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HIV/AIDS

December 7, 1997

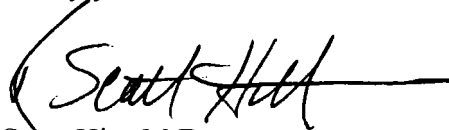
The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS urgently recommends, based on an examination of extensive scientific research, that a determination that needle exchange programs effectively reduce HIV transmission *and* do not increase drug use be made by Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala immediately. The Council has made several recommendations of this nature during the past two years to no avail. The most recent Congressionally imposed moratorium prevents federal funding of any programs until April 1, 1998, and requires the Secretary to establish a framework for the implementation and funding of any such programs. The guidelines for needle exchange programs, as part of a continuum of HIV prevention and substance abuse treatment programs, should be developed during the remaining months of the moratorium in consultation with affected communities and exchange service providers. The debate at this time should no longer be *if*, but *how*, needle exchange programs should be established. The Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS strongly recommends that the determination by the Secretary on this issue occur before January 27, 1998.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

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R. Scott Hitt, M.D.
Chair

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Todd A. Summers
12/12/97 06:59:59 PM

*Sarah -
Approved
needle
exchange
letter -
Todd*

Record Type: Record

To: Richard J. Turman/OMB/EOP

cc:

Subject: Proposed POTUS letter on needle exchange

This is a proposed standard letter from the POTUS in response to letters received regarding needle exchange. Can you look it over and let me know if it's all right? Thanks!

Todd

----- Forwarded by Todd A. Summers/OPD/EOP on 12/12/97 06:59 PM -----



Todd A. Summers
12/12/97 06:58:51 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Sarah S. Knight/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: Urgent 

Sarah -

Here's a slightly revised version. I'm sending a copy to OMB for their review, so let's give them a day to look it over (this is a HOT topic and I want to make sure that the President's letters reflect our current position).

"Thank you for your letter regarding the value of needle exchange programs in the fight to end the AIDS epidemic.

I am taking this issue very seriously. The rising incidence of HIV infection among those who use illegal injection drugs, as well as their partners and children, is a major factor in the continued growth of this epidemic.

I will continue to support retention of the Secretary's authority to decide whether to allow local communities that choose to employ needle exchange programs to use Federal funds for that purpose.

Be assured, my commitment to ending this epidemic, as well as responding to the needs of those already living with HIV and AIDS, remains firm. We must all work together to stop this deadly disease, and I will take all measures within my authority to achieve that end.

Thank you for sharing your concerns, and for your commitment to bringing an end to this terrible epidemic."

Louie, Jeff

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Washington, DC 20515

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NORA
c/o AIDS Action Council
Washington, DC 20009

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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December 9, 1997

Ms. Tiffany Kemp
1205 A. Street
Garden City, KS 67846

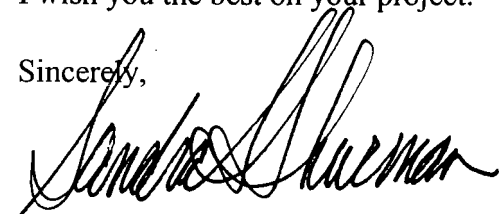
Dear Tiffany,

I am delighted that your group at Abe Hubert Middle School has chosen 'The Migration of AIDS Disease' as your topic for National History Day. As AIDS continues to affect so many lives around the world, it is important that we all do what we can to increase awareness and prevention of this epidemic so that one day it will be gone from our lives.

I have enclosed a booklet published for World AIDS Day 1997 by the American Association for World Health. It touches on a number of HIV/AIDS related issues and includes an extensive listing of AIDS Service Organizations. I encourage you to contact some of these organizations. Another great resource is your public library. There should be a number of books there that can help you locate the information for which you are looking.

I wish you the best on your project.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

1225 A. Street
Garden City, KS 67846
November, 24 1997

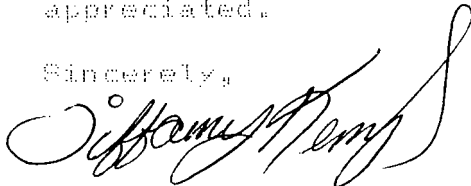
National Aids Policy
Director Patricia Fleming
600 Deven
602 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20568

Dear Director Patricia Fleming,

I am a student at Abe Hubert Middle School working on a National History Day project. This years theme is "Migration." My group has chosen the Migration of Aids Disease as our topic.

We would appreciate your cooperation in helping us to find useful information related to our topic. Time is of the essence. Thank you for all your efforts, they are appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tiffany Kemp". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Tiffany Kemp

THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 10, 1997

Mr. Clarke Sanders
2853 Ontario Road, NW #616
Washington, DC 20009

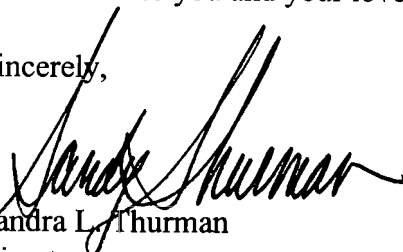
Dear Mr. Sanders:

Thank you for your wonderful work during the World AIDS Day
Interfaith Service of Celebration and Healing.

Without your direction and management, the program would not
have run so smoothly and have been such a success. I truly
appreciate all you have done to create one amazing night.

Best wishes to you and your loved ones over the holiday season.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 10, 1997

The Rev. Ken South
AIDS National Interfaith Network
1400 I Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Rev. South: *Ken*:

Thank you so much for all of your wonderful work in planning the World AIDS Day Interfaith Service of Celebration and Healing.

The service proved to be truly beautiful and touching. The musical guests were phenomenal and the speakers were inspiring. It could not have been such an extraordinarily moving evening without all of your attention and dedication.

Again, I truly appreciate your efforts in arranging this special night.

Best wishes to you and your loved ones over the holiday season.

Very truly yours,

Sandra
Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 10, 1997

The Rev. Ted Karpf
Director, National Episcopal AIDS Coalition
2025 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 508
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Rev. Karpf:

Ted,

Thank you for all of your wonderful work in planning the World AIDS Day Interfaith Service of Celebration and Healing.

The service proved to be absolutely beautiful and touching. The musical guests were phenomenal and the speakers inspiring. It could not have been such an extraordinarily moving evening without all of your attention and dedication.

Again, I truly appreciate all of your efforts in preparation for such a special night.

Best wishes to you and your loved ones over the holiday season.

Very truly yours,

*Sincerely,
Sandra L. Thurman*

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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December 10, 1997

Chip Heath
Episcopal Caring Response to AIDS
733 15th Street, NW
Suite 315
Washington, DC 20005

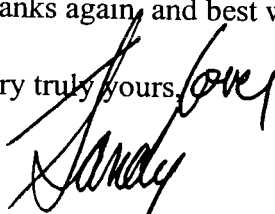
Dear Chip:

Thank you so much for all of your wonderful work in coordinating the World AIDS Day Interfaith Service of Celebration and Healing.

The service was quite intimate and touched everyone who attended. The musical guests were phenomenal and the speakers truly inspiring. It would surely not have been such an exceptional night without all of your attention and dedication.

Thanks again, and best wishes for the holidays.

Very truly yours,

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

P.S. Congratulations!

THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 10, 1997

The Rev. Kwabena Rainy Cheeks
Pastor, Inner Light Unity Fellowship
249 Warren Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

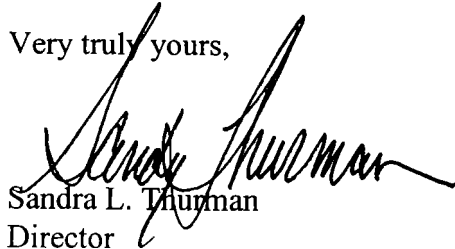
Dear Rev. Rainy Cheeks:

Thank you for your wonderful words during the World AIDS
Day Interfaith Service of Celebration and Healing.

Your bold and honest story brought hope and inspiration to all of
us in the church that evening. You truly brought a heart-felt
spirituality and energy to the service.

Thanks again, and best wishes to you and your loved ones over
the holiday season.

Very truly yours,

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 10, 1997

Mr. Allan Armus
Bet Mishpachah
DCJCC
16th & Q Streets, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Armus:

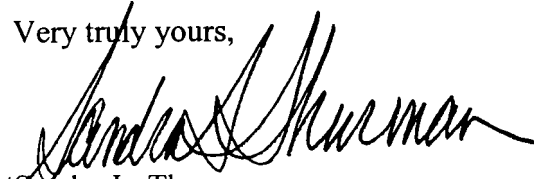
Thank you for your wonderful words and song during the World AIDS Day Interfaith Service of Celebration and Healing.

Not only was your contribution to the service moving, but it served to remind us that this epidemic transcends all communities and that we all must unite to comfort each other in this struggle.

Again, I truly appreciate all that you brought to that special evening.

Best wishes to you and your loved ones over the holiday season.

Very truly yours,

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Sandra L. Thurman

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

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WASHINGTON

December 10, 1997

Mr. Lawrence Elliott
1725 17th Street, NW #415
Washington, DC 20009-2416

Dear Mr. Elliott:

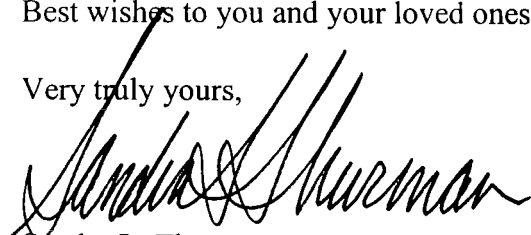
Thank you so much for bringing so many wonderful people together for the World AIDS Day Interfaith Service of Celebration and Healing.

The service proved to be absolutely beautiful and touching. The musical guests were phenomenal and the speakers inspiring. It could not have been a more extraordinarily warm and moving evening.

Again, I truly appreciate all of your effort in preparing for such a special night.

Best wishes to you and your loved ones over the holiday season.

Very truly yours,

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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WASHINGTON

December 10, 1997

Eric Plutz
Organist and Music Director
Church of the Epiphany
1317 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

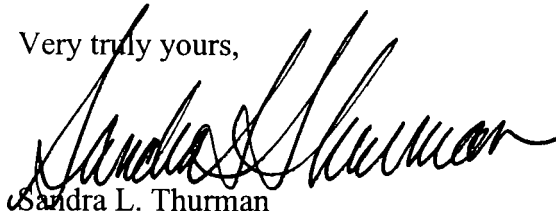
Dear Mr. Plutz:

Thank you for helping to make the recent World AIDS Day
Interfaith Service of Celebration and Healing such a success.

Your music filled the Church with warmth and set the tone for a
very personal and touching service.

Best wishes to you and your loved ones during the coming
holiday season.

Very truly yours,

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Sandra L. Thurman

Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 10, 1997

James Holloway
Director
The Gay Men's Chorus of Washington
2801 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. Holloway:

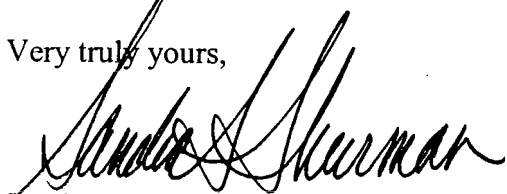
Thank you so much for bringing the beautiful voices of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington to the recent World AIDS Day Interfaith Service of Celebration and Healing.

The voices of the Chorus filled the church with a feeling of warmth and hope, adding greatly to the prayers and reflections given throughout the program.

Your efforts are very much appreciated by everyone who enjoyed that special evening.

Best wishes to you and your loved ones over the holiday season.

Very truly yours,

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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December 10, 1997

Kenneth Louis
Director
Saint Augustine's Youth Choir
1419 V Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Louis:

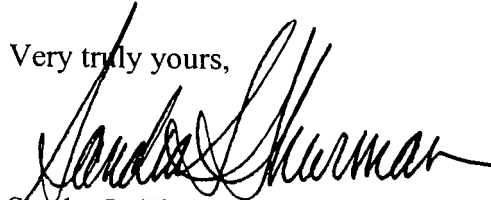
Thank you for all your wonderful work in directing the Saint Augustine's Youth Choir at the recently World AIDS Day Interfaith Service of Celebration and Healing.

The voices of your children were absolutely precious. Their participation added much warmth to the evening and touched the hearts of everyone who attended.

Most importantly, though, the Choir reminded us all of who that evening was truly about --- children. I hope that we can provide them with as much love and hope as they provide us!

Best wishes to you and your loved ones over the holiday season.

Very truly yours,

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Amanda Blumberg
Youth Speak Peer Educator
Metro Teen AIDS
637 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ms. Blumberg:

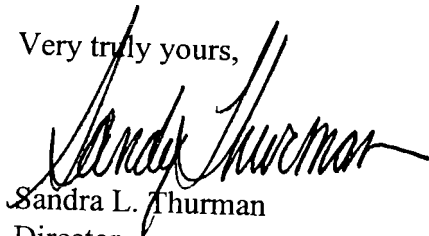
Thank you so much for speaking at the World AIDS Day
Interfaith Service of Celebration and Healing.

I was touched by the kindness and wisdom of your words. It is
truly inspiring to see someone so young speaking so articulately
and passionately about this epidemic.

Beyond a single speech or evening, however, it is your everyday
work and dedication which provided everyone who attended the
service much hope for our children's future.

Best wishes to you and Metro Teen AIDS.

Very truly yours,

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 10, 1997

The Reverend Randolph Charles
Church of the Epiphany
1317 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Reverend Charles:

Thank you for hosting the recent World AIDS Day Interfaith Service of Celebration and Healing.

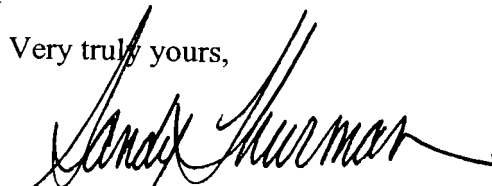
Your Church provided a warm home to the service. The program was absolutely perfect --- the speakers were inspiring, the music was moving, and the prayers were deeply touching.

Most importantly, though, the service honored the loved ones whose memory we cherish even as it championed the children whose future we seek to protect.

Again, thank you for your wonderful efforts in arranging this special evening.

Best wishes to you and your loved ones over the holiday season.

Very truly yours,

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

Memorandum

To: Sandra Thurman
From: Chip Heath
Episcopal Caring Response to AIDS
Date: Tuesday, December 09, 1997
Subject: World AIDS Day thank you notes

Following are the names of people to be thanked for their participation in the World AIDS Day Interfaith Service of Celebration and Healing.

✓	The Gay Men's Chorus of Washington James Holloway, Director 2801 M Street, NW Washington, DC 20007	(music)
✓	St. Augustine's Youth Choir Kenneth Louis, Director 1419 V Street, NW Washington, DC 20009	(music)
✓	Eric Plutz, Organist and Music Director Church of the Epiphany 1317 G Street, NW Washington, DC 20005	(music)
✓	The Rev. Randolph Charles Church of the Epiphany 1317 G Street, NW Washington, DC 20005	(host)
✓	Ms. Amanda Blumberg Youth Speak Peer Educator Metro Teen AIDS 637 Pennsylvania Ave., SE Washington, DC 20003	(speaker)

✓
Mr. Chip Heath
Episcopal Caring Response to AIDS
733 15th Street, NW
Suite 315
Washington, DC 20005

(logistics coordinator)

✓
Mr. Allan Armus
Bet Mishpachah
DCJCC
16th & Q Streets, NW
Washington, DC 20009

(music)

✓
The Rev. Ken South
AIDS National Interfaith Network
1400 I Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

(planning committee)

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The Rev. Kwabena Rainy Cheeks
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249 Warren Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

(speaker)

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The Rev. Ted Karpf
Director, National Episcopal AIDS Coalition
2025 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 508
Washington, DC 20006

(planning committee)

✓
Mr. Lawrence Elliott
1725 17th Street, NW #415
Washington, DC 20009-2416

(programs)

✓
Mr. Clarke Sanders
2853 Ontario Road, NW #616
Washington, DC 20009

(head usher)



**E P I S C O P A L
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T O A I D S**

The Episcopal Caring Response to AIDS (ECRA) provides support and services to those affected by HIV/AIDS regardless of religious affiliation, or lack thereof.

**CARING
REMEMBRANCE**



HOPE

MICHAEL HAASS HOUSE
PASTORAL PROGRAM
RETREATS
ECRA IN ANACOSTIA
FOLKMAN FUND
FOR
HOME HOSPICE CARE
&
TEENS FOR AIDS
PREVENTION (TAP)

11 December 1997

Dear Sandy,

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your generous assistance with the World AIDS Day Interfaith Service on November 30th. Your willingness to work with us in planning for this event and your participation in the service were greatly appreciated. Please thank your staff who worked so hard to arrange for Sweet Honey in the Rock and Marian Wright Edelman to be a part of the celebration as well. We hope that the event was meaningful for you and all who attended.

This year, as you know, marked the 10th anniversary of World AIDS Day, and the ninth annual healing service. As long as HIV and AIDS continues to affect us we are committed to offering this service. It is an opportunity to remember, acknowledge, celebrate, and pray for all who are infected and affected by HIV and AIDS.

Thank you for your continued support which allows us to offer a caring response to AIDS.

Sincerely,

Hart Roussel
Executive Director

Chip Heath
Special Projects Coordinator

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

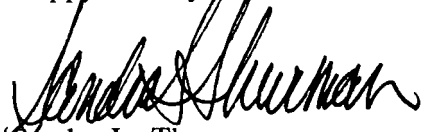
December 18, 1997

Warm greetings to the Fifth Annual AIDS HELP Christmas Party at Casa Antigua hosted by Tom Oosterhoudt.

As we approach the holiday season, we often reflect on our past and remember those who have fallen to AIDS. But we must also remember that there is much reason for optimism in our ongoing struggle against this disease. In our response to AIDS, we have re-discovered the power of faith and the importance of community. We have reached deep inside ourselves and found comfort in one another. AIDS is not only a crisis but an opportunity for hope and healing. To the volunteers of AIDS HELP I extend my heart-felt appreciation for your compassionate and diligent care to the many people you touch daily as you share and celebrate in life.

As we rejoice in a renewed sense of hope brought about by great achievements in AIDS treatment, there must be no lapse in the urgency of our mission to end this terrible epidemic. Tonight I encourage you all--those living with HIV or AIDS, family members, friends, and care providers-- to keep hope in your hearts and to continue fighting ardently against HIV/AIDS. It is not an easy battle, but it is one we will ultimately win.

Happy holidays and best wishes for a joyous new year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra L. Thurman", written in a cursive style.

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 16, 1997

Ms. Lery Guerrero
921 Nepperhan Avenue, 2nd Floor
Yonkers, NY 10703

Dear Ms. Guerrero *Lery*

It was such a pleasure to meet you at the Montel Williams Show last week in New York.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and experiences during the show. Voices like yours are truly what inspire and inform the work we do here in Washington.

Best wishes to you and your loved ones over the holiday season.

Very truly yours,

Sandra
Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 16, 1997

Ms. Sheri Kaplan
1830 S. Treasure Drive, apartment 21
N. Bay Village, FL 33141

Dear Ms. Kaplan:

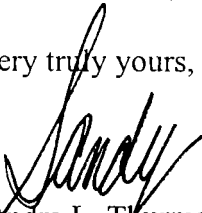


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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 16, 1997

Ms. Dotti Rains
1301 W. State Street
Trenton, NJ 08618

Dear Ms. ~~Rains~~: *Dotti*

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Very truly yours,

Sandy
Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 16, 1997

Ms. River Huston
46 N. Maine Street
New Hope, PA 18938

Dear Ms. Huston:



It was such a pleasure to meet you at the Montel Williams Show last week in New York.

Thank you for your wonderful book, *Leading a Postive Life*. I look forward to sharing the lives of these incredible women with others. Your efforts in relating your thoughts and experiences not only during the show but daily are truly appreciated. Voices like yours serve to inspire and inform the work we do here in Washington.

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Very truly yours,



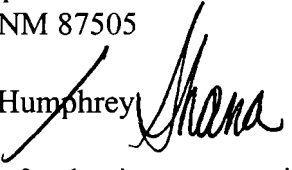
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 16, 1997

Ms. Shana Humphrey
751-A Airport Road
Santa Fe, NM 87505

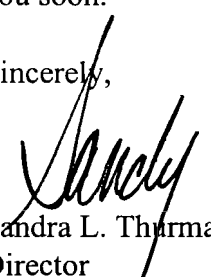
Dear Ms. Humphrey,

 Thank you for the time you sacrificed and the commitment you made to appear on The Montel Williams Show to discuss the AIDS epidemic.

Although you were unable to appear on the show, I truly appreciate your efforts in sharing your personal experience with others and am glad I had the opportunity to talk with you backstage. It is only when the public is educated about AIDS and they realize that this is not a discriminatory disease -- that it can happen to people like themselves -- that progress can be made in preventing future infections.

Again, thank you for your important role in fighting HIV/AIDS. I look forward to working with you soon.

Sincerely,


Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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the Montel WILLIAMS show

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SHANA HUMPHREY
751-A AIRPORT RD
SANTE FE, NM 87505

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433 West 53rd Street
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212-830-0300
212-262-4602 Fax

FAX COVER SHEET

Date: December 11, 1997

To: SARA Holewinski

Company: Office of AIDS Policy

Fax #: 202-632-1096 / 254-9835

Total number of pages including this one: 3

From: Tom Costaro

Comments: If you need anything else please

CALL me. 212-830-0341

Tom C.

Have A Happy Holiday!



DECEMBER 11, 1997

TO: SARA HOLEWIMSKI
FAX#: 202-632-1096

DEAR SARA,

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF PEOPLE WHO WERE ON THE MONTEL WILLIAMS SHOW EPISODE, "YOUNG WOMEN WITH AIDS".

PLEASE EXTEND MY SINCERE THANKS TO MS. THURMAN FOR MAKING THIS SHOW EXTRA SPECIAL.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Tom Cestaró', written in black ink.

TOMCESTARO
PRODUCER
THE MONTEL WILLIAMS SHOW

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 11, 1997

Dr. Geneviève M. Clavreul
Post Office Box 887
Pasadena, CA 91102-0867

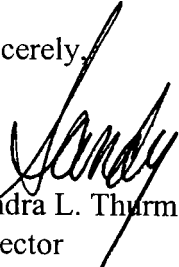
Dear Geneviève:

What a surprise to get a note from you and Dr. Kozlov together! It was great to see you both in September and then to see you again in October at the Caltech meeting. Please accept my apologies for this dreadfully late response to the fax you sent me.

I agree that an international initiative must be coordinated in order for us all to make the best use of every nation's resources and knowledge. Only by working together will we beat this disease. I truly appreciate all the good work that you have been doing in this effort. Your enthusiasm and dedication to ending this epidemic, both here at home and around the world, continue to assure me that the battle against HIV/AIDS is being very well fought. Please do continue to update me on all of the new projects you are undertaking.

Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to share your insight. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,


Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

Signed
12/15/97

FROM GENEVIEVE'S FAX TO

FROM: Geneviève M. Clavreul, Ph.D.
PHONE: (626) 398-8585
FAX: (626) 398-5664

YOUR FAX

October 2, 1997

TO: Ms. Sandy Thurman
PHONE: (202) 632-1090
FAX: (202) 632-1096

3 Pages including this header.

Message:**PLEASE DELIVER TO MS. THURMAN**

Sandy,

Attached is a letter that my friend and associate Dr. Kozlov, suggest that we write ensemble and send to you.

I am also looking forward to seeing you at both the AIDS Service Pasadena Reception and Caltech Meeting on October 8. Perhaps we can have that glass of wine that we discussed at our last meeting during your visit to Pasadena. If you would like I can arrange to pick you up at the airport, or perhaps take you to a late dinner.

Geneviève

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Pasadena, CA 91102-0867

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Look forward to
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Geneviève M. Clavreul
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September 23, 1997

Ms. Sandy Thurman
National Office of AIDS Policy
808 17th Street NW, Suite #820
Washington, DC 20006

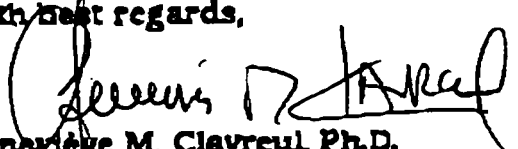
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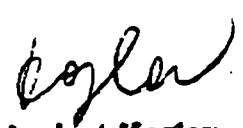
It was a pleasure to meet with you again and quite a coincidence that Dr. Kozlov and I each met with you independently and within one day of each other to discuss the "state" of HIV/AIDS and international cooperation/ collaboration in the field of HIV/AIDS research.

As you shared with us at our meetings, the "tide of influence" with regards to HIV/AIDS related issues is changing, and people are demanding that decisive action be taken to control this disease that continues to ravish not only Americans, but people world-wide. It is time for us to implement a Manhattan-style international project to discover a sound treatment, cure, vaccine, and prevention for HIV/AIDS.

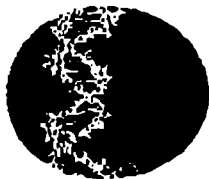
In this spirit, we would like to continue our dialog and remind you of the letter you received from Dr. Gallo supporting this collaboration prior to the Denver G-8 meeting.

With best regards,


Geneviève M. Clavreul, Ph.D.
International Healthcare Consultant


Dr. Andrei Kozlov
Russian HIV Vaccine Project
Coordinator

INSTITUTE OF HUMAN VIROLOGY



MEDICAL BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER
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Dr. Robert Gallo
PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR

COPY

19 June, 1997

Ms Sandra Thurman
Director
National Office of AIDS Policy

Dear Ms Thurman,

Drs. Andrei Koslov and Peter Hartsock have suggested that I write to further emphasis to you of our efforts to create a collaborative partnership between the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland in Baltimore and the Research Institute of Highly Pure Biopreparation in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Our hope is that Russia will apply for a World Bank loan to underwrite a vaccine development program that combines the considerable research strengths of both Institutions. There is considerable research talent in Russia but they have less experience regarding vaccine testing and development.

We have been serious about this program for over a year now and have already submitted our contribution to the World Bank proposal.

We feel that it is collaborative efforts like this that President Clinton had in mind when he announced his support for International Cooperation for HIV vaccine development.

I hope that you find this information helpful before the G7 (or is it now going to be the G8) summit.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Gallo, MD
Professor and Director

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1997

Mitch J. Skandalakis
Chairman
Board of Commissioners of Fulton County
141 Pryor Street, SW
Suite 10032
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Mr. Skandalakis: *Mitch*

Thank you for your recent letter regarding funding for the Ryan White CARE Act. I want to assure you that the Clinton Administration remains committed to this program as well as to finding a cure for AIDS and a vaccine to protect us all.

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Thank you for your support of our efforts and for your own efforts to stop this terrible epidemic.

Very truly yours,
Sandra L. Thurman

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Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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**MITCH J. SKANDALAKIS
CHAIRMAN**



**TELEPHONE 730-8206
AREA CODE 404**

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730-4754**

30 September 1997

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you today to request that federal funding for HIV/AIDS programs remains a national priority for your administration.

I understand that the Office of Management and Budget is currently preparing your FY 1999 budget, and I urge your support for adequate increases for all programs of the Ryan White CARE Act in FY 1999. In particular, I ask you to include \$570 million for Title I of the CARE Act (an increase of \$120 million over FY 1997 Title I spending). It is imperative that the figures for Title I increase as the demand for services increases.

In addition, as FY 1998 House/Senate Appropriations conferees meet in the next few days, I urge your strong support and active assistance to secure the highest possible funding levels for all Titles of the CARE Act, including an additional \$21.7 million for Title I and \$132 million for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program.

In my capacity as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County I serve as the Chief Elected Official of the Atlanta Eligible Metropolitan Area for purposes of the administration of programs developed and supported under the auspices of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act. As such, I have seen first hand the importance of the CARE Act funds to the Atlanta community in our effort to provide care for our Citizens living with HIV disease.

Of the 17,495 reported cases of AIDS in the State of Georgia as of March 31, 1997, Metropolitan Atlanta comprises 12,514 cases. Fulton and DeKalb Counties alone account for more than 10,624 of the reported cases of AIDS in Georgia.

President Clinton
30 September 1997
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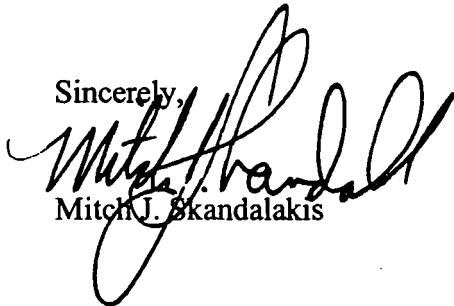
In addition to the reported cases of AIDS, it is estimated that the rate of HIV infection is 3.1:1 (i.e., there are approximately 38,793 Persons Living with HIV disease in addition to the 12,514 actual cases of AIDS).

Through Title I funds, we have been able to develop a continuum of care for the medically indigent which is both compassionate and cost-effective. We have seen that our clients have fewer emergency room visits and fewer hospital stays, which results in cost savings to the public health system. Our clients are living longer and remaining in the work force for longer periods of time.

If adequate funding is not secured for Title I of the CARE Act, the burden of care for our HIV infected Citizens falls back on our local governments -- the property owners of Fulton and DeKalb Counties, who support the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority (Grady), would once again have to assume a disproportionate share of the cost for caring for our nation's HIV infected population. The result is that our overburdened public health system may be incapable of meeting the needs of the AIDS epidemic, and will also be paralyzed in responding to all of our other health needs.

Thank you for your consideration of these important issues.

Sincerely,

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Mitch J. Skandalakis

cc: Franklin Raines, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Donna Shalala, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services
Bruce Reed, Assistant to the President
✓ Sandra Thurman, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 3, 1997

Reverend Edwin Sanders
Community Advisory Board Member
AIDS Vaccine Evaluation Unit
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
A-4103 Medical Center North
Nashville, TN 37232-2582

Dear Reverend Sanders:

Thank you for your letter addressing the role of the volunteers participating in AIDS vaccine trials in the fight against the AIDS virus. I agree that these are outstanding individuals and I will try to find some opportunity for their incredible contribution to be recognized.

The President and Vice President have made a strong commitment to finding a vaccine or vaccines against HIV, an essential goal if we are to end this terrible epidemic. Like so many areas of clinical research and trials, it is the selfless courage of the volunteer participant that makes vaccine development possible.

I would also like to let you know that I appreciate your effort to support and acknowledge their participation, as well as the important work you do to find the means to end the AIDS pandemic. Please know that this Administration recognizes how many have given their careers, and sometimes their lives, to this global struggle.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

TO: AIDS Czar

DATE: 10/8/97

FROM: Chip Payson
Scheduling and Advance
184 OEOB
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ATTACHED: ①

☐ Please advise on
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☐ For your information

☒ For your action

☐ For your signature

☐ Call me re: this

☐ Prepare response
per instructions
below

☐ For your approval

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July 24, 1997

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Honorable President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear President Clinton,

Thank you for your recent commitment to the development of an AIDS vaccine. You have provided encouragement to those of us affected by HIV/AIDS and reassurance to those of us working on this global problem.

The Community Advisory Board for the AIDS Vaccine Evaluation Unit at Vanderbilt University Medical Center is a group of concerned citizens who serve primarily as liaisons between the scientific community and the public. We would like to make you aware of the significant role of these vaccine study volunteers. These distinguished men and women are some of the real heroes in this effort. They have demonstrated an outstanding personal commitment to the development of an AIDS vaccine.

We believe that their volunteer service to America is worthy of recognition. Our Community Advisory Board is asking you for a national acknowledgement of their contributions in a formal ceremony. We believe that national level recognition would affirm America's appreciation for their efforts, as well as enhance volunteer recruitment toward meeting the goal of a preventive vaccine by the year 2007.

Sincerely,

Rev. Edwin Sanders
Community Advisory Board Member
AIDS Vaccine Evaluation Unit at Vanderbilt



Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
Vaccine Evaluation Unit
A-4103 Medical Center North
Nashville, TN 37232-2582



President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 3, 1997

Hugh M. Carmichael II
432 Nob Hill Drive
Sparta, Tennessee 38583

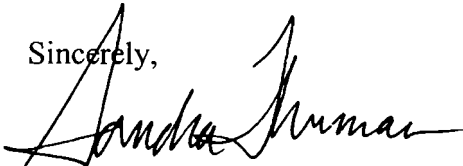
Dear Mr. Carmichael:

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Although the Administration cannot assist Ms. Runions obtain a better car, I want to express my appreciation to you for your efforts on Ms. Runions' behalf and urge you to continue your efforts to assist Ms. Runions so that she may continue her work in helping others.

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

December 3, 1997

Hugh M. Carmichael II
432 Nob Hill Drive
Sparta, Tennessee 38583

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

bcc: Ms. Sue J. Smith
Director, Agency Liaison
Room 6, OEOB
The White House
Washington, DC 20502

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

11. 26. 97

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MEMORANDUM

FOR:

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FROM:

SUE J. SMITH *SJS*
DIRECTOR, AGENCY LIAISON

SUBJECT:

REFERRAL OF CASEWORK

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

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

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

Thank you for your help.

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PERSONAL-NAME: Hugh M. Carmichael II
EMAIL-ADDRESS: ~~hmcssc@blomand.net~~
ORGANIZATION: n/a
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: ~~432 Nob Hill Drive~~
CITY: ~~Sparta~~
STATE-PROVINCE: ~~TN~~
ZIP-CODE: ~~38583~~
COUNTRY: ~~USA~~

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Other
TOPIC: No Answer
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: A member of the Presidential AIDS Commission needs help

[Message]

Dear President Clinton,
I am writing on behalf of Ms. Debbie Runions of Nashville, TN, who is a member of your Presidential AIDS Commission. Debbie has not asked me to intervene on her behalf and is not aware that I am writing to you. She does, however, need help if she is to be able to continue her very important and wonderful mission to spread the message about AIDS prevention.

Debbie has devoted her life to speaking to youth and health care and social workers about AIDS prevention. She does so by telling of her own experiences living with AIDS. Her speeches are very frank, honest, and moving. The impact she has on young people who are fortunate to hear her is dramatic. The outpouring of love for her and her work is truly amazing to witness.

Debbie's annual income for this calendar year consisted of an \$18,000 grant from the Center for Disease Control and a \$12,000 grant from a Nashville businessman. For next year, she will have the CDC grant, but the local contribution will be reduced to \$6,000. Debbie frankly did not think she would be alive in 1998 and the financial realities of living longer are closing in on her. Her 1989 model Nissan Sentra has approximately 150,000 miles and is becoming unreliable. She desperately needs a better vehicle which is the essential tool for her to continue her work.

Can you encourage someone in your vast circle of friends to help Debbie obtain a better car? She is a wonderfully loving and spiritual person whose impact in the lives of all she meets is so important. She is, however, struggling to survive. She needs help. If there is anything you can suggest or do, I'd be deeply grateful.

All my best to you and your family,
Hugh M. Carmichael II
Sparta, TN

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1997

Bruce Garner
Chair
Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council
Ryan White Projects
141 Pryor Street, NW Suite 8025
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Mr. Garner:

Bruce,

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Very truly yours,

Cove,
Sandra

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

P.S. Come see me!

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA
H.I.V. HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL**

Bruce Garner
Chair

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Co-Chair

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October 1, 1997

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to request that adequate federal funding for HIV/AIDS programs remain a national priority for your administration. This is particularly critical now as the FY 1998 House/Senate Appropriations conferences meet and as the Office of Management and Budget prepares your FY 1999 budget.

As Chair of the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council, I have seen first hand the importance of the CARE Act funds to the Atlanta community in our effort to provide care for our citizens living with HIV disease. Of the 17,495 reported cases of AIDS in the State of Georgia as of March 31, 1997, Metropolitan Atlanta comprises 12,514 cases. Fulton and DeKalb Counties alone account for more than 10,624 of the reported cases of AIDS in Georgia.

Through Title I funds, we have been able to develop a continuum of care for the medically indigent which is both compassionate and cost-effective. We have seen that our clients have fewer emergency room visits and fewer hospital stays, which results in cost savings to the public health system. Our clients are living longer and remaining in the work force for longer periods of time due, in part, to the advent of new therapies recommended by the NIH treatment guidelines.

As the Office of Management and Budget prepares your FY 1999 budget, I urge your support for adequate increases for all CARE Act programs. In particular, I ask that you include \$570 million for Title I of the CARE Act (an increase of \$120 million over FY 1997 Title I spending). It is imperative that the funding for Title I increase in order for us to implement the new treatment guidelines that clearly call for increased primary health care and laboratory monitoring and diagnostics.

In addition, as FY 1998 House/Senate Appropriations conferees meet in the next few days, I urge your strong support and active assistance in securing the highest possible funding levels for all Titles of the CARE Act, including an additional \$21.7 million for Title I.

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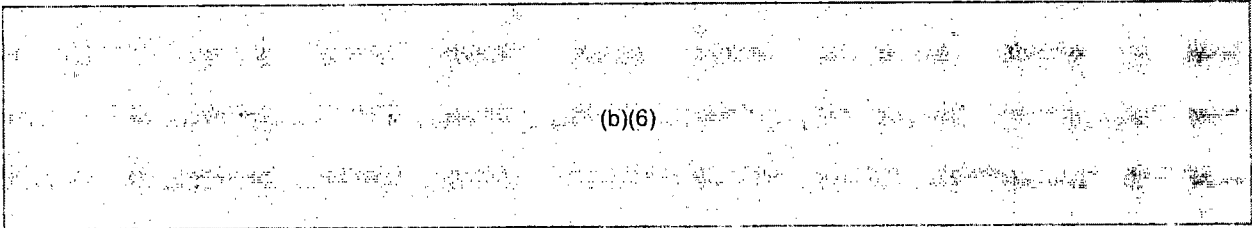
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If adequate funding is not secured for Title I of the CARE Act, the burden of care for our HIV infected citizens will fall on our local governments. The taxpayers of Fulton and DeKalb Counties, who support the Fulton/DeKalb Hospital Authority (Grady Health System), would once again have to assume a disproportionate share of the cost for caring for our nation's HIV infected population. The result is that our overburdened public health system may be incapable of meeting the needs of the AIDS epidemic, and will also be paralyzed in responding to all of our other health needs.



On behalf of the people living with HIV disease in the Atlanta community and of the Planning Council members, I thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,

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Bruce Garner
Chair

Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council

cc: Franklin Raines, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Donna Shalala, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services
Bruce Reed, Assistant to the President
✓ Sandra Thurman, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1997

Edward G. Rendell
Mayor of Philadelphia
City Hall, Room 215
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3295

Dear Mayor Rendell:

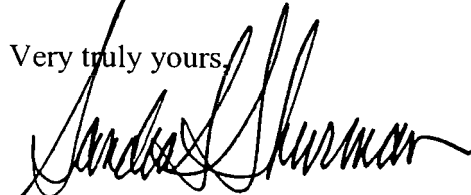
Thank you for your recent letter to Senator Specter as well as your overall endeavors to support funding for the Ryan White CARE Act. On behalf of the President, I want to assure you that the Clinton Administration remains committed to this program as well as to finding a cure for AIDS and a vaccine to protect us all.

We worked diligently with Congress this year to secure a 15% increase for Ryan White. Overall, funds for the CARE Act have tripled since 1993. Drug accessibility remains a priority as new, life-sustaining drug therapies are introduced. As such, funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program has increased by 450% in only three fiscal years. The Centers for Disease Control and the National Institutes of Health have also benefitted from continued support; HIV prevention programs at the CDC have grown by 27% while AIDS related research efforts at the NIH have been bolstered by a 50% rise.

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Thank you for your support of our efforts and for your own efforts to stop this terrible epidemic.

Very truly yours,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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EDWARD G. RENDELL
MAYOR

September 19, 1997

Honorable Arlen Specter, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Specter:

I write to urge you to support the appropriation of \$471.6 million in Ryan White CARE Act Title I funding allocated by the House Appropriations Committee in the FY98 budget. This \$21.7 million increase over FY97 funding levels is urgently needed to respond to recently released treatment guidelines for people living with AIDS and HIV that call for increased primary health care, diagnostics, and early access to expensive new drug therapies, all while maintaining the critical support services that keep people in care. The need for increased federal support is no greater than in metropolitan areas such as Philadelphia.

Your continuing efforts to increase funding for the provision of care and services for people with AIDS and HIV are greatly appreciated in Philadelphia and throughout the Commonwealth. People living with AIDS and HIV now receive a better standard of care because of your work and the tireless efforts of the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee. Your commitment to ensuring an adequate federal response to the challenges of this epidemic is well known, especially to those who receive treatment through the Philadelphia Department of Public Health and the University of Pittsburgh AIDS Education and Training Center.

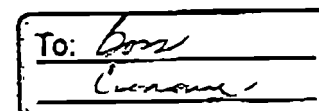
Those in the AIDS community and in the health care community are encouraged by the actions of the House Appropriations Committee. People living with AIDS and HIV have new hope for even happier, healthier lives. On their behalf, I thank you for your continued support of these critical initiatives.

Sincerely,

Ed Rendell

Edward G. Rendell

cc: Estelle B. Richman, Health Commissioner



From: *Ed Rendell*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1997

Christopher Bates
Manager
Philadelphia EMA Title I HIV Commission
The Fidelity Building
123 South Broad Street, Suite 2294
Philadelphia, PA 19109

Dear Mr. Bates:

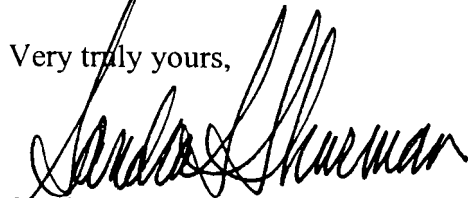
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Thank you for your support of our efforts and for your own efforts to stop this terrible epidemic.

Very truly yours,

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Sandra L. Thurman

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

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Friday, September 26, 1997

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President

I write you today on behalf of the Philadelphia EMA Title I HIV Commission, a member of Cities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief (CAEAR) Coalition. The HIV Commission is responsible for planning and priority setting for Ryan White Title I funds for 9 counties across two states. We have the highest participation level of HIV+ consumers of any EMA in the country. The CAEAR Coalition is a national coalition of community members who come together with a sense of urgency to advocate on behalf of cities and localities served by Title I of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act.

We request your support in our efforts to ensure that funding for programs for people living with HIV disease and AIDS remain a national priority. We are distressed that you and your Administration failed to recommend appropriate increase in CARE Act funding for Fiscal Year 1998. The Administration's budget request for FY '98, we believe, was woefully inadequate. We are concerned that your proposed increase for Title I was far below the expressed needs of CARE Act Title I metropolitan areas. In recent meetings with members of your Administration, people living with HIV representing the CAEAR Coalition and our EMA were disappointed that your representatives failed to assure them that AIDS remains a budget priority for you.

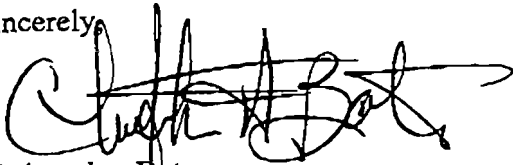
We have recently completed a needs assessment which is receiving national attention which clearly states the need for funding for medications, primary medical care, housing, food, and consumer education. We have shown that African American, Latino/a, Asian, and Pacific Islander communities are not utilizing life-saving medications and treatments. There simply isn't enough funding available to provide adequate access, education, and

services for persons living with HIV/AIDS, regardless of ethnicity. Remember, regardless of what you read, there is NO CURE today!

Please support the highest possible funding for all Titles of the CARE Act in the House and Senate version of the FY '98 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill. As you prepare your FY '99 budget request to Congress, we ask that you request Congress to provide increases for all Ryan White CARE Act programs. In particular, we strongly urge you to include a request for Title I funding for FY '99 in the amount of \$570 million. This would provide a \$120 million increase over FY '97 Title I spending.

Your budget request is the tangible means of reassuring people living with HIV/AIDS that AIDS remains a priority for you and your Administration. We urge you and your Administration to answer this challenge to our nation with all the passion and resources required to bring true hope to Americans living with HIV. People living with HIV and AIDS are watching and waiting for your leadership.

Sincerely,

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Christopher Bates

Philadelphia EMA Title I HIV Commission Manager

cc: Josh Gotbaum, Executive Associate Director
Office of Management and Budget
Old Executive Office Building - Room 254
17th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20503

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1997

Willie Lewis Brown, Jr.
Mayor of San Francisco
401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 330
San Francisco, CA 94192

Dear Mayor Brown:

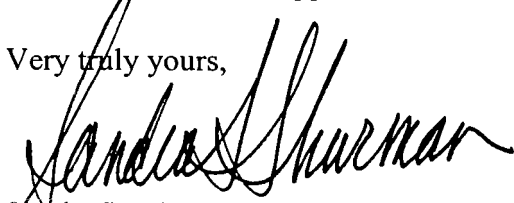
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Very truly yours,

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SAN FRANCISCO



WILLIE LEWIS BROWN, JR.

September 30, 1997

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write on behalf of 3,000 San Franciscans who are living with HIV or AIDS. It is my hope that federal funding for HIV/AIDS programs remain a national priority for your Administration.

There is deep concern that your FY 1998 proposal needs increases in funding for the Ryan White CARE Act. The initial request for a \$40 million increase for the CARE Act is inadequate. The increase for Title I was far below the needs of metropolitan areas hit hardest by the epidemic, and included no increase for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).

As FY 1988 House/Senate Appropriations Conference meet, I seek your efforts for the highest possible funding levels for all titles of the Ryan White CARE Act including an additional \$21.7 million for Title I and \$132 million for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program.

The outstanding trends with declining deaths means that there are more people living with HIV and AIDS. With this good news we cannot retreat from providing the necessary resources for health care and services to ensure that people living with HIV remain healthy, productive and contributing members of society.

In addition, as you prepare the 1999 budget your recommendations can prevent this problem from occurring again. The Cities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief Coalition hopes you will provide needed increases for all CARE Act program in 1999. In particular, \$570 million for Title I of the CARE Act. This provide a \$120 million increase over 1997 Title I spending.

AIDS leadership has been a priority of your Presidency. A strong 1999 request says to millions of Americans living with HIV/AIDS and their families that you with them in the good fight until there's a cure. If I can assist with your lobbying of Congress or budget officials to make this happen, please call upon me.

Sincerely,

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WILLIE L. BROWN, JR.
Mayor

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1997

Nicole Speta
Fawn Ingrao
Falconer Middle High School
Post Office Box 48 East Avenue
Falconer, NY 14733

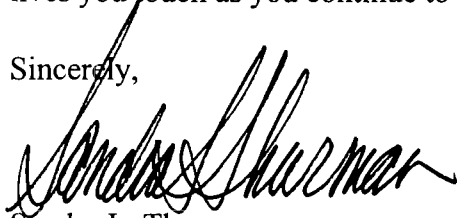
Dear Nicole and Fawn,

Thank you for informing the White House of your commendable efforts in promoting AIDS awareness at Falconer Middle High School. It is through us all working together that we will ultimately win this battle against HIV and AIDS.

I am delighted that you are committed to keeping AIDS awareness alive in your community. Enclosed is a booklet published for World AIDS Day 1997 by the American Association for World Health. It touches on a number of HIV/AIDS related issues and includes several pages of ideas of what to do in your community to combat this epidemic. The back of the book should prove to be a valuable resource as it has an extensive listing of AIDS Service Organizations. I encourage you to contact some of these organizations. The Red Cross, for instance, has a number of items specifically directed at youth and AIDS. Another great resource is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This is where you will find the most current information relating to the spread of HIV and AIDS.

I truly appreciate the good work that both of you have undertaken to fight HIV and AIDS. Your enthusiasm and dedication to ending this epidemic will prove infectious and much needed to the lives you touch as you continue to positively affect your community through your activism.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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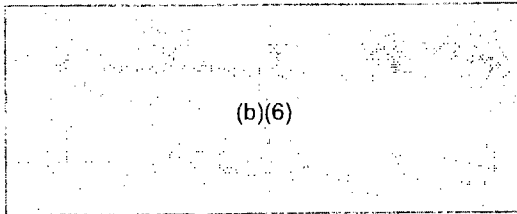
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1997



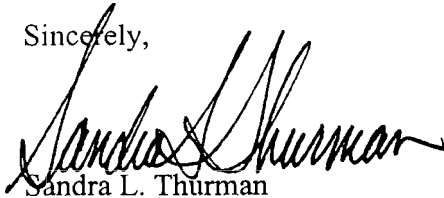
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Thank you for your letter dated September 22, 1997 regarding my speech at the United States Conference on AIDS. Your comments and concern are most welcomed and appreciated.

I have enclosed a copy of my speech which contains the statistics mentioned during the conference as well as 'A Statistical Portrait of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic'. As information regarding this epidemic is constantly changing, I urge you to contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta at (404) 639-8890 in order to obtain the most current statistics. Another great resource is the National Minority AIDS Council, sponsor of the United States Conference on AIDS, as they may be able to provide you with additional information.

Again, thank you for your support and active role in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

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September 22, 1997

Att: Sandy Thurman
White House Director
of National Aids Policy

Dear Mrs. Thurman, As I was watching you on cable Sunday morning I, was left speechless with all the information and knowledge you have on HIV + Aids, which brings me to write this letter to you. I also have aids and counsel people with this second disease that's killing our love ones who don't know how to seek help within the Black and Latino Community. If you can forward to me all that updated information you spoke on in that conference you attended I and my clients would highly appreciate kindly. Thank You

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1997

Robert Washington, Ph.D.
Executive Director
St. Francis Center
4880A MacArthur Boulevard, N.W.
Washington, DC 20007

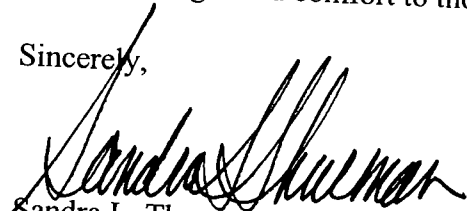
Dear Dr. Washington:

Many thanks to you and the great people at St. Francis Center for the adorable cat. It will serve as a reminder of your wonderful center, which I had the privilege to visit on September 5, 1997. While there, I was especially touched by the care and attention shown to the children of AIDS as they deal with their own unique challenges.

Please accept my apologies for not responding sooner in regards to your invitation to the St. Francis Center Twelfth Annual Benefit on November 6. I would have loved to attend, but unfortunately, due to a long standing commitment in Chicago I was not able.

Again, I would like to thank the St. Francis Center for the dedication and compassion it lends to this most challenging time in the AIDS epidemic. I wish you continued success in your efforts to provide strength and comfort to those people infected and affected by this devastating disease.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman

Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

*Hope to come visit again soon -
Happy Holidays!*

**"Death is a Part
of Life"**

featuring

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Thursday, November 6, 1997

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"Death is a Part of Life"

Introduction by
Diane Rehm, NPR/WAMU-FM

Thursday, November 6, 1997
Reception 6:00 pm
Lecture 7:00 pm

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Cokie Roberts

*Co-Anchor, "This Week" and
ABC News Special Correspondent*

Cokie Roberts is co-anchor of the ABC News program, "This Week". She is also a special correspondent for ABC News covering politics, Congress and public policy, and often serves as a substitute anchor on "Nightline".

In addition to her work for ABC, Ms. Roberts serves as a news analyst for National Public Radio where she was the congressional correspondent for more than ten years. In that time, she won numerous awards, including the highest honor in public radio, the Edward R. Murrow award. She was also the first broadcast journalist to win the highly prestigious Everett McKinley Dirksen Award for coverage of Congress. In 1991, she was awarded an Emmy for her contribution to the ABC News Special, "Who is Ross Perot?"

Along with her husband, Steven V. Roberts, Ms. Roberts writes a weekly column, syndicated by United Media, in major newspapers around the country.

A 1964 graduate in political science from Wellesley College, Ms. Roberts received a 1985 Distinguished Alumnae Achievement Award in recognition of "excellence and distinction in professional pursuits."

Ms. Roberts and her husband are the parents of two adult children.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1997

Sue W. Scott
Executive Director
AIDS Service Center
1030 South Arroyo Parkway
Pasadena, CA 91105

Dear Ms. Scott:

Sue

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Again, thank you for showing me around the facility and for all the wonderful work you do.

Sincerely,

Sandra

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

P.S. Better late than never -
love you + miss you -
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Director

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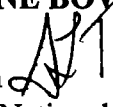
Thank you
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et al

Int'l - Please send a thank you
letter to the AIDS Service Center +
Sue Scott - SLT went to visit
her on Oct. 8 in California
while she was there for a
Caltech Conference.
Thanks!
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR ERSKINE BOWLES

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

Date: December 12, 1997

Re: **Meeting with Dr. Scott Hitt, Chairman
President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS**

Next Wednesday, you will be meeting with me and Dr. Scott Hitt, Chairman of the President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. Dr. Hitt is a prominent, openly gay physician from Los Angeles with significant experience in the clinical management of HIV and AIDS, as well as local, state and national politics. He was an early supporter of the President in 1992.

This past Sunday, the Council released its Progress Report on the Administration's response to the epidemic (copy attached). While significant accomplishments with respect to funding and policy issues are recognized, the report is quite critical of the President and the Secretary of HHS. The Council's principal concerns are:

- a perceived de-prioritization of AIDS
- inaction on allowing Federal funding for local needle exchange programs
- mixed signals on Medicaid expansion.

Some background on these issues and our current policy positions:

Prioritization of AIDS

This concern relates primarily to the funding of discretionary AIDS programs. It became a particularly hot issue when the balanced budget agreement was completed and no AIDS programs were listed under the "protected" classification. Advocates interpreted this as a de-prioritization of AIDS, which had in previous years enjoyed classification as a budget priority.

This perception was exacerbated by requests in the President's FY98 budget (see attached table) that the community considered inadequate, particularly for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program for which the Administration sought no increase. Substantial increases were ultimately obtained, but Republican appropriators championed these increases.

As has been the case in previous years, HHS has asked for only minimal increases in its AIDS programs for FY99. In its first passback, OMB sought only level funding. While this is a time-honored exercise, several community members have gotten wind of the passback numbers and are quite upset that the Administration isn't pushing for adequate increases.

I have been working with OMB on a Presidential Initiative that would offer additional funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, other parts of the Ryan White CARE Act, and the CDC's HIV prevention programs (representing a 6% increase overall).

Needle Exchange

This issue has become central to the AIDS community and, rightly or wrongly, it has become symbolic of the Administration's leadership on AIDS. AIDS advocates have long sought to give local communities the option to use Federal funds for needle exchange programs. Given that as many as 50% of new HIV infections are directly or indirectly related to injection drug use, those on the front lines are increasingly interested in having the flexibility to employ all strategies they deem appropriate.

During the FY98 Appropriations process, conservative Republicans made a vigorous attempt to rescind the current authority of the Secretary of HHS to remove the restriction on the use of Federal funding for needle exchange programs.¹ Congress, however, with strong support from the Administration, maintained the authority but imposed a six month moratorium on the use of Federal funds for needle exchange programs as a compromise. Many in the community believe that this leaves the door open for the Secretary to make a determination that Federal funds may be used prior to the expiration of the moratorium, and to allow the actual expenditure by states and local communities, at their discretion, as soon as the moratorium expires (3/31/97). The President's Advisory Council is strongly recommending in a letter to the President (copy attached) that he instruct the Secretary to act prior to the return of Congress on January 27, 1998.

Medicaid Expansion

This past April, the Vice President announced a request that HCFA study the possibility of a demonstration program that would expand Medicaid coverage to people with HIV. This was in response to recently released guidelines from the NIH that recommend treatment earlier in the course of illness. Unfortunately, we are in a "catch 22." Currently, many impoverished people have no access to treatment until they progress to full-blown AIDS, at which point they qualify for Medicaid--which pays for the treatment that may have forestalled the onset of AIDS.

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (part of the Ryan White CARE Act) helps, but because this is a limited discretionary program, there are many states that have cut off new applications, limited their covered formularies, or simply capped available benefits far below the annual cost of these treatments (+/- \$15K/yr).

HCFA has completed its preliminary analysis, and has determined that expanding Medicaid would not be budget neutral. Last week, a spokesman for HHS told the press that the Medicaid expansion initiative was not feasible without making clear that we were still committed to working on a

¹To act, the Secretary must determine that needle exchange programs (a) decrease HIV infection among participants and (b) do not increase the use of illegal drugs. Her report to Congress this past spring was determinative on the first test and less clear on the second.

solution. This press leak was very untimely, appearing in the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times* while the President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS was meeting here in Washington. Subsequent press coverage was quite intense, and was then fueled by the release of the Council's report. While I believe that we were able to sustain a tenable position with the public, it does place considerable pressure on us to maintain discussions on a long-term solution to the health care needs of people with HIV/AIDS and on a short-term response in the FY99 budget.

This is a very important issue to the AIDS advocacy community. They are perhaps appropriately concerned that continued reliance on discretionary programs like Ryan White for primary health care and treatments is a short term solution that leaves them vulnerable, and they are seeking more long term, systematic entitlement reform. While we will need to respond in FY99 with additional funds for care and treatment, that will not address their long term goal of modernizing Medicaid/Medicare coverage.

The Council's report expressed concern over "mixed signals" from the Administration. They had drafted language that was far more harsh but we are able to allay their concerns temporarily by arranging for a call from the HCFA Administrator, who clarified that the press article was not accurate and that HCFA would continue to work with the community to find a solution.

Likely Requests from Dr. Hitt

I believe that Dr. Hitt will ask for several things from you:

- a commitment to get the President to the next Council meeting in March;
- a commitment to pass the Council's report to the President; and
- a commitment to respond to their recommendations, particularly those relating to needle exchange and Medicaid expansion.

My recommendation is that you respond as follows:

POTUS attendance at next Council meeting: *you will support the request, but it will be dependent on scheduling*

Transmittal of Council Report to President: *this Administration takes the Council's recommendations very seriously and will respond appropriately*

Needle exchange and Medicaid expansion: *I have already instructed senior members of the Administration, led by Sandy Thurman and Bruce Reed, to address these issues and provide recommendations for action. The Vice President's office will also be working with us, particularly on ways to cover the cost of the new treatments.*

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Discretionary AIDS Programs at HHS

PROGRAM	FY97 Enacted	FY98 POTUS Budget	FY98 Enacted
HRSA			
Ryan White CARE Act			
<i>Emergency Relief</i>	449,943	454,943	464,800
<i>Block Grants</i>	249,954	264,954	257,500
<i>AIDS Drug Assistance Program</i>	167,000	167,000	285,500
<i>Early Intervention</i>	69,568	84,568	76,300
<i>Women, Children, Youth</i>	36,000	40,000	41,000
<i>Special Projects</i>			
<i>AIDS Educ. & Training Centers</i>	16,287	17,287	17,300
<i>Dental Reimbursement</i>	7,500	7,500	7,800
Subtotal	\$996,252	\$1,036,252	\$1,150,200
CDC - HIV Prevention	616,790	634,266	634,300
SAMHSA - Substance Abuse Earmark	55,122	52,920	55,122
NIH - AIDS Research	1,501,000	1,541,000	1,607,000
Subtotal	\$2,172,912	\$2,228,186	\$2,296,422
TOTAL	\$3,169,164	\$3,264,438	\$3,446,622
		+ 3%	+ 9%