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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 19, 1998

The Honorable Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick
Member of Congress
U.S. House of Representatives
503 Cannon House Office Building
First Street & Independence Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Delegation to Southern Africa Responding to AIDS Orphan Crisis

Dear Representative Kilpatrick:

This past World AIDS Day (December 1, 1998), the President requested that I lead a trip to Southern Africa to look at the growing crisis of children orphaned by AIDS. The U.S. Agency for International Development has estimated that there will be over 40 million AIDS orphans by the year 2010, most of which are in developing countries that will be unable to address their needs.

I had previously notified you of this trip and solicited expressions of interest in participating. Unfortunately, because of logistical difficulties this trip has been tentatively scheduled for the spring recess. At this time, we do not have exact dates for the trip, but assume that it will run for eight days during sometime that recess period.

At the end of this week, I will be heading to the region to begin preparations for the spring trip. Upon my return, more detailed planning will begin. We will notify your office in mid-February with a more definitive proposal and request tentative commitments from those Members interested in coming.

I very much appreciate your patience with the necessary changes in this trip, and your continued support of efforts to address the AIDS crisis both here and across the globe. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or my Deputy, Todd Summers, at (202) 456-2437. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director

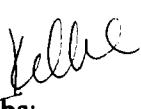
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 5, 1998

Kellie Gibbs
via fax


Dear Ms. Gibbs:

It was wonderful talking with you the other day. I am so happy to hear that Vyvx/Teleport is working with you on your film project. It is essential that we continue to build partnerships between private and public sectors in combating the HIV/AIDS epidemic, especially in Africa and other developing countries where the impact of such a collaboration is so highly beneficial.

I am leaving for Africa on January 24th, but will be back in Washington on the 7th of February. I hope we have the opportunity to get together upon my return so that I can catch up on the film's progress.

Sincerely,


Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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From: Kellie G. GBS 303-778-7978 (fax)
303-274-4901 (home #)

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SANDY,

Here's a Names Rep. article I d.d. Pub.
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were you able to fax me that note yesterday
Regarding VYUX/Teleparks Denver working on the film?

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Love *[Signature]*

By Any Other Name

Commentary
by Kellie Gibbs

What's in a name? Quite a lot if you're thinking about becoming tested for HIV. For years now, going public on one's positive sero-status has been seen as an act of bravery, leading many who do so to become "poster boys" in the fight against AIDS. Celebrities, such as athlete Magic Johnson, Olympian Greg Louganis and helless Aileen Getty, all suffered setbacks upon announcing they were HIV-positive. From angry teammates to phobic family members, the price paid for such personal disclosure was high.

"It's like the Titanic all over again. You're collecting the names of the passengers without providing the lifeboats." -Daniel Zingale, Executive Director of AIDS Action, a Washington-based advocacy group

On December 10, 1998, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) released new guidelines urging state lawmakers to implement mandatory names-based reporting of HIV in order to better track the disease. The CDC argues that states be allowed a choice on how to report (names of individuals, computer encryption or codes/numbers) while ensuring "confidentiality." While more accurate statistics would support a greater understanding of HIV infection trends, many see such government lists as a strong enough threat to lead them to fear testing altogether. Their reasons are understandable enough: breaches in "confidentiality" have occurred in the past, leading to grievous personal consequences including family abandonment, loss of jobs and housing, and social distancing. While the general public struggles to catch up on its understanding of HIV/AIDS, some living with the virus have been able to return to work thanks to current drug therapies.

The CDC claims the determination to use names or numbers should be left to individual states to decide. Something that, at least in Colorado, paints a frightening picture as a new Republican governor takes the helm. Currently, 30 states employ some form of mandatory names reporting of HIV infection while all states report AIDS cases. This occurs largely by requiring laboratories and physicians to notify local health departments with information that contains few demographics. Thus the "need" for a more broad-based system. One's right to privacy aside, questions loom as

to whether the government will use such information to help bring expensive life-prolonging drugs to those in need. The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, recently reported that state AIDS drug assistance programs — which try to fill the gaps for people who lack private insurance and don't qualify for Medicaid — served only 80,000 people with HIV in 1996, the most recent year for which data is available. This in a country where hundreds of thousands are infected with the virus. Sure, HIV/AIDS names reporting could potentially uncover infected individuals unaware of their sero-status. But with HMOs pulling the plug on PLWAs across the nation, would such information bring people closer to expensive treatments?

Terje Anderson, Executive Director of the Southern Colorado AIDS Project and a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS argues that "surveillance systems can help plan where limited prevention and care resources should most effectively be targeted, identify current and future needs, provide documentation of fiscal needs, and enhance our understanding of the epidemic we face." Isn't it already clear where HIV is currently spreading most quickly? Utilizing the CDC's very own data most have accepted that current trends point to an extremely sharp rise in African American communities, largely among women and children. HIV also continues to rise unabated among young gay men and is increasing within Hispanic communities. All in all, HIV has yet to slow significantly among America's poor, disenfranchised or medically uninsured. To whom, we ask Anderson, would these "limited" resources be directed?

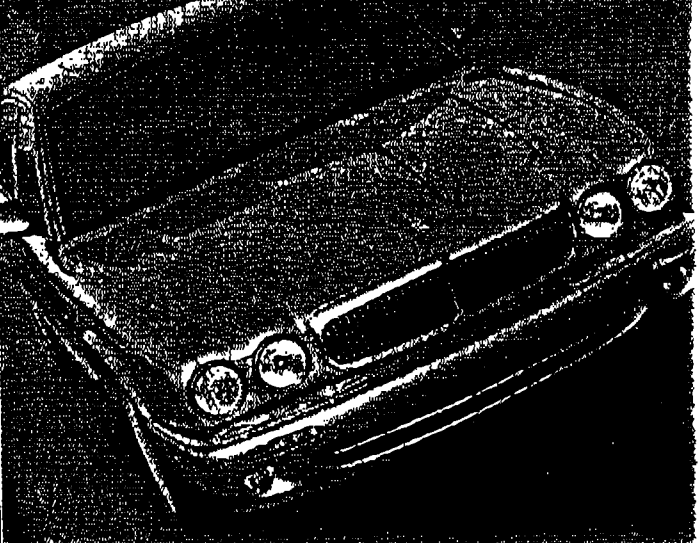
Almost two decades ago, the gay community abruptly turned the world's attention to an unknown illness that had suddenly begun assailing otherwise healthy gay men. With time, that disease became commonly known as HIV/AIDS, the "disease du jour." But today, with AIDS complacency again raising its ugly head among average Americans, would funding, donations and sponsorships of already overburdened community-based AIDS organizations suddenly surge with more data from the CDC? Few can argue that the "face of AIDS" has shifted tremendously, broadening to include other minorities and segments of our population. Yet,

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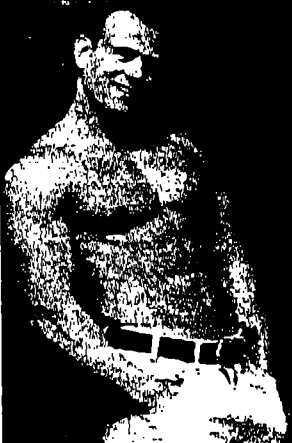
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how many of these groups have responded as swiftly and urgently as the gay community? The Colorado AIDS Project (CAP) struggles to spread limited funds among these newly emerging groups—funds largely derived from its annual AIDS Walk Colorado which took a loss in 1998 of almost a half a million dollars over the previous year.

At a women of color HIV/AIDS conference held this fall in Denver, Imani Latif, the new Director of Education for CAP told *Out Front Colorado* that "AIDS is no longer a gay disease. It is an African American disease." Latif went on to say that the fight against AIDS among African Americans is separate from that of gay men, that it is a matter of power, that it must be fought separately. Latif also argued that heterosexual people of color do not identify with gays or drug addicts, leading one to believe that education and prevention efforts must indeed become more culturally-specific, less threatening and more inclusive. For the nation's poor, many who receive government subsidy checks and Medicaid/Medicare, the fear of losing benefits because of "negative" government surveillance in any form is a real, if seemingly irrational, concern.

As the CDC fights so desperately to push HIV names reporting into law under the premise that by doing so government officials could more easily understand "where" the virus is spreading and respond, perhaps they need only look to Surgeon-General Dr. David Satcher, who remarks that "AIDS is increasingly becoming an epidemic of people of color," or Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala who recently said, "While AIDS deaths are down 47 percent... it is still the leading killer of 25- to 40-year-old African-American men (and) is still a leading killer among Hispanics." Perhaps President Clinton told us all we really need to know by stating that AIDS is now starting to strike hardest among communities where "knowledge is scarce and poverty high."

"The fact is that HIV is one of the most deadly health discrepancies between the African-American and Hispanic and white Americans. We must use all our power to end the growing disparity in HIV and AIDS," Clinton said. Now, we must ask, would names surveillance aid in bringing HIV/AIDS prevention, education and other methods to such communities? How would it help combat racism, sexism, classism and every other imaginable "ism." Or would we again be relegated to "blaming the victim."

During last year's Colorado legislative session, moderate Republican Senator Dottie Wham presented a bill for a state needle exchange program. The bill, which did not pass, would have left it up to individual cities to determine whether to implement such a program. At a press conference Sen. Wham introduced adoptive and foster mother Megan Ross and two of her children. Ross testified that, like many children born to drug-addicted and/or HIV-positive women in the past, there was a waiting period to determine if her adoptive children were HIV-positive. Because babies carry their mother's antibodies for 18 months, many later turn out not to be infected. Such was the case with Ross' children. Yet, the following day in the local newspapers, both of her children were publicly identified as having HIV/AIDS. While untrue, Ross still had to calm the fears of her childcare provider that her children posed no threat to others.

In many places, Anderson says, "active surveillance" takes place through other methods designed to overcome physician delays or failures in reporting. These may include: requiring laboratories to report diagnostic tests for AIDS-defining conditions; receiving and investigating reports of other reportable HIV-defining conditions (such as tuberculosis, etc.); reports from hospital infection control practitioners; matching of government service records (Medicaid, Ryan White, etc.) to identify potentially unre-

view patient charts for unreported cases; and review of death certificates for unreported AIDS or AIDS defining conditions. Each State takes a different approach to what is acceptable and appropriate to their locality."

In a perfect world all the assurances of safe and confidential names-based HIV surveillance by government officials would give relief. In actuality, however, partisan politics, homophobia, racism and other discriminatory practices are still the common rule. On December 1, World AIDS Day, a Florida newspaper surmised, "Convinced that AIDS is on the decline, some political leaders may be less willing to provide the money for continued research and desperately needed outreach to minority communities where the virus is gaining ground. Convinced that AIDS is no longer a threat, people of all backgrounds... may turn a deaf ear to education efforts."

Clearly, "across the board" name or even "code" reporting by the government frightens many. Following government experiments such as Tuskegee, Agent Orange and others, promises of confidentiality are not so much the question, rather how equal the exchange of truthful information. In today's high-tech world images of "Big Brother" keeping a watchful eye on the private lives of American citizens is not necessarily good news. Last summer, during the 1998 World AIDS Conference in Geneva, Dr. Leonard Horowitz, a Harvard graduate, and independent investigator, concluded that the HIV and Ebola viruses most likely evolved from early cancer virus experiments in which top military-pharmaceutical scientists infected monkeys with viral genes from other animals. Such contaminated monkeys were then used to develop viral vaccines tested on humans simultaneously in New York City and Central Africa.

As documented in Dr. Horowitz's book, "Emerging Viruses: AIDS & Ebola — Nature, Accident or Intentional," during the 1960s, National Cancer Institute (NCI) researchers, working in collaboration with military scientists, investigated and developed viruses as potential cancer triggers. Using monkeys and other animals, the investigators induced an array of illnesses now commonly linked to AIDS including leukemia, lymphoma, sarcoma, immune system suppression, and general wasting. Documented records show the leukemia/sarcoma/lymphoma cancer complex, never seen in humans prior to 1978, had been the primary focus of a highly funded, yet largely secret, "Special Virus Cancer Program." By analyzing formerly classified documents, and NCI/government contracts showing how, when, where, and why such viruses were made, Dr. Horowitz's 563 page treatise concludes that the AIDS virus likely broke out as a result of contaminated polio and hepatitis B vaccine experiments. Those implicated include top AIDS researchers, biological weapons contractors, and institutions who, the published documents show, developed and tested such immune-system-ravaging agents for the NCI and Department of Defense (DOD) during the late 60s. Today, studies on gene therapy manipulation for cancer and AIDS treatment appear more productive. One new company, IntraVec, Inc., is building on "toxic cell" research developed by Si-Yi Chen, MD, PhD, citing few side effects, normal cells are genetically modified to "produce and secrete a toxin that attacks and kills cancer cells but does not harm the carrier cell or normal cells." IntraVec's HIV treatments will be based on Chen's discovery.

As 1998 comes to a close, the CDC has yet to published its formal policy on HIV surveillance. They are in the process of developing a document of recommendations which must be approved by the Director of the CDC and the Department of Health and Human Services. That document would then be released "for" public comment. To make your "comments" heard, call your local senator and representatives. ■

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MESSAGE

Sandy, as discussed, please fax note containing following to Kellie. put it to my attention and fax to me at 303-893-1379. Thanks--we love you!!! (p.s.--when you're back K will want to talk to you about our changing the film location from RSA to Namibia)

Dear Kellie, It is great to hear that Vyvx/Teleport Denver's Robert Poletick and Jeff Bahde are working with you on your film project. [insert blah, blah, off to Africa]

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 20, 1998

Mr. Job Israel
F.C.C. Coleman (low)
P.O. Box 879
Coleman, FL 33521

Dear Mr. Israel:

Thank you for your letter. It is commendable to hear about your efforts to increase the skills of inmates in the Federal Correctional institution. I appreciate all that you are doing to increase awareness about HIV and AIDS. I wish you the best in your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sandra L. Thurman", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

"A MIND IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE"

My name is Job Isreal, and I am laboriously working to change the "mind set" of prison inmates... primarily by teaching them marketable skills. It is my belief that if we (society) truly desire to live in a heavenly social environment, we must stop intimidating each other and instead fuse all of the energies which we use for war - use them to unite for the joint purpose of making manifest our desire for peace! Thereby, causing the condition(s) of the mind to reach a higher state of refinement.

Because of World-Wide governmental corruption and scandals the world has fallen into a moral and educational quagmire. This irreparable decadency has caused the educational institutions to suffer more than any other segment of society, because the young people look to the government and the schools as their only hope.

The minds of the world are being blinded by the constant images of violence and immoral behavior. Because the world does not see a better and productive alternative to what presently exists. These results have been devastating-they have led to increased family violence, white collar crimes, and drug abuse.

My educational classes recreate moral and mental character of its students and have rebuilt from a state of degradation to a state of mental superiority and soundness. The love for the family unit is being reestablished as well as a positive, self-mental image that allows the student to be a super achiever. My educational program includes principles learned, and interaction with other inmates, the principles that are taught are everlasting principles which lead to a healthier, happier, and more productive way of life.

We must return to the old standards, my teachings induce all of our students to be responsible. This program is needed in the prison systems throughout the United States, both male and female, state, county and federal, to give these children the second chance the need.

I need your support; We are our brothers Keepers!

Sincerely,

Brother Job Isreal
Job Isreal #36245-004
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P.S. I am patiently awaiting your timely reply Mr Director

Brother Job Israel
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May 19, 1997

UNITED STATES SENATE
Attn: HONORABLE SENATOR ARLEN SPECTOR

Washington, DC 20510

M E M O

RE: 'FOLLOW UP' TO SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HEARINGS via C-SPAN ... May 2, 1997

Shalom Senator Spector,

During the committee hearings on May 2, 1997, you asked Attorney General, Janet Reno, a question "[what is happening with regard to educational opportunities for federal inmates to train and make them employable?]".

Sir, I come with the answer to your question. My name is Job Israel, reg. no. 36245-004. I hold a Masters Degree in Cosmetology and a Masters in Barbering. In 1995 at F.C.I. Fort Dix, N.J. I developed and started a barber / cosmetology training program to teach my fellow inmates a marketable skill which subsequently would give each of them some hope! This program was a great success. Bureau of Prisons' evaluators from the northeast regional office, told me they were impressed with the exceptional quality of my program and more importantly that each one of the inmates whom they interviewed at F.C.I. Fort Dix during a 'program review' in October 1996 were excited and optimistic about their career prospects. With the invaluable assistance of congressional representatives from my native state of Florida (the Honorable Carrie Meek [Committee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources] and the Honorable Robert C. 'Bobby' Scott [Committee on Economic & Educational Opportunities] in addition to Mrs. Kathleen Hawk [Director Federal B.O.P.], the barber / cosmetology program was developed to be an ongoing program at F.C.I. Fort Dix. As a matter of fact, I formally trained an inmate to teach the barber / cosmetology class(es), primarily because I was in the process of being transferred to another federal prison in my home state of Florida which would place me in closer proximity to my family. In any event, after my transfer, I later learned that the 'class' was terminated indefinitely.

Now, I am an inmate at the Federal Correctional Complex in Coleman, Florida; And as a result of the dilligent collaboration of Warden D.L. Hobbs and Associate Warden Linda Doeblin, I am scheduled to start a barber / cosmetology program here at F.C.C. Coleman [low]! I must admit, the administration at F.C.C. Coleman [low] "run a tight ship" while consistently putting emphasis on inmate educational opportunities and humane treatment of inmates so that the inmates will have the necessary tools needed to successfully re-enter the 'free world' society and become productive citizens of America and their respective countries. After painstaking communication between my former Associate Warden of Education at FCI Ft. Dix, William Wasson, and the administrators at F.C.C. Coleman [low] - Warden Hobbs, Associate Warden Doeblin, and Captain Barbara McInturff, I was informed that the barber / cosmetology program will convene here at F.C.C. Coleman on July 7, 1997!

In my professional opinion this program will not only provide career opportunities to my fellow inmates but it will also alleviate the deadly 'HIV' epidemic which can easily be transmitted in federal & state prison barber shops through the use of implements / tools which are not sterilized and/or properly maintained.

Meanwhile, the students in my classe(es) will learn about hygiene, personal hygiene, bacteriology, bacteria infections, sterilization, sanitation and I will also teach them about the acquired immune defficiency syndrome [AIDS]. Thereby, armed with this knowledge, these inmates will effectively work against contagious and communicable diseases which ultimately benefits this correctional complex at large.

Therefore, I am soliciting any and all Congressional, business and community assistance to promote this "career minded" program...not only at the Coleman complex but at other correctional facilities in the United States. Albeit, there have been some strides made within the various prison systems to provide career - oriented educational opportunities to prison inmates; However, it is a proven fact that one of the key causes of recidivism is the lack of "thorough training and practical career-focused programs" made available to all prison inmates! We (inmates) desperately need training programs such as the barber / cosmetology course to help stop this tragic trend and subsequently "get our young people back on a constructively progressive track".

Senator Spector, I have enclosed a copy of my lesson plan and also copies of 'letters of commendation' from prison inmates who have expressed how **this program has helped change their lives for the better and given them Hope!** I pray you continue to persevere in establishing more "practically sound career-oriented programs" within the United States prison system(s) and in particular I am seeking your faithful support of the barber / cosmetology program.

Thank you very much, dear sir, for taking time out of your busy schedule to listen to me and for any & all efforts you make on the behalf of my fellow prison inmates and your's truly!

'Glory to GOD YAHWEH in the highest and on earth....peace, and good will toward all men'. [Luke 2:14]

Respectfully your's,

Job Israel

Job Israel - #36245-004

[see enclosure(s)]

cc:

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Dear Brother Israel:

Thanks for the perspective. It is valuable.

Please know that all this will be shared with Editor Jim Hampton, who is in charge of the editorial pages. This will be helpful in the never-ending pursuit of thinking and rethinking.

We wish you well.

Sincerely,



Dave Lawrence

cc: Jim Hampton





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August 21, 1997

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Dear Mr. Israel:

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that the correspondence you provided to Robert Matthews, Regional Director, has been reviewed. You are to be commended for your efforts thus far in furthering the educational opportunities of inmates housed in correctional facilities nationwide and I wish you continued success in your future endeavors.

I am returning the picture you provided with your correspondence so that you may maintain it in your files.

Sincerely,

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Jody R. Upton
Executive Assistant

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October 7, 1997

Job Israel
Federal Correctional Complex
P.O. Box 879
Coleman, Florida 33521-0879

Dear Mr. Israel:

Thank you for sending me information regarding the courses you offer to inmates housed in correctional facilities. Your efforts to develop the moral and mental character of your students is noble and I commend your efforts. I wish you continued success in your future endeavors, and I appreciate your thoughtful response to my C-Span appearance.

I am forwarding your materials to Congresswoman Karen L. Thurman, your elected representative in Congress.

Sincerely,



James P. McGovern
Member of Congress

JPM:km

CONNIE MACK
FLORIDA

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0904

September 29, 1997

Job Israel
P.O. Box 879
Coleman, Florida 33521

Dear Job:

It was good to hear from you. I appreciate receiving a copy of your recent correspondence.

It is always helpful to hear your thoughts and concerns. Keeping me informed of your correspondence with others provides me with valuable insight when I make decisions for Florida here in the United States Senate. Your thoughts are important to me, and be assured, I will keep them in mind.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Connie Mack".

Connie Mack
United States Senator

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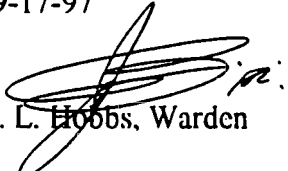


UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MEMORANDUM

Federal Correctional Complex-Low
Coleman, Florida 33521-8999

DATE: 09-17-97

REPLY TO

ATTN OF:  D. L. Hobbs, Warden

SUBJECT: BARBERING THEORY & STYLING CLASS

TO: INMATE POPULATION

FCC, Coleman-Low will be offering the Second Barbering Theory and Styling Class as part of our continuing VT Program. The cost for the book (which is mandatory for this class) is \$51.00. This book will be yours to keep upon completion of the class and will be authorized for retention.

If you are approved for this course, you will have seven (7) days to contact your Unit Counselor and sign a Form 24 which will then be routed to the Education Department. All applicants should submit a cop-out to the Captain's Office no later than September 25, 1997.

The Course is four (4) months in length with the first two (2) months to be in a classroom. The days and times are listed below:

Friday 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

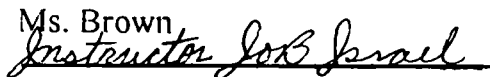
After the initial two months has elapsed the remaining two months will have the following schedule:

Saturdays will remain the same
Fridays classes will be changed to Sunday
Sunday classes will be held in the Barber Shop

This course will be taught in both English and Spanish, and books may be ordered in either language. The size of the class will be ten to twelve students. Graduates of this course will be eligible for employment in the Inmate Barber Shop. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Ms. Westley or Ms. Brown.

cc: Unit Managers
Inmate Bulletin Boards

Ms. Brown



Hands on Barber/Cosmetology Training in the Barber Shop

Theory Class 7:30 to 9:30 AM Team #1 11:00 to 3:30 PM Team #2 5:00 to 8:30 PM

DAILY SIGN-IN LOG

Instructor Job Israel

Coleman Low Barber/Styling Class

DATE: 10/5/97

NAME	NUMBER	
1 Theory Class 7:30 to 9:30 AM.		
2 Victor Rhynes	18005-018	
3 MICHAEL COWARD	09365-002	10-5-97
4 FRANKLYN WILLIAMS	42492-019	10-5-97
5 David Nelson	09175-017	10-5-97
6 FRITZ NORTE LUS	30457-004	10-5-97
7 Juan Carlos Andino	17577-004	10-5-97
8 Juan Padilla	20209-018	10-5-97
9 Warren Levy	03370-015	10-5-97
10 Celio Rodriguez	37541-004	10-5-97
11 JORGE QUINTERO	43822-004	10/5/97
12 Team # 1	11:00 to 3:30 P.M.	Sign in
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Job Israel
Reg. No. 36245-004
Federal Correctional Complex
Low Security Institution
P.O. Box 879
Coleman, Florida 33521-0879

Dear Mr. Israel:

This response is to your letter regarding the benefits of your cosmetology/barber program at the F.C.I. Fort Dix facility. My thanks for the copy of your letter to Secretary of Labor Alexis M. Herman. Improving the future prospects of prison inmates by teaching them marketable skills is a vital part of preparing them for life outside of prison. It is also refreshing to hear that students undergo moral refinement in your program to complement their newly acquired skills. Your program is quite impressive and has obviously touched the lives of many of your fellow inmates. On behalf of Secretary of Labor Alexis M. Herman, I would like to salute you for your efforts in implementing such a program. However, The Federal Bureau of Prisons, which you have already contacted, is better apt to facilitate your request. The Department of Labor seeks to ensure that all Americans have access to the resources they need for employment success. The following information may prove useful to inmates upon their release.

The Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) authorizes training and employment programs administered by the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) of the Department of Labor. Under JTPA, training and related assistance are available to economically disadvantaged youth and adults, dislocated workers, and others who face significant barriers to employment. JTPA programs are operated at the State and local levels based on local labor market needs and opportunities.

JTPA programs are focused on individuals who have the greatest difficulties in obtaining employment. In Section 203 (b) (4) of the Act, offenders, among other groups of individuals, are identified for special consideration. Additionally, Section 121 (c) (3) of the Act specifically mentions offenders as among those whom the Governor may determine to require special services.

For details on programs in Florida, I suggest you contact:

Mr. James F. Mathews
Department of Labor and Employment Security
Division of Labor, Employment & Training
1320 Executive Center Drive, # 300
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0667
Phone: (904) 488-7228

The Job Service is also a source of information on training and employment opportunities. It will be listed in the State government section of the telephone directory under Employment Security Commission, Employment Service, or Job Service.

You should also be aware of the Federal Bonding Program (FBP) as a possible resource. This program provides fidelity bonding insurance coverage, sometimes called "dishonesty bonding," to ex-offenders who are qualified for but fail to get jobs when regular commercial bonding is denied due to their backgrounds. The Job Service will be able to provide you with more information on the FBP.

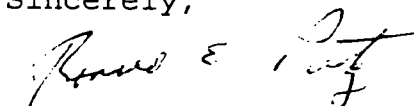
Finally, should you wish to further your education, financial assistance may be available. For information, please contact the:

U.S. Department of Education
Federal Student Aid Information Center
P.O. Box 84
Washington, D.C. 20044
Telephone: 1-800-433-3243

I have enclosed the following documents that I hope will be helpful: a Fact Sheet on ETA Opportunities for Ex-Offenders, which summarizes much of the information contained herein and discusses other programs as well; a Fact Sheet on JTPA; an article on the FBP; and an article with some good advice on steps to take in your job search.

You are to be commended for your genuine interest in the transformation of prisoners to productive citizens. I wish you the best of luck and continued success with your program.

Sincerely,



RONALD PUTZ
Chief
Office of Employment
and Training Programs

Enclosures

MAXINE WATERS

MEMBER OF CONGRESS
35TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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September 3, 1997

Brother Job Isreal
#36245-004
P.O. Box 879 (FCC Coleman Low)
Coleman, FL 32822

Dear Brother Isreal:

Thank you for informing my office about the programs you have implemented within the penal system in Florida.

Because of the tremendous volume of requests I receive from people across the country, I am not able to provide all of the information and services individuals request.

Having reviewed your information, I suggest you contact one of the CBC Representatives for Florida; Congresswoman Carrie Meek's office is located at City Natl Bank Bldg, 25 West Flagler, Room 1015, Miami, FL 33130; or Congressman Alcee Hastings' office is located at 2701 West Oakland Park Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311; or Congresswoman Corrine Brown's office is located at 101 SE 2nd Place, Suite 106, Gainesville, FL 32601.

I am sure these Members of CBC will be interested in the programs you have developed.

Sincerely,



MAXINE WATERS
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

MW:mm

ALCEE L. HASTINGS
230 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT,
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Mr. Job Israel, 36245-004
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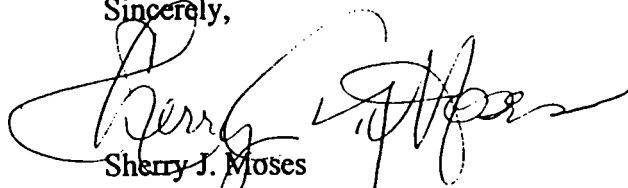
Dear Mr. Israel:

On behalf of Congressman Hastings, I am taking the liberty of responding to the information that we received on your behalf from Congresswoman Maxine Waters.

It was indeed a pleasure to read of the cosmetology/barbering programs that you have instituted within the Federal Bureau of Prisons system. If there are any specific ways that our office can be of assistance to you in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Sherry J. Moses
Congressional Aide

SJM/sm

CARRIE P. MEEK
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October 21, 1996

Mr. Job Israel
F.C.I. Fort Dix
P.O. Box 2000
Fort Dix, N.J. 08640

Dear Mr. Israel:

I am forwarding to you a reply I received regarding my inquiry on your behalf.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. I want you to know that I was pleased to be of assistance to you in this matter.

Please feel free to contact me again in the future if I may be of assistance to you in any other way.

Sincerely,

CARRIE P. MEEK
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

A Cry Out From the Tomb

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By Job Israel

They call him "Brother Job." His real name is Job Israel, Prisoner #36245-004, incarcerated in the Federal Correctional Institute at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He instituted an inmate barber/cosmetology training course, and is the author of the following article.

Congress legislative powers over organizations are defined in Article (1) of the U.S. Constitution. Congress writes federal laws, and has the power to investigate matters of public concern, monitor federal agencies and programs, and can impeach federal officials.

In Matthew, 9:8-13 (Christ's Mission), Jesus states: "For I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

This class is helping these young inmates reach a high level of achievement, which is evident by their practical skills and their strong willingness to learn.

We must help our own people to change their destructive mind-set. It's taken over a year, but I started the F.C.I. Fort Dix Barber/Cosmetology training program to teach these young men a marketable skill to give them some hope. This has been done with no support from Lt. Wright, the Black man who heads the Fort Dix Barber Shop. He said, "You don't need to teach them anything - they're coming right back to prison." And Mr. Bellintoni, head of the Education Department, told me and other inmates that the Education

"Lack of proper training and education of inmates has been a key cause for them returning to prison again and again."

Mr. Morrow then called Mr. Bellintoni, who incredibly rejected this gift, as did Associate Warden Joe Ludgate. Then Mr. Bellintoni, Lt. Wright, Judge Ludgate and Warden Hurley stopped the students from having their hands-on training in the barber shop! Our lesson plan calls for two months' theory and two months' hands-on practice in Barbering/Cosmetology. Without this crucial hands-on experience and without hair products with which to work, it is as difficult for these men to learn as it would be for them to learn to swim without water.

My vision for this training program is that when these young people are released from prison, they can get a good job by writing to the state board for an apprentice license, and then work under a Master Barber or Cosmetologist for two years, pass the state board exam, get their license and transform their lives.

We are soliciting any and all Congressional, business, and community assistance in promoting this program--not only at Fort Dix, but at other correctional facilities in the United States. The lack of proper in-prison training and education of inmates has been shown to be a key cause for them returning again and again to prison. We desperately need training programs like this to stop this negative trend, and get our young people back on the right positive track!

"The training program provides these young men with a marketable skill and hope."



Brother Job, center, pictured with prison inmates enrolled in his barber/cosmetology training program.

If you have not been in prison, you won't understand what I'm saying. All you can get while incarcerated is a GED, but you need a college degree to get a real job in free society today.

All of my students are Black. I tell them that it's not their fault they're in prison. It's our so-called Black businessmen of America who moved out of the Black community, leaving them with the prostitutes, pimps and drug dealers. The children pattern or model themselves after whatever they see.

Department is not there to educate inmates, but only occupy their minds

Mr. Bellintoni said he was not going to spend a dime on our class for products or tools, but if I could get someone to donate what we needed, he would accept them. I called Mr. Willie Morrow, President of the California Curl Company. He said it was a wonderful thing that I was doing, and he would be happy to supply the things I needed to teach the class, at no cost to us.

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Brother Job Israel
Federal Inmate Register #36245-004
P.O. Box 879 (FCC Coleman (low))
Coleman, Florida 33521

Dear Brother Israel:

My thanks for the copy of your letter to Senator Specter. Your barber/cosmetology training program at F.C.I. Fort Dix sounds very interesting. Inadequate opportunities for learning are a key reason many people find themselves in our nation's prison system in the first place. Hopefully, your program will give students the second chance they need.

You have obviously touched the lives of many of your fellow prisoners. Career-focused education programs are a vital part of the rehabilitation of prisoners. The HIV awareness training you provide is also extremely important. I will be sure to keep your program as we look at ways to deal with issues like crime, punishment and rehabilitation.

Best of luck to you.

Kindest regards,



Porter Goss
Member of Congress

PG:pm

FEBRUARY 1997

FCC COLEMAN-LOW BARBER STYLING CLASS OUTLINE

Instructor JoB Israel

Subjects:

1. Career opportunities for Barber - Styling
 - a. Barber/Stylist
 - b. Barber/Stylist Shop Manager
 - c. Shop owner
 - d. Sales and Marketing
 - e. Competition and Platform Specialist
(working for hair product manufacturer)
2. Your professional image
 - a. Hygiene
 - b. Personal hygiene
 - c. Healthy life style
 - e. Healthy thoughts
3. Bacteriology
 - a. Types of bacteria
 - b. Bacteria growth and reproduction
 - c. Bacteria infections
 - d. Aids - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
4. Sterilization, sanitation, and safe work practices
 - a. Methods of sterilization and sanitation
 - b. Rules of sanitation and public sanitation
5. Implements, tools, and equipment
 - a. Introduction to combs and care of haircutting shears, thinning shears, electric clippers, trimmers, outliners, and other barber-styling accessories
6. Properties and disorders of the skin, scalp, and hair
 - a. Histology of the skin
 - b. Skin elasticity
7. Treatment of the hair and scalp
 - a. Draping for wet hair service
 - b. Draping for dry or chemical hair service
 - c. Types of shampoo
 - d. Hair rinses
 - e. Conditioners
 - f. Scalp treatments (dandruff, dry scalp, alopecia/premature baldness)
8. Hair cutting and Styling

- a. Basic principles of hairstyling
(Which hairstyle should it be?)
 - b. Facial types
 - c. Fundamental principles of haircutting
(finger and shear technique/clipper and comb technique)
9. Mustache and beard design
 10. Permanent waving
 11. Chemical hair relaxing and soft curl permanents

About The Instructor

My name is Job Israel 36245-004. I hold a Masters in Cosmetology and a Masters in Barbering. I have instructed these subjects for some thirty years. I have operated as a sole-proprietor for approximately ten years. I have owned a barber and beauty supply business. I served in the U.S. Army as company barber (1963-66). I have served as personal barber to such notable as Jackie Wilson, Muhammed Ali, and Sugar Ray Leonard. I've served as beauty and hairstyling consultant for the movie industry such as Victor, As The World Turns.

This program is designed to produce professional, knowledgeable barber/stylists who can replace those barbers who are lost to this institution through attrition. Our barbers will be cross-trained to service ALL TYPES of hair. They will also be able to identify contagious or communicable diseases to be referred to the medical staff.

There are three areas that have barber apprentice programs - New York State, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C. An apprentice in these areas can work under a master barber for 24 months, study for the state barber examination and upon passing it, will receive a State license, all without attending a formal barber college.

Barbers can earn from \$8 - 1,500 per week, an income which would provide the opportunity to be self-supportive.

Thank You!!

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Subject

Barber/cosmetology program

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Writer proposes program for career training, as well as alleviating HIV infection possibilities by teaching proper sterilization of barber tools

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 20, 1998

Elaine O'Keefe
Chair, HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee
National Association of County and City Health Officials
440 First Street, NW, Suite 450
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Ms. O'Keefe:

It was my pleasure to participate in the first meeting of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee. I am glad to know that NACCHO is already fast at work on issues we discussed. The steps everyone has taken are encouraging and I appreciate hearing that NACCHO is enthusiastic about working on the front lines of prevention, the needle exchange debate, managed care and HIV treatment, HIV reporting, correctional issues and much more.

It was great to meet you and I thoroughly enjoyed the visit. I look forward to working with you and the Advisory Committee more closely in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra L. Thurman", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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December 29, 1997

Sandra Thurman
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Office of National AIDS Policy
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Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Thurman:

On behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), I would like to thank you for participating in the first meeting of the NACCHO HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee. Your presentation of national priorities was enlightening and served to spark a lively discussion on how NACCHO can help to move the national debate forward on these issues.

Of particular interest were the discussions around the issues facing drug assistance programs, working with corrections, and lifting restrictions on needle exchange programs. As one of the largest public health associations in the nation, representing nearly 3000 local health entities, NACCHO is in a unique position to assist in advancing goals in these priority areas. As a beginning, NACCHO will (1) issue a legislative alert to our membership regarding the needle exchange debate in Congress, (2) identify NACCHO members that have mayors and/or law enforcement officials in their communities that support needle exchange programs, and (3) develop resolutions on correctional issues, managed care and HIV treatment, and HIV reporting. We will forward this information to you as it is developed. Furthermore, through NACCHO's monthly and bi-monthly publications, we will assure that the larger NACCHO membership is aware of these issues, and we will encourage them to work with their local and state legislators accordingly.

We look forward to working more closely with you, and will work to deliver HIV-related messages of national significance at the local, state, and national levels. Feel free to contact me at (203) 385-4090 to discuss opportunities for NACCHO to assist your national HIV policy initiatives. You may also contact NACCHO staff members Grace Gorenflo and Michael Meit at (202) 783-5550 at any time.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Elaine O'Keefe
Chair, HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 15, 1998



[0019]

Thank you for your letter, regarding my appearance on the Montel Williams Show. I appreciate hearing your story and encourage you to continue researching about HIV.

Enclosed you will find articles about HIV and pregnancy, information which you requested for. This information was printed off the Internet. You may be able to find more from the Centers for Disease Control National AIDS Clearinghouse at:

P.O. Box 6003

Rockville, MD 20849-6003

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

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Correspondence - Sandra L. Thurman - Outgoing - 1/98

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Sender's City	Sender's State	Sender's Zip	
Subject			
Seeking advice re hiv/pregnacy			
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Jennifer
small
Good research
Project.

Also you send us.
Some info that you can
dig to?

Also, please call
her to let her
know that you are
working on it.

AIDS Policy Center is
another place she might
want to contact.
They deal w/
children

Gracie!

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Jan 6, 1998 [001c]

Dear Sandra Thurman,

I am from Danville, Va.
and I saw you on the Montel Williams
Show. My name is [redacted] my
maiden name was [redacted] India,

I contracted the virus in 1991 and now
I'm 33 years old. I'm taking a
drug cocktail with a ~~protease~~ protease inhibitor.
Unfortunately I have tried a lot of the
protease inhibitors and my viral load
has gone up so I'm scheduled to go
to an interview in Chapel Hill, N.C.
to participate in a new drug study.

Sandra, Can you give me some advice
on what you know about HIV and pregnancy?
Please write at your convenience.

[redacted]
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 14, 1998

Honorable Donna Shalala
Department of Health and Human Services
Hubert H. Humphrey Building
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Shalala:

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to participate as a keynote speaker at the White House Leadership Summit on Women and HIV/AIDS. This Summit will be held on March 6, 1998.

The purpose of this meeting is to explore the issues surrounding HIV/AIDS and women and to bring that critical link to the forefront of our women's health agenda. Invitees include national leaders in areas ranging from academia and business to representatives of women's organizations and members of the HIV/AIDS advocacy community. Your presence at this event will highlight the significance of the epidemic in the lives of women, a population whose rates of infection are climbing at alarming rates. Discussions of health care and support services, participation in clinical trials and substance abuse for women living with HIV/AIDS are of paramount importance in our national effort to curtail this epidemic both here and abroad.

We hope that you will be able to participate. Should you have any questions about the Summit, please feel free to call me at (202) 632-1090.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra L. Thurman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 13, 1998

Barbara Shailor
Director
International Affairs Department
AFL-CIO
815 16th St., N.W.
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Shailor:

Thank you so much for a lovely lunch last week. I am very pleased that we were able to put a COSATU meeting on my Africa schedule. I am also looking forward to speaking at the George Meany Center in February.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

*P.S. Let's get together
for a drink some time!*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 13, 1998

Mr. Harry Kamberis
Executive Director
Solidarity Center, AFL-CIO
1925 K St., NW
Suite 300
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Kamberis:

It was wonderful to see you for lunch last week. I am sure your 11 years in the foreign service has served you well as you work through the maze of bureaucracy! Please let Tom or I know about any future proposals that the AFL-CIO develops in the area of AIDS research and prevention.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 13, 1998

Ms. Juliette Lenoir
Coordinator, Africa Region
Solidarity Center, AFL-CIO
1925 K St., NW
Suite 300
Washington, DC 20006

It was great to meet you for lunch last week. Your friend Renee Saunders of AID in South Africa has done a terrific job in putting together my program in cooperation with USIA. I look forward to hearing more from you in the future about Labor's work throughout Africa on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 9, 1998

Honorable David Waks
Mayor
Township of Wayne
475 Valley Road
Wayne, NJ 07470-3586

Dear Mayor Waks:

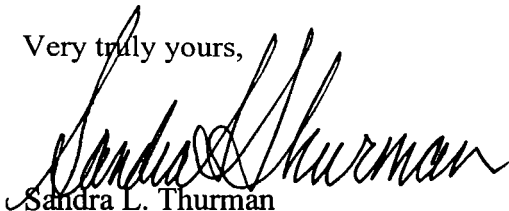
Thank you for your recent letter to the President regarding funding for the Ryan White CARE Act. I want to assure you that the Clinton Administration remains committed to this program as well as to finding a cure for AIDS and a vaccine to protect us all.

As you may have recently heard, the President will be asking for an \$165 million increase in Ryan White CARE Act funding in FY 1999, \$100 million of which is for AIDS treatments. Funding for AIDS research, prevention and care increased by more than 50 percent during the first term of the Clinton Administration and, over the past two years, funding for NIH vaccine research and development has increased over 33 percent. Drug accessibility remains a priority as new, life-sustaining drug therapies are introduced. In response to these developments, funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program has tripled, while funding for the Ryan White CARE Act increased 198 percent.

This epidemic is far from over. We recognize the continuing need for HIV prevention programs, vaccine development efforts, and access to health care, housing, and research for all people living with HIV and AIDS, including access to the latest developments in HIV therapy. We will continue our work on behalf of the millions of people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and to be an advocate for adequate funding for each and every federal program that benefits them.

Thanks 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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 9, 1998

Richard W. Valachovic, DMD
Executive Director
American Association of Dental Schools
1625 Massachusetts Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20036-2212

Dear Dr. Valachovic:

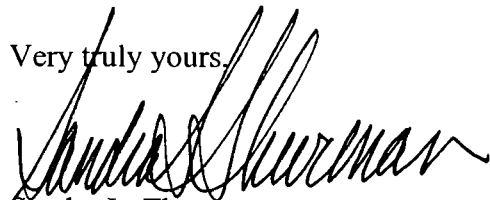
Thank you for your recent letter to the President regarding funding for the HIV/AIDS Dental Reimbursement Program of the Ryan White CARE Act. I want to assure you that the Clinton Administration remains committed to this program as well as to finding a cure for AIDS and a vaccine to protect us all.

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Thanks 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

PLM TO DEBBIE JONES, ROOM 75

Please do the following with
the attached letter:

- ☐ Send to Agency Liaison for
appropriate action
- ☐ Send to Agency Liaison for
direct routing (no cover
letter) to:

- ☐ Send to Agency Liaison for
Jim Dorskind cover letter
and routing to:

☒ Other: to Todd

Summers in

WH AIDS Policy for
Sandy Thurman's response

Name: Sarah Knight

Phone: 65574

3 sep. letters →

Same subject

T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

DECEMBER 18, 1997

TO: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON AIDS

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 241852
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 3, 1997
TO: PRESIDENT CLINTON
FROM: THE HONORABLE DAVID WAKS
MAYOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WAYNE
475 VALLEY ROAD
WAYNE NJ 07470

SUBJECT: URGES PRESIDENT TO SUPPORT THE FULL REQUESTED
FUNDING OF \$ 570 MILLION FOR TITLE I OF THE
RYAN WHITE CARE ACT

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-2590.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
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RECORDS MANAGEMENT, ROOM 74, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT
THE WHITE HOUSE

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 10, 1997

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DAVID WAKS

SUBJECT: URGES PRESIDENT TO SUPPORT THE FULL REQUESTED
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REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE
(ROOM 75, OEOB) EXT-2590
KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING
LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
MANAGEMENT.

township of Wayne

241852

Send Michael
Office of the Mayor
David Waks

475 Valley Road
Wayne, New Jersey 07470-3586
(201) 694-1800
FAX: (201) 694-8136

November 3, 1997

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

Re: Funding for Title I of the Ryan White CARE Act.

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to you to urge that you do everything that you can to support the full requested funding of \$570 million for Title I of the Ryan White CARE Act. If that funding is not granted, there will be many more deaths and new HIV infections that could have been prevented.

Thank you for your consideration and for caring.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


DAVID WAKS
Mayor

DW/bt

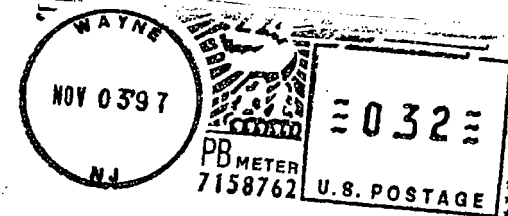
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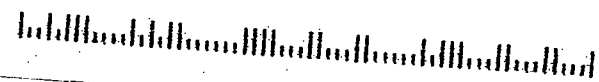
Office of the Mayor

475 Valley Road, Wayne, New Jersey 07470-3586



President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

DECEMBER 18, 1997

TO: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON AIDS

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 241648

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 5, 1997

TO: PRESIDENT CLINTON

FROM: MR. RICHARD W. VALACHOVIC DMD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL
SCHOOLS
1625 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON DC 20036

SUBJECT: SUBMITS RECOMMENDATION FOR FUNDING THE RYAN
WHITE HIV / AIDS DENTAL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM
IN FY '99; URGES PRESIDENT TO REQUEST \$9
MILLION FOR THE RYAN WHITE HIV / AIDS
REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM OF FY '99 BUDGET

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THE WHITE HOUSE

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 07, 1997

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. RICHARD W. VALACHOVIC DMD

SUBJECT: SUBMITS RECOMMENDATION FOR FUNDING THE RYAN
WHITE HIV / AIDS DENTAL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM
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American Association
of Dental Schools

1625 Massachusetts
Avenue, NW
Washington, DC
20036-2212

202.667.9433

241648

November 5, 1997

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the American Association of Dental Schools (AADS), I respectfully submit our recommendation for funding the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Dental Reimbursement program in Fiscal Year 1999. The AADS urges you to request \$9 million for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Reimbursement program in your Fiscal Year 1999 budget.

The AADS represents all of the dental schools in the United States, as well as advanced education, hospital and allied dental education institutions. It is within these institutions that future practitioners, educators, and researchers are trained; significant dental care provided; and the majority of dental research conducted. The AADS is the one national organization that speaks exclusively for dental education. Accordingly, we are the primary advocate for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Dental Reimbursement program, under Part F of the Ryan White CARE Act.

As you know, the purpose of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Dental Reimbursement program is to partially offset the rising, unreimbursed costs faced by dental education institutions in providing care to people living with HIV/AIDS. HIV patients, as a group, suffer a high incidence of oral disease. Extreme pain in the mouth is frequently the symptom that leads these patients to seek care. In fact, many of the first physical manifestations of HIV infection are found in the oral cavity; therefore a dentist is often the first health care professional to diagnose these patients.

Receiving prompt diagnosis and appropriate treatment for these oral diseases is often difficult for uninsured, low income individuals because dental services are seldom covered by Medicaid for adults. Dental benefits are rarely included in a basic health insurance plan in the public or private sector. The lack of sufficient reimbursement is particularly profound for those dental education clinics providing care for a significant number of HIV/AIDS patients.

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Dental Reimbursement program provides funds to dental education programs in recognition of the significant expenditures they incur by serving a disproportionate share of people living with HIV/AIDS. The program facilitates treatment of patients by partially alleviating some of the financial burden faced by institutions, allowing some dental treatment facilities to stay open despite chronic under-reimbursement.



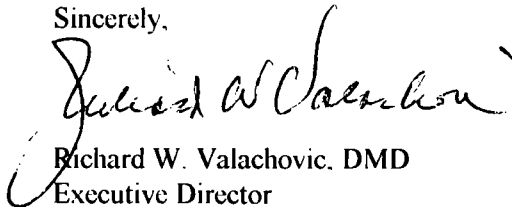
The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
October 31, 1997
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In 1997, 104 dental education programs provided oral health services to over 69,000 patients for which they collectively incurred \$15 million in uncompensated costs. The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Dental Reimbursement program retrospectively reimbursed these programs a total of \$7.3 million for services delivered. Although \$7.5 million was appropriated for this program in FY 1997, a small percentage must be retained by HRSA for evaluation and technical assistance efforts. While the award averaged less than fifty percent of each institution's costs, this support enables these institutions to continue to provide critical oral health services to people living with HIV/AIDS.

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Dental Reimbursement program is an important component of our national response to the AIDS virus. **For these reasons, the AADS respectfully urges you to seek a modest increase in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Dental Reimbursement program of \$1.5 million, for a total of \$9 million in FY 1999.**

Please have your staff contact Mr. Scott Litch, General Counsel and Assistant Executive Director, Division of Government Affairs, at 202-667-9433 ext. 123, if the AADS can be of any assistance or answer any questions you may have about this program.

Sincerely,

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Richard W. Valachovic, DMD
Executive Director

cc: Franklin Raines, Director
Office of Management and Budget



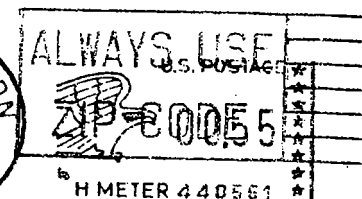
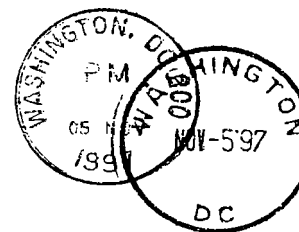
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The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 12, 1998

Sweet Honey and the Rock
P.O. Box 204
Burtonsville, MD 20866

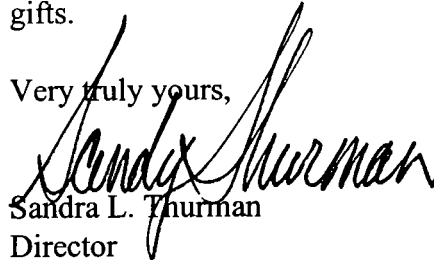
To My Friends of Sweet Honey!

Thank you so much for taking the time to join us for the World AIDS Day service here in Washington.

Your performance was the highlight of the evening! I cannot tell you how moved I was by the power of your music, your warmth on stage and off, and by the energy you brought to everyone who attended. It was truly remarkable.

I hope that we have the opportunity to be together in the near future. Again, many thanks from all of us--and on behalf of all those thousands of women, men and children touched by the AIDS epidemic--for sharing your wonderful gifts.

Very truly yours,

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director

Office of National AIDS Policy



Substance Abuse and Mental
Health Services Administration
Rockville MD 20857

DEC 15 1997

Ms. Sandra Thurman
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy
The White House
808 17th Street NW, Suite 820
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Thurman:

This letter is to acknowledge that LCDR Brad Austin will serve a detail to the Intergovernmental Task Force on AIDS beginning December 16. While on this four month detail, LCDR Austin will report to Mr. Todd Summers, Deputy Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP). I have selected LCDR Austin because of his expertise with both HIV/AIDS and substance abuse treatment issues. While working in your office, he will:

- help coordinate a more effective response to collaborative efforts between the fields of substance abuse treatment, mental health, and HIV prevention efforts;
- provide expertise to The White House and ONAP on substance abuse treatment issues; and
- continue collaboration efforts between SAMHSA, CDC and NIH on issues concerning the intersection of HIV, substance abuse and gay and bisexual males.

LCDR Austin is well suited to provide expertise to your office and I am confident his service will be of great benefit.

David J. Mactas
Director
Center for Substance Abuse Treatment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 5, 1997

David J. Mactas
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Rockville, MD 20857

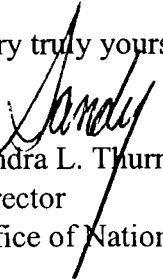
Dear David,

Thank you for allowing LCDR Brad Austin to work with us at the Office of National AIDS Policy. I am certainly hopeful that his expertise will help us to a better job of responding to the issues of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS.

I understand that you and Todd will be meeting later this week. No doubt you will come up with some additional ways that we can work more closely together.

Please let me know if there is anything we can do to help you in your work.

Very truly yours,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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January 9, 1998

Honorable David Waks
Mayor
Township of Wayne
475 Valley Road
Wayne, NJ 07470-3586

Dear Mayor Waks:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President 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.

As you may have recently heard, the President will be asking for an \$165 million increase in Ryan White CARE Act funding in FY 1999, \$100 million of which is for AIDS treatments. Funding for AIDS research, prevention and care increased by more than 50 percent during the first term of the Clinton Administration and, over the past two years, funding for NIH vaccine research and development has increased over 33 percent. Drug accessibility remains a priority as new, life-sustaining drug therapies are introduced. In response to these developments, funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program has tripled, while funding for the Ryan White CARE Act increased 198 percent.

This epidemic is far from over. We recognize the continuing need for HIV prevention programs, vaccine development efforts, and access to health care, housing, and research for all people living with HIV and AIDS, including access to the latest developments in HIV therapy. We will continue our work on behalf of the millions of people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and to be an advocate for adequate funding for each and every federal program that benefits them.

Thanks 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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January 9, 1998

Richard W. Valachovic, DMD
Executive Director
American Association of Dental Schools
1625 Massachusetts Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20036-2212

Dear Dr. Valachovic:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President regarding funding for the HIV/AIDS Dental Reimbursement Program of 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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Director

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January 9, 1998

Phyllis Sharps, Ph.D., R.N.
Ruth Harris, Ph.D., R.N.
University of Maryland School of Nursing
Health Science Facility, Room 134
685 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Ms. Sharps and Ms. Harris:

The Office of National AIDS Policy is pleased and proud to support University of Maryland School of Nursing's new Sanctuary Project. This exciting and innovative project offers hope and self-sufficiency for chemically dependent women. As the spread of HIV relates to substance abuse, it is certainly encouraging to know the Sanctuary will be equipping women with not only primary health care, but also the skills and ability to quit drugs and lead healthy lives.

I wish you the best in undertaking this project of great proportions, but also one with obvious immense rewards.

Sincerely,

Sandra Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy