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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 23, 1997

Dear Colleague:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Washington, D.C. for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) First National Business and Labor Conference on HIV/AIDS.

This conference represents a unity of spirit and action on the part of our nation's businesses and labor to save the lives of workers, their families, and those in their communities through HIV/AIDS prevention programs. Your continued commitment to HIV/AIDS prevention is commendable and fuels the hope that together we can beat this epidemic.

I thank you for your participation and wish you all an exciting conference that will answer your questions and help you implement and continue to save lives through HIV/AIDS workplace programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra L. Thurman", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Sandra L. Thurman

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

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To <i>Sandy Thurman</i>	From <i>Angie Hammock</i>
Dept./Agency	Phone <i>404-639-5215</i>
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September 17, 1997

TO: SANDY THURMAN

FM: ANGIE HAMMOCK

SUBJ: National Business and Labor Conference on HIV/AIDS



Attached are copies of the two letters we discussed. Thanks for all you are doing to help make this conference a success.



Angie

Attachment

Yolan LaPorte
(202) 452-9412

Sept 29th 30th
- 8 AM Monday -

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 26, 1997

Kate Shindle
Miss America
343 West Erie, Suite 440
Chicago, IL 60610

Dear Ms. ~~Shindle~~: *Kate*

I was thrilled to hear of your success in being named Miss America! It is a great tribute to the Miss America tradition to have the crown bestowed upon such a motivated and committed young woman. The passion with which you have taken on the fight against HIV/AIDS is admirable and continues to be a motivating force for our nation in its struggle to overcome this epidemic.

It was a pleasure to meet with you on July 23, 1997. I was impressed by your understanding of the issues surrounding HIV/AIDS and your compassion for those affected by and living with this epidemic. Making HIV/AIDS education and advocacy the focus of your platform has proven to be a tremendous catalyst in bringing the nation's attention to the crisis of HIV/AIDS.

Again, congratulations on your achievement, and I look forward to working with you as our fight continues.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 26, 1997

David Vos
Director
Office of HIV/AIDS Housing
Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th St., SW, Room 7154
Washington, D.C. 20410

Dear Mr. Vos:

We were delighted to have Priscilla Poindexter in the Office of National AIDS Policy from September 3-26, 1997 as a part of Housing and Urban Development's Upward Mobility Program. While here, Priscilla contributed to our efforts in numerous ways, providing essential support for our office.

In addition to assisting the regular staff with office administration, Priscilla helped to evaluate incoming correspondence and develop responses to public inquiries. Furthermore, her assistance in compiling detailed information on the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS for the Office of Mrs. Gore was highly valued.

Priscilla was also responsible for keeping the members of the Advisory Council up-to-date on the current developments in the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Her assistance to the Advisory Council was extended through her involvement with the Research Committee in producing and distributing its recommendations regarding vaccine development goals.

Priscilla's contributions were invaluable, and we thank you for the opportunity to have her work with us over these past several weeks.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman

Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 15, 1997

David Compas
8289 Whispering Tree
Indian Hills, CA 92509

Dear Mr. Compas:

Thank you for your e-mail to the President regarding research for an AIDS vaccine. As Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy I have been asked to respond.

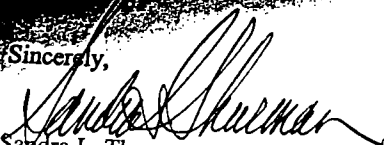
The Clinton Administration supports a multi-tiered approach in the fight against AIDS which includes research, treatment and prevention. One vital component of the prevention effort is to address the multitude of issues related to behavior modification. HIV prevention is about providing appropriate information and behavior change: teaching individuals to stop engaging in risky behaviors and then supporting them in those changes.

While there have been many successes in the behavior modification effort, the reality remains that HIV infections worldwide are still rising. In the United States alone, AIDS has become the leading cause of death in the 25-44 age group. It is robbing our nation of young people at their most productive ages. It literally threatens an entire generation of people in many developing nations. ~~who must take the lead in fighting this epidemic.~~ We have more resources that any other nation and we must devote to the research which is needed to find a cure and a vaccine.

~~Further development of an AIDS vaccine is essential to the~~

~~the President knows that the President appreciates your interest and concern~~

Sincerely,


Sandra L. Thurman
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

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Date Rcvd: 6-23-97

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[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: David Compas
EMAIL-ADDRESS: dave4map@pe.net
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 8289 Whispering Tree
CITY: Indian Hills
STATE-PROVINCE: CA
ZIP-CODE: 92509
COUNTRY:

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Social Issues
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Aids

[Message]

The recent news reports indicate that you have declared a
national goal of developing an Aids vaccine within the next 10
years. WHY????

As you and I and everyone knows Aids is a fully preventable
problem! Where is the need for a vaccine? All that needs to be
done is for people to stop doing the behaviors that cause the
susceptibility to get HIV! In this time of budget cutting
there is no need for any special programs or goals on this
problem. There is already way to much money and time and
effort spent on this problem. All we need is responsible

behavior! THATS ALL THATS NEEDED.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 15, 1997

Maria Reyes
MCR Records
15000 Durham Lane
Davie, FL 33331

Dear Ms. Reyes:

Thank you for your E-mail to the President regarding research for an AIDS vaccine and for recommending Dr. Peter Duesberg's book Inventing the AIDS Virus.

As we as a nation continue to work to develop appropriate and effective medical responses to the challenges presented by HIV disease, we are fortunate to have available the valuable resource of a gifted and diverse group of individuals who devote their time and talent to this effort. Often times, it is through the vetting of all plausible theories and hypotheses that we are able to find real solutions to our nation's challenges.

Again, thank you for your E-mail. I know that the President appreciates the trust and confidence you have shown in him by writing.

Sincerely,



Al Gore
Vice President
Office of National AIDS Policy

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ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 15000 Durham Lane
CITY: Davie
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33331
COUNTRY: U.S.A.

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Other
TOPIC: Science or Technology
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: AIDS Research

[Message]

Mr. President,

I read in a magazine that you are a voracious reader and you like to stay on top of many different issues. I am writing to you (and I hope this gets to you) about an interesting book I just read.

Dr. Peter Duesberg's Inventing the Aids Virus. I understand recently you gave the AIDS research community the challenge to find a resolution to the AIDS crisis in ten years. If any of the information

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contained in this book is true (and it seems to be very carefully documented) maybe a new approach or focus is in order. Dr. Duesberg only asks that a small amount of the billions of dollars be diverted to standard medical research on other causes of AIDS and treatment. He also has serious reservations on the use of AZT and other toxic drugs now used to treat AIDS. If there is anyone

on this planet with access to real answers, Sir, it is you. Many people have told me that even writing this e-mail is a waste of time but I believe the most futile and ineffective effort is the one

that has not been made. The publisher is Regnery and DR. Duesberg has an internet address: Peter@Duesberg.com. It seems to me that if AZT (and other) treatments continue many people will indeed die of a disease, one caused by the cure not AIDS.

Thank You,

Maria Reyes

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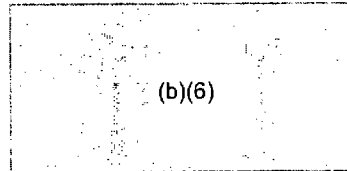
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 15, 1997



[0019]

Thank you for your letter to the President regarding research for an AIDS vaccine. As Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy I have been asked to respond.

The Clinton Administration agrees that more resources are needed for biomedical research to fight disease in this country and has consistently argued for appropriate levels of funding for all research undertaken through the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

It is important to understand that all biomedical research is integrally related. The progress which we have made to date on HIV has been built upon other research in retrovirology and cancer which pre-dated our knowledge of HIV. Along this same line, the understanding which we are gaining through AIDS research -- about viruses, about the immune system, about vaccine development -- contributes vastly to other fields of research.

Again, thank you for writing. I know that the President appreciates your interest and concern on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman

Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

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6-3-97
The President of the United States,
William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

(b)(6)
June 2, 1997

[001c]

Dear Mr. President:

This letter refers to your commencement address at Morgan State University on May 19, 1997. In that speech you pledged \$17 million dollars in addition to the \$131 million which the federal government spent on AIDS research in 1996. In that speech, you drew a parallel between the United States being committed to discovering an AIDS vaccine by the year 2007 with President Kennedy's historical pledge to have a man on the moon before the end of the 1960's. Kennedy's pledge, subsequently achieved in record time, you further noted, was additional incentive for your Aids pledge. What a lofty comparison - the space frontier and the scientific one! Unfortunately, the scientific frontier you have chosen for this noble comparison represents only a small percentage of your constituents - a very small percentage, indeed. Yes, what about the rest of us? We deserve an end to our misery. We, too, need a vaccine. We, too, need a cure. We, too, need your pledge to help us.

Those of us who are stricken with a chronic disease are, too often, so beaten down by it that, in fact, we remain voiceless. We cannot shout about our abiding sadness and pain. We may not walk - let alone march. We can no longer work and, because of that, have not only lost our self-esteem, but the respect of others. We are often shut away in our homes (if we are lucky) or, more likely, confined to nursing homes to suffer in silence untold physical and emotional abuse. We cannot rally, or march, or protest. Because of this, we are totally ignored. Yet, we *are* here. This country is not supposed to award government aid to the *highest profile* special interest group, whether deserving or not, just because it has successfully gotten the most media attention. This is eminently unfair and is *definitely not* "the American way." The fairest way to allocate research dollars is first, to ascertain the numbers of Americans stricken by a particular illness and then to proceed accordingly - very straightforward and simple. New statistics, however, are necessary because the current, accepted ones are wrong. For instance, the statistics on multiple sclerosis, my disease, are totally erroneous because it is *deliberately under reported*, i.e., MS is a young adult's disease. Victims become more and more disabled the longer they have it. However, its early stages are likely to go undetected, even by a physician, although the victim is aware of problems. When the MS atrocity happens, the victim is in the process of building a career and going from job to job (the only place where health insurance is *linked*). Admitting to a "*pre-diagnosed condition*" at such a crucial time means no coverage or no job. This phenomenon translates, literally, into *millions of "closet" multiple sclerosis victims* for which there is no accounting. Yet, they are out there and deserve our government's help as much as any other group - high profile or not.

I would like to ask that your statistics for MS be updated to reflect the *millions* of sufferers who have, because of the circumstances I have described above, found it necessary to *deliberately conceal* this fact. Only then, armed with new, *accurate* data, can research dollars be *justifiably* appropriated, i.e., apportioned according to meaningful *percentages* and *not*, as is now being done, to the "*squeakiest wheel*."

I await your reply at your earliest convenience.

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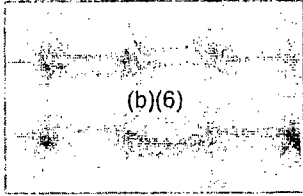
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 15, 1997



[0029]

Thank you for your letter to President Clinton regarding your support for the President's commitment to the development of an AIDS vaccine. As the Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy, I have been asked to respond.

In your letter you expressed your desire that funding for vaccine research not come at the expense of other vitally important HIV/AIDS initiatives. We recognize the continuing need for HIV prevention programs, vaccine development efforts, and increased access to health care, housing, and research for all people living with HIV, including access to the latest developments in drug therapies.

Funding for AIDS research, prevention and care increased by more than 50 percent in the first four years of the Clinton Administration. Over the past two years, funding for vaccine research and development has increased over 33 percent. Drug accessibility continues to be a priority as new, life-sustaining drug therapies are introduced. In response to these developments, funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs has tripled, while funding for the Ryan White CARE Act increased 158%.

We, as an administration and a nation, must remain dedicated to alleviating the suffering of all people who are living with HIV/AIDS, preventing the spread of the disease, and finding a cure. Thank you for your valuable input in this process.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman

Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

DNAPC

May 19, 1997
8:00 P.M.

Reply
Sent
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GS

Dear President Clinton,

I read in the Beaumont Enterprise
and Houston Chronicle, about the
proposed HIV/AIDS vaccine.

I was recently (April 1-16) in
the hospital for PCP pneumonia.
They also tested for HIV/AIDS!

On April 8 is when they
told me I was HIV positive. My
CD4 Count is 28.

The medicine is very expensive.
I'm getting help from the state
for this!

Your proposal for a vaccine
in 10 years is a good idea! But
how many Americans with AIDS
will die before then? How many
more will contract the disease?

This disease is deadly and
world-wide. We need to do some
thing now, not wait!

We need new funds for this
new idea/proposal. Don't use the
old funds. That's for today's research.

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Correspondence - Sandra L. Thurman - Outgoing - 9/97

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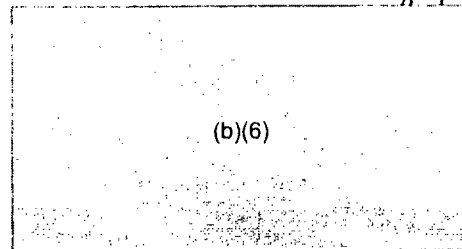
⇒ We need more research, education,
public awareness, etc. for HIV/AIDS!

↳ a federal government issue
now! ↳ past the state level!

↳ in the U.S.A, Russia, China?,
Africa! We (all the world) need to
get together and come up with
a vaccine.

Thanks for everything!

Sincerely,



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 15, 1997

Patrick Joseph
1059 Northeast 160th Street
North Miami Beach, FL 33162

Dear Mr. Joseph:

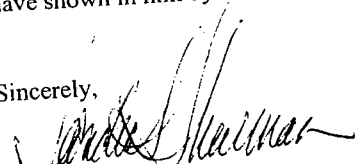
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Within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Office of Grants Inquiries in the Division of Research Grants serves as the source of information on grant programs and application procedures. The publication, NIH Extramural Programs: Funding for Research and Research Training, describes the grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts available to scientists working outside the NIH. A copy of this publication (NIH Publication Number 88-33) may be ordered from:

Office of Grants Inquiries
Division of Research Grants
National Institutes of Health
Bethesda, MD 20892

Again, thank you for your E-mail. I know that the President appreciates the trust and confidence you have shown in him by writing.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman

Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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Director
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ORGANIZATION: Not applicable
RELATIONSHIP: Not applicable
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CITY: North Miami Beach
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33162
COUNTRY: United States

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Seek assistance from the White House
TOPIC: No Answer
AFFILIATION: Student - College or University
SUBJECT: To present an alternative plan that may be effective in curtailing HIV than his attempt in trying to find
an AIDS vaccine within a 10 year period

[Message]

Dear Mr. President:

My mind is not at peace. My soul is restless. My body feels
energetically drained at times, but my heart, guided by a
special force, keeps me propelling forward. I have been on an
important "mission" for several years now and have not found

the appropriate leverage that I need. I can not and I will not stop now because many lives have been lost, and many more are in the process of being lost--including the ones that have not been affected but remain in great jeopardy. Therefore, I am turning to you in hope that you will help me accomplish this "mission".

My name is Patrick Joseph, and I am a Haitian-American student who will be getting a B.A. degree in chemistry from Yale University on May 26, 1997. The purpose of this letter is to express my interest in HIV Research and to present an alternative plan to you briefly in hope that you will change your 10-year AIDS Vaccine Goal into the 2-year Goal of Developing Molecular Binders to Combat AIDS. If not, my only wish is for this letter to convince you to hear what I have to say in greater detail about how we can effectively stop AIDS.

Doing AIDS Research has been a passion of mine ever since I was a sophomore at Yale. I was constantly toying with ideas that I believe would destroy that dreadful virus or at least bring it under complete control. When I took a leave of absence from Yale during the second semester of my junior year to put my life into perspective, I wrote numerous letters to particular individuals at the National Science Foundation asking for guidance in helping me assess the validity of my AIDS Project. Enclosed in a Express Mail Package that I sent to you on Saturday May 23, you will find copies of the letters sent to me by George M. Rubottom, the Program Director of Synthetic Organic Programs and by Thomas Brady, the Executive Officer, whom responded to my March 12th 1995 letter for guidance. These letters are to show the seriousness and the extent that I have gone to find assistance in fighting this deadly virus. It was not until two years later that Assistant Professor David J. Austin took on the role of my Chemistry Senior Essay Advisor and helped me develop one of my ideas. These ideas went through careful analysis and scrutiny until it reached a form where the foundations warrant scientific exploration.

It is Professor David J. Austin's proper guidance (which is extremely rare these days in science) that has allowed me to develop this idea. This AIDS Project deals with three lines of investigation that are connected to each other. To give you an idea as to the nature of these lines of investigation, one of the three titles are: Developing molecular binders against important epitopes determined to be necessary for glycoprotein gp120 function and assessing their potential as possible anti-HIV drugs. The second line of investigation will examine the molecular binders' effect on CD4-gp120 binding and cell infectivity. The third line of investigation will examine

whether the molecular binders will strengthen the immune system in the process. All of these lines of investigation constitute what I refer to as the HIV-1-Molecular Binder Principle Theory and Approach.

The HIV-1-Molecular Binder Principle Theory and Approach is based on the scientific principles from various disciplines (most particularly immunology, biology, genetics, biochemistry) that have been built in the past and that is continually being built. It draws from the assertions, conclusions, and inconclusive facts and data that have been reached in AIDS Research in order to create a new course. This theory will fulfill all of the requirements that scientists believe only an AIDS vaccine could do if one were available. Those requirements are: (1) It must prevent the virus from becoming entrenched in T-cell and macrophage populations in the first place and halt it before it invades the central nervous system. (2) It must ensure that the immune system will recognize any and all of the innumerable HIV variants. (3) It must carry no risk of causing AIDS itself. (4) It must achieve complete blockade of infection. Even though many vaccine candidates have not been able to achieve all of those requirements yet, the HIV-1-Molecular Binder Principle Theory and Approach has a higher probability of achieving those requirements. Just as Professor David J. Austin guided me to this point, I was hoping that the National Institutes of Health would pick-up where he left off so that we can revise and carry out the experimental portion; and together we can deliver a deadly blow to HIV, but I have not heard any news from them yet.

Also enclosed in the Express Mail Package that I sent to you on May 23 (Saturday), you will find a letter that I wrote to Dr. Marc Horowitz of the NIH AIDS Loan Repayment Program asking for his help and articles relating to your announcement of creating a research center at the NIH to complete the task of finding an AIDS vaccine. You can refer to the enclosed letter to see what I said to Dr. Horowitz, but I am truly saddened by the time that will be wasted on attempting to find an AIDS vaccine. I am strongly opposed to the AIDS vaccine approach. According to the May 18th Sunday edition of the The Washington Post, 3 million people worldwide are newly infected with HIV annually, and an estimated 29 million people now carry the virus. What will happen to those people and to the ones who may become infected within the span of the ten years that you have set? If an AIDS vaccine were to be found, what use will it be to them? I agree with biologist David Baltimore when he said that if we put in all-American effort over the next 10 years, we'll have took seriously at the prospect that you can't develop an AIDS vaccine. The fact that HIV is

capable of mutating and becoming resistant to therapies (as you so noted yourself) is one of my major concerns. There are other reasons as to why I am against it, but I will not go into greater detail in this letter. I am hoping that this could be done in person.

I firmly believe that in ten years we will not have an effective AIDS vaccine. I do not understand why we would want to spend so much precious time on an AIDS vaccine when we can develop an effective anti-HIV drug in 2 years using the HIV-1-Molecular Binder Principle Theory and Approach. If this were to happen, it would beat the time that man was sent to the moon. I would greatly like the opportunity to convince you and certain scientists of the National Institutes of Health (notably Dr. Anthony Fauci and Biologist David Baltimore) to dedicate the research center to developing molecular binders and seeing how effective they are at stopping HIV.

Even though there are various antagonistic approaches against HIV such as AZT, attempts at creating an HIV vaccine and protease inhibitors, I would like to add the new dimension of molecular binders as possible anti-HIV drugs that just may be the "magic-bullets" that we were looking for. Unlike the present HIV drugs (AZT, protease inhibitors), which are very expensive and not accessible to people who can not afford them in addition to requiring that they be taken on a rigorous schedule, this approach may usher in the development of various molecular binders on a large scale that will turn the tide against HIV on a national and international level--particularly among minorities and in developing countries where 90 percent of the HIV cases exist.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read and consider this long e-mail letter. I hope to hear from you when possible.

Sincerely,
Patrick Joseph
Concerned 1997 soon-to-be yale graduate

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 24, 1997

The Honorable James A. Garner
Office of the Mayor
99 Nichols Court
Hempstead, New York 11550

Dear Mr. Garner,

Thank you for your recommendation of Dale Anthony to the AIDS Task Force. Mr. Anthony's activism in the struggle against HIV/AIDS is commendable and your support of such efforts is greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, our office does not handle Presidential appointments, but we have forwarded your letter of support to the White House Personnel department, where it will be reviewed for consideration. Again, thank you for your interest in forming the best AIDS Task Force possible to beat this epidemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra L. Thurman", written over the printed name.

Sandra L. Thurman

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidential Personnel

FROM: Office of National AIDS Policy

RE: Forwarded Recommendation for AIDS Task Force Appointment

DATE: September 24, 1997

We received the attached letter from Mayor James Garner of Hempstead, NY recommending Mr. Dale Anthony to the Presidential AIDS Task Force. Please forward the letter to the person(s) who make this appointment. Thank you.

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JAMES A. GARNER
MAYOR



99 NICHOLS COURT
HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550
(516) 489-3400
FAX: (516) 483-4313

INC. VILLAGE OF HEMPSTEAD

September 16, 1997

**Ms. Sandy Thurman
White House Aids Czar
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20018**

Dear M. Thurman:

I serve the community of Long Island which has some of the highest incidences of HIV/AIDS cases in the nation. During the course of my tenure, I have encountered a young man living in the community who is worthy of a recommendation to your "Aids Task Force".

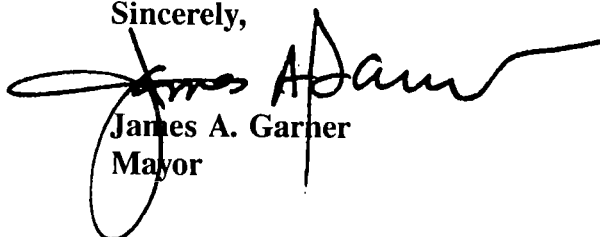
DALE ANTHONY has worked diligently to see that those suffering with HIV/AIDS receive available healthcare and social services. Dale devotes the majority of his personal time, energy, and finances to share the message of "HIV/AIDS Education, Awareness and Prevention" often revealing his own Aids diagnosis in his public address to members of the community. A frequent guest speaker, Dale Anthony, often visits many of the schools throughout the district in an effort to reach the youth who are "At Risk".

This young man is also a community activist and has often addressed the County Legislators during public assembly. He has also managed to serve on numerous boards.

**Black Leadership Commission on Aids - Advisory Board
Five Towns Community Center - Advisory Board
Ryan White Title I Planning Council
Nassau County HIV Commission - Advisory Council
People With Aids Coalition - Board of Directors
New York City/New York State People with Aids - Advisory Board**

I am certain that a person of Dale Anthony's character would indeed be an asset to your Aids Task Force. It is my pleasure to refer him to you for consideration.

Sincerely,


**James A. Garner
Mayor**

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 24, 1997

Reverend Ken South
Executive Director
AIDS National Interfaith Network
1400 I Street, NW
Suite 1220
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Reverend South:

Ken

Congratulations on receiving your grant from the Ford Foundation. The *AIDS&Religion in America* Convocation represents an important opportunity for AIDS activists to establish a strong foundation of AIDS education within the religious communities of this nation. Such communities will be integral partners in our common struggle to overcome this deadly epidemic.

I greatly appreciate your invitation to speak at the banquet on November 11. Though I would love to return home to Atlanta for this event, I cannot yet formally commit to any appointments in Fall 1998. I will certainly keep your event in mind as November draws near next year, but I will have to wait until that time to give you a final answer. I apologize for the inconvenience.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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P.S. Hopefully I'll be retired by then
Come see me
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Ref to Sarah-
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September 3, 1997

Ms. Sandra Thurman
White House Office on AIDS Policy
808 17th Street, NW, 8th FL
Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dear Sandy:

As you know the AIDS National Interfaith Network has been awarded a grant from the Ford Foundation to conduct an *AIDS&Religion in America* Convocation. This historic event will be held at the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta, Georgia from November 8th to 11th, 1998. The event is co-sponsored by: The Interfaith Health Project of the Carter Presidential Center, the American Academy of Religion, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Ford Foundation.

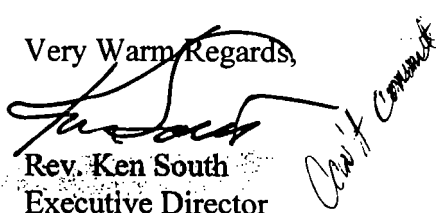
The event will be by invitation only. The guest list will be limited to two hundred and fifty persons and will include the top leadership of national religious groups, the religious press, the editors of religious publications, the AIDS reporters from the mainstream press, and a selection of theologians, scholars and philosophers. The purpose of this gathering is to raise the level of understanding with these persons and to increase the level of publications about AIDS in the religious community. A special feature of this event is a proposed "roundtable" with the heads of religious denominations and President Carter to urge a stronger commitment to the epidemic.

The event will be conducted through a series of different venues including, plenarys, panel discussions, formal debate, a "fish bowl" and keynote presentations at luncheons and dinners.

The Convocation Planning Committee and the AIDS National Interfaith Network would be very pleased if you would be willing to be the keynote speaker at the evening banquet on Tuesday, November 10, 1998 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The theme for the evening will be *The Federal Response to the Epidemic*. The event will be open to the public to give people from the AIDS and religious community an opportunity to participate in, at least a portion, of the Convocation.

Your response at your earliest convenience would be appreciated.

Very Warm Regards,



Rev. Ken South
Executive Director

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 24, 1997

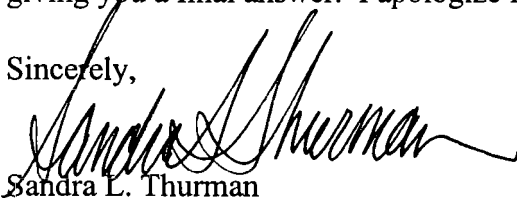
John W. Moser
Executive Director
Jay County AIDS Task Force, Inc.
P.O. Box 1233
Portland, IN 47371

Dear Mr. Moser:

Thank you for your invitation to speak at Jay County High School during its 1998 AIDS Awareness Week. Your commitment to educating both young people and members of rural communities is admirable, and I share your heartfelt enthusiasm. Senator Richard Lugar wrote a letter to me on your behalf expressing his belief that your efforts are an important element in combating the AIDS epidemic in Indiana, a belief with which I agree.

I am aware of Patricia Fleming's visit to Jay County and look forward to following her lead. Unfortunately, I cannot yet formally commit to any appointments in Spring 1998. I will certainly keep your event in mind as April draws near, but I will have to wait until early Spring before giving you a final answer. I apologize for the inconvenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra L. Thurman", written over the printed name.

Sandra L. Thurman

Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Senator Richard Lugar

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September 4, 1997

Ms. Sandra Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

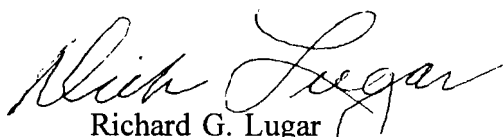
Dear Ms. Thurman:

I am forwarding to you a copy of a letter from John W. Moser, Executive Director of the Jay County (Indiana) AIDS Task Force, which originally was mailed to you on August 27, 1997. This letter invited you to address a group of high school students in Indiana during AIDS Awareness Week, scheduled during early April 1997.

As you plan your schedule for 1998, I strongly encourage you to consider this request. I am confident that your insight into the AIDS issue will be beneficial to the students of Jay County. I hope that you will have the opportunity to attend this important event.

Thank you for your consideration of this invitation.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

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John W. Moser is the Executive Director. 219-997-6788 Fax: 219-726-8143 April 6, 7, & 8 1998 are the choice of days for the event.			

*See attached
letter from Senator
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Jay County AIDS Task Force, Inc.

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AIDS HelpLine and
Information
1-800-997-6790

August 27, 1997

Ms. Sandra Thurman, Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
The White House
Washington, DC. 20500

Dear Ms. Thurman:

I am an AIDS patient and founder of the Jay County AIDS Task Force, Inc. in Portland, Indiana. Three years ago President Clinton allowed Patsy Fleming to travel to Indiana to support my efforts of fund raising and educating rural communities in Indiana. There is not much attention or support given to rural areas dealing with AIDS. I serve on many statewide committees in order to raise awareness to the needs of rural AIDS communities.

Each year I present an event called AIDS AWARENESS WEEK at our local high school, Jay County High School.

I would very much like to have you come and speak to the 1200 students and then on the same day speak at a fund-raising luncheon or dinner. The fund-raising part of my invitation will draw people from Indianapolis, Bloomington, Ft. Wayne, the entire State of Indiana. With that in mind I ask that I be your only event in Indiana two months before and two months after the following event dates. We want to hear your most recent thoughts and comments concerning AIDS issues.

At this time the schedule is flexible and I am able to give you your choice of days, April 6, 7 or 8, 1998. Please let me know your preference. I am working with other speakers and arranging television interviews, etc. therefore we need to lock-in a date for you real soon.

I will personally take care of your travel arrangements as I can get very good discount rates locally. I will provide your lodging and meals. Do you require any type of stipend? Your presence and attention is needed in rural Indiana. Awaiting your response.

Sincerely,

John W. Moser, Executive Director
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September 3, 1997

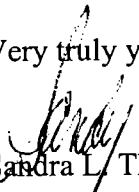
Andrew Cuomo
Secretary
Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street NW
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Andrew,

Congratulations!!!! I understand that you and your wife just had a beautiful little daughter. That's so exciting!

Your friends at this office and on the President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS give our best wishes to you and Kerry and Michaela.

Very truly yours,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy