEMBERS WHO MANAGE THEIR OWN COMPANIES.

4. WE ARE REQUESTING SPECIFICALLY THAT DOUGLAS BROOKS AT THE AFL-CIO'S SOLIDARITY CENTER BE GIVEN THE LEAD ON THIS PROJECT BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE GROUP. THE PROGRAM SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON MEETINGS WITH LEADERS OF BUSINESS AND LABOR WHO HAVE DIRECT EXPERIENCE IN NEGOTIATING THE KINDS OF CREATIVE STRATEGIES THAT HAVE HELPED U.S. CORPORATIONS ADJUST TO THE CHALLENGES OF GLOBALIZATION. PREFERABLY, THE GROUP SHOULD MEET BOTH LABOR AND MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS FROM COMPANIES OR INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THE TWO SIDES HAVE REACHED "WIN-WIN" OUTCOMES TO PROBLEMS THAT CONFRONT THEM. EXAMPLES WOULD BE THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY, AT&T, HARLEY DAVIDSON, THE SATURN CAR COMPANY, AND OTHERS WHERE LABOR AND MANAGEMENT HAVE TOGETHER DEALT WITH THE CHALLENGE OF CORPORATE RESTRUCTURING WHILE MINIMIZING JOB LOSSES AND EFFECTIVELY ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM OF RETRAINING. IN SUM, THIS GROUP IS INTERESTED IN HEARING HOW LABOR AND MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COOPERATED TO REACH MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL OUTCOMES IN COPING WITH THE EFFECTS OF GLOBALIZATION.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Exchange Visitor
Waiver Review Board
Washington, D.C. 20201

March 2, 1998

Ms. Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
The White House
Washington, D.C.

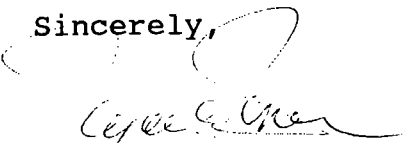
Dear Ms. Thurman:

This is in response to your letter of February 10 to David E. Hohman expressing your support for the reconsideration of a request for waiver of the two-year foreign residence requirement of the Exchange Visitor Program on behalf of Dr. Ciro Robert Martins.

That application, submitted by The Johns Hopkins University was denied by the Exchange Visitor Waiver Review Board on December 9, 1997. The specific reasons for denial were supplied to the University on January 8, 1998. As I discussed with Mr. Todd Summers today, no request for reconsideration has been received in this office. I have been informed today that the University is planning to resubmit, but have not yet done so.

Thank you for advising us of your interest in this case. I will be glad to provide any further information you may need.

Sincerely,


Joyce E. Jones
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Todd

MAR 27 1998

TO: Ms. Sandra Thurman
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy
Executive Office of the President

FROM: Acting Director, Office of AIDS Research

SUBJECT: National Institutes of Health Fiscal Year 1999 Plan
for HIV-Related Research

I am pleased to enclose copies of the National Institutes of Health Fiscal Year 1999 Plan for HIV-Related Research. The Plan represents a unique collaborative process among hundreds of individuals: NIH Institute Directors; NIH scientists and program staff; non-Government experts, including scientists from academia, foundations, and industry; and AIDS community representatives.

The Plan represents collective efforts and the collective hopes of all of us that, through a coordinated, well-planned, strong research program, we can break new ground and open new avenues to achieve our goal of preventing and curing AIDS.

The Plan has also been posted on the Internet at www.nih.gov/od/oar.



Jack Whitescarver, Ph.D.



March 11, 1998

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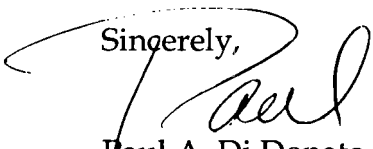
I am pleased to inform you that FCAA's Board of Directors has chosen Senator Ted Kennedy as the recipient of the 1998 Funders Concerned About AIDS Humanitarian Leadership Award. Each year we give this award to an individual, organization, special group, or an event for national work that has resulted in making the general public more aware of and responsive to HIV/AIDS. It is presented at our Annual Program and Awards Reception by Dot Riddings, President of the Council on Foundations (COF), the day before the COF Annual Meeting begins. This year our reception is on Sunday, April 26th from 5 PM to 7 PM.

Our letter to Senator Kennedy as well as information about this award, the FCAA Annual Reception, and the Council on Foundations meeting in Washington, DC is enclosed.

At FCAA, we believe that it is critical to acknowledge the obvious and important links between the public and private sectors in funding HIV/AIDS programs and creating compassionate and progressive AIDS public policies. This is why we attempt to work so closely with your office. And, we hope this award to Senator Kennedy will help in this effort as well.

Aside from giving you both a "heads-up" on this, the FCAA Board and I would greatly appreciate any efforts you could make in urging Senator Kennedy to accept this award in-person at our reception. If you can be of assistance, please give me a call at 212-573-5533. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,


Paul A. Di Donato
Executive Director

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Mobilizing Philanthropic Leadership and Resources in the Fight Against HIV/AIDS

March 10, 1998

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Honorable Ted Kennedy
United States Senate
315 Russel Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Kennedy:

It is with great excitement that we announce your selection as the recipient of the 1998 Funders Concerned About AIDS Humanitarian Leadership Award for your tireless efforts to combat the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Many congratulations!

Funders Concerned About AIDS (FCAA) is the national association of private foundations, corporate giving programs, and public charities organized to mobilize the philanthropic response to HIV/AIDS. (Please see enclosed description.) Each year we give this award to an individual, organization, special group, or an event for national work that has resulted in making the general public more aware of and responsive to HIV/AIDS. (Please see attached description and list of past awards recipients.)

This year we made our selection from a pool of over twenty candidates who were nominated for this award. Your outspoken leadership role on HIV/AIDS since the start of the epidemic, your compassion to help people living with the disease, and your outstanding Congressional record exemplifies the spirit and the essence of this award. We are very honored to have selected you as our recipient.

A main criteria for being the Humanitarian Leadership Award recipient is accepting the award *in-person* at our annual Program and Awards Ceremony. We hope that you will be able to join us at this reception which is being held in conjunction with the Council on Foundations meeting, the largest annual gathering of private philanthropic sector, in Washington D.C. (please see enclosed information). We will also be giving out our annual R.A. Radley AIDS Grantmaker Award at that time to honor a private grantmakers who has exhibited exceptional and innovative approaches to HIV/AIDS grantmaking.

The reception is scheduled for Sunday, April 26th, from 5 pm to 7 pm, at the Washington Hilton Hotel and Towers, and we expect over 300

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grantmakers to be in attendance. Normally, the program portion of the reception runs from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

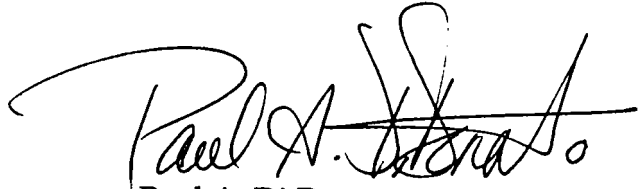
Please call Paul Di Donato, Executive Director, at (212)573-5533 if you have any questions and, hopefully, to inform us of your acceptance of the Humanitarian Award and attendance at our Annual Reception.

We look forward to hearing from you, and once again, congratulations!

Sincerely,



Fred Silverman
President, Board of Directors



Paul A. Di Donato
Executive Director

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Washington, D.C. 20503

March 20, 1998

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Sandy
Dear Ms. Thurman:

We reviewed the article provided by Todd Summers to Pancho Kinney in response to the latter's questions about the last sentence in the 3d. Paragraph of our draft joint release.

I think we should go forward with the slightly reworded statement (attached). It still makes the points that you and Director McCaffrey agree are important. More importantly, we are confident that all statements in it are supported by sound science.

Sincerely,


James R. McDonough
Director, Strategic Planning

Ms. Sandra L. Thurman
Director
White House Office of National AIDS Policy

Sandy,

Thanks for your help and patience.

Note the analysis I have attached. Think we have to be careful to maintain credibility

DRAFT - FOR COORDINATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: _____
(202) _____

_____, March ___, 1998

**DRUG CZAR AND AIDS CZAR AGREE THAT
PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY MUST BE
BASED ON SOUND SCIENCE**

(Washington, D.C.) - Barry R. McCaffrey, Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, and Sandra L. Thurman, Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy, issued the following joint statement:

Today, America is struggling with not just one epidemic, but with two. Tragically, the twin epidemics of AIDS and drugs are linked and impose devastating costs on individuals, families, and on our society as a whole. Together, we share a strong commitment to improving lives and to saving lives by promoting public health policies that are based on sound science.

We agree that drug treatment is the most effective tool not only in reducing the use of drugs but also in reducing the sharing of needles, both of which contribute to the spread of HIV. Unfortunately, despite a 33 percent increase in federal spending since fiscal year 1993, drug treatment is only available for half of those in immediate need. We are strongly united in our desire to do everything we can to expand the availability of drug treatment for all those in need, and to prevent the spread of HIV, ~~now growing most rapidly~~ among injecting drug users and people with whom they have sexual contact.

As for needle exchange programs, Congress has limited the use of federal funds for sterile needle and syringe exchange projects until (1) the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines that exchange projects are effective in preventing the spread of HIV and do not encourage the use of illegal drugs; and (2) the project is operated in accordance with criteria established by the Secretary for preventing the spread of HIV and for ensuring that the project does not encourage the use of illegal drugs. The Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Office of National AIDS Policy remain dedicated to working with Secretary Shalala, and to supporting her efforts to ensure that public health policy is guided by sound science.

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March 20, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR Jim McDonough

From Pancho Kinney

SUBJECT. Summary of HIV/AIDS Prevention Report "The Estimated Prevalence and Incidence of HIV in Large US Metropolitan Areas" (CDC, May 1996).

DISCUSSION. Jim, you asked that I review the study faxed by Todd Summers (632-7560) of the AIDS Policy Office. As you know, he sent the article in response to my request for substantiation of the statement we currently have in our draft press release to the effect that *the rate of HIV infection is growing most rapidly among injecting drug users and people with whom they have sexual contact.*

1. I reviewed the report and concluded that we should not use this article to support this statement. The study by Dr. Scott Holmberg does not make any comparison between numbers of new HIV infections in different periods. Consequently, we cannot draw conclusions from it about changes in rates of HIV infection among any population or sub population.
2. I also found that some of the author's (Dr. Scott Holmberg) assertions are not substantiated by a later CDC study (Summary of HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report (CDC: Edition Vol. 9, No. 1) which covers U.S. HIV and AIDS cases reported through June 1997. For example:
 - a. Holmberg claims that "roughly 1/2 of new infections may be occurring among IDUs." The 1997 CDC study estimates the figure to be 15 percent (by my calculations).
 - b. Holmberg estimates "that roughly 40,000 new infections occurring each year in the U.S." The 1997 CDC study estimates the number to be 13,111 between July 1996 and June 1997 (again, by my calculations).
 - c. Holmberg states that "an estimated 19,000 injection drug users are infected each year." The 1997 CDC study estimates the number to be 2,203 between July 1996 and June 1997 (again, my calculations).

CONCLUSION. Reword the joint press release (see attached rewrite).

HIV NEWSLINE

REPORTING RECENT ADVANCES IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WITH HIV INFECTION

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Sandra Thurman, Director
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Dear Ms. Thurman:

The enclosed issues of *HIV Newsline* and *AIDS Care*—which went to press a mere ten days after the final session of the 5th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections—carry almost ten full pages of coverage of that meeting, including a special three-part report to readers of *HIV Newsline* on the highlights of the conference.

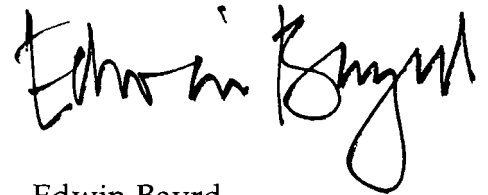
One of the contributors to that special section, Dr. Judith A. Aberg, notes that the mood at the Chicago conference was one of enthusiasm—and relief—because presentation after presentation confirmed a spate of anecdotal reports that maximally suppressive antiretroviral therapy has a beneficial impact on the incidence of AIDS-related OIs. Indeed, in the NEWSLINE sections of the enclosed issues Dr. Aberg describes the first apparent cure of disseminated MAC infection, in AIDS patients that Dr. Aberg and her colleagues at San Francisco General Hospital treated with macrolides and aggressive antiretroviral therapy.

The consensus of the 5th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections was that some degree of immune reconstitution does occur in patients who respond well to highly-active antiretroviral therapy. The question is, how much protection does HAART confer? Clinical trials now under way should help us answer that question.

Ongoing clinical trials will also answer questions about the efficacy of a new approach to combating HIV—gene-based therapy, which is the subject of Stephen O'Brien's editorial in the current issue of *HIV Newslines*.

Immune reconstitution. Resolution of MAC, PML, and CMV retinitis as a result of maximally suppressive anti-HIV treatments. Gene-based therapies. It seems clear to us that as we enter the new year we're also entering a new era in the treatment of HIV infection.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin Bayrd". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Edwin" and last name "Bayrd" clearly distinguishable.

Edwin Bayrd
Executive Editor

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February 27, 1998

Honorable Sandra Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
808 Seventeenth Street NW, Suite 820
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Dear Ms. Thurman:

It was an honor to serve on the White House Conference on Hate Crimes. I am sure you share the same sense of pride in being selected as a participant.

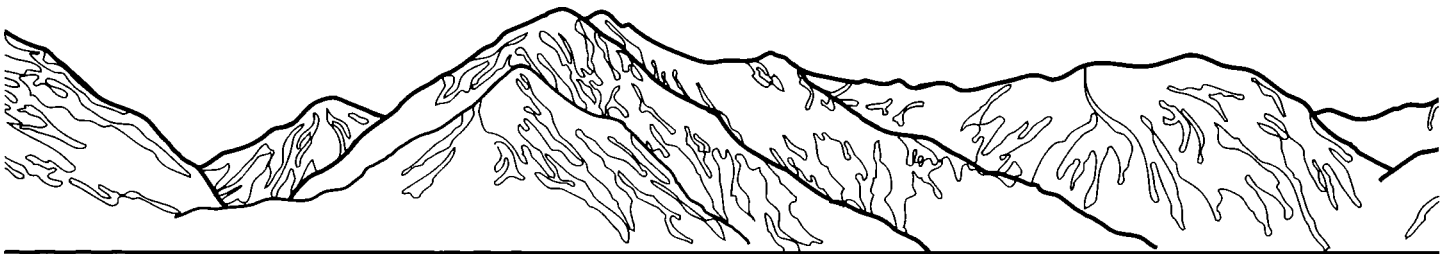
We are all aware that the conference was just the beginning in overcoming the social fears and hatred so prevalent in our country. I pledge my continued dedication to this cause. In this spirit, I ask you to keep in touch on issues that state law enforcement can be involved.

I am confident that with our continued vigilance and intolerance of hate crimes in our society, we will win this fight.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Grant Woods", written over a horizontal line.

Grant Woods
Attorney General



ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON HIV DISEASE

February 23, 1998

Sandra Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
808 17th St, NW, Suite 420
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Thurman:

On behalf of the planning committee for the Thirteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Conference on HIV Disease, thank you for helping to make this year's conference a success.

Enclosed please find a copy of the article published by the Rocky Mountain News on Saturday, February 7, 1998. Thank you for taking the time to allow the press an interview.

If you have any questions regarding the conference, please do not hesitate to call me at 303/837-0166 ext. 406. I look forward to working with you again in the future. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

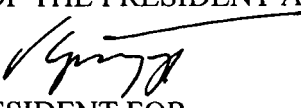
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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February 24, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AGENCY HEADS

FROM: VIRGINIA M. APUZZO 
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT: Transportation Subsidy Program - Annual Review

On June 30, 1997, the Executive Office of the President (EOP) announced the implementation of a transportation subsidy program. Included in our transportation subsidy operating plan is a process to ensure at least an annual review of the program.

As a result of this year's review, the salary eligibility threshold was increased by 2.45% to keep pace with the net increase granted to General Schedule employees, while maintaining a minimal impact on your agency budget. Effective, January 4, 1998, EOP agencies may pay employees with an "adjusted basic salary" of less than \$25,613, who elect to use mass transit and meet all other eligibility criteria, up to \$65.00 per month or their actual monthly public transportation costs, whichever is less. This ensures that your employees who were eligible for a transportation subsidy before the annual salary increase continue to be eligible.

Because of the increased salary threshold, some additional employees are now potentially eligible. Your administrative offices were provided information on these potential new eligibles, the projected costs, and the process for notifying them of their option to complete an application for a transportation subsidy. Your agency administrative office should evaluate those employees that are eligible and may begin to extend the subsidy as early as March 1.

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March 6, 1998

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MEMORANDUM FOR SANDRA THURMAN, DIRECTOR, WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF
NATIONAL AIDS POLICY

FROM: HOOVER ADGER, JR., MD, MPH *ma*
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL
POLICY

SUBJECT: Information on ONDCP HIV Prevention Efforts

This memo is in response to your request for information pertaining to the Presidential Initiative on Increasing Access to HIV Prevention. The Office of National Drug Control Policy is primarily a policy office and therefore does not fund the types of prevention programs targeted in the Initiative. However, a number ONDCP initiatives include HIV-related prevention efforts:

- **National Conference on Women, Substance Abuse and Mental Health -- "Cycles, Challenges, and Changes: Making a Difference in the Lives of Women, Their Families, and Their Communities."**, September 21-24, 1997. ONDCP provided partial funding to SAMHSA to help support the National Conference on Women, Substance Abuse and Mental Health. More than 500 participants--including health care professionals, policy makers, researchers, legislators, advocates, patients, alcohol and drug abuse counselors, mental health professionals, and others--attended the conference. Important topics of concern for women with or at risk for addictive and mental disorders were addressed, including HIV/AIDS, welfare reform, violence, and managed care.

The conference supported Goal 3 of the *National Drug Control Strategy*: to reduce the health and social costs to the public of illegal drug use." Plenary sessions included "Women, HIV/AIDS, and Substance Abuse" and "Women, Reproductive Health, and STDs/HIV." Workshops addressing HIV/AIDS discussed the need for coordinated health care delivery systems for women, the role of peer education, the need to increase substance abuse prevention as an HIV prevention strategy, HIV/AIDS among women with severe mental illness, women of color and HIV/AIDS, clinical trials and women, and HIV and homeless women.

- **The US-Mexico Demand Reduction Conference.** The conference will take place in El Paso on March 18-20, 1998. The conference will include HIV/AIDS prevention as one of the demand reduction priorities. The issue is important both to the Mexican government and to ONDCP.

- **The National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign.** The Campaign is a central feature of the Administration's effort to prevent illicit drug use among the nation's youth -- the number one goal of the National Drug Control Strategy. The campaign will focus on children between the ages of nine and seventeen and adults who influence them, including parents, teachers, coaches, and mentors. ONDCP appreciates the input provided by ONAP. The campaign will include public service announcements, some of which will focus on the consequences of drug use such as HIV.

I hope you find this information useful. If you require further assistance please do not hesitate to contact myself or Jane Sanville, Office of Demand Reduction, ONDCP.