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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Date: March 18, 1998
To: Kevin Thurm, Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services
From:  Sandra L. Thurman, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy
Subject: Agency Representation, National Minority HIV Plan Meeting

The Department of Health and Human Services, through the Office of Minority Health/Office of the Secretary (OMH) has been working over the past months to develop a National Minority HIV Plan that focuses on the HIV prevention, service and research needs of racial and ethnic communities. Mr. Matthew Murguia, who is serving as an agency representative from OMH to the Interdepartmental Task Force on HIV/AIDS in the Office of National AIDS Policy is coordinating this project for OMH.

I am extremely interested in this plan and look forward to its completion in the near future. I am aware that on April 6 and 7, the National Minority HIV Plan Working Group, comprised of both community representatives and federal agency staff, will be meeting in Washington, D.C., to discuss implementation steps for each of the recommendations.

Given the focus and importance of the National Plan and this meeting, I would appreciate it if you would encourage the Operating Divisions in the Department of Health and Human Services to send as high-level an individual as possible to this meeting to represent them.

As you know, the National Minority HIV Plan is an outgrowth of a commitment made by Secretary Shalala during the 1994 National Minority AIDS Congress; the Office of National AIDS Policy is pleased to support its development. I am excited about this Plan and the potential it has in furthering our efforts to address the HIV-related needs of racial and ethnic minority communities.

I would appreciate it if the agencies would provide the name(s) of the individual(s) who will be representing their agency at this meeting to Mr. Matthew Murguia at 202-632-1090, no later than April 1.

Thank you for your support of this important project which I know will advance our efforts to address HIV in these critical populations.

cc: Dr. Clay Simpson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 27, 1998

Ethan Nadelmann
Lindesmith Center
Open Society Institute
400 West 59th Street
New York, NY 10019

Dear Mr. Nadelmann:

Thank you for sending me a copy of Foreign Affairs, Commonsense Drug Policy. It was enlightening and particularly relevant, with regards to the current heated needle exchange debate. I appreciate your thoughts and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sandra L. Thurman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sandra" and last name "Thurman" clearly distinguishable.

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

GEORGE SOROS
(Chairman)

ARYEH NEIER
(President)

February 23, 1998

Director Sandra Thurman
Office of National AIDS Policy
808 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Director Thurman,

You may be interested in the enclosed article on drug policy. The author is Ethan Nadelmann, director of The Lindesmith Center and coordinator of most of my initiatives in the area of drug policy. He would welcome any comments. His contact information is included below.

Sincerely,



George Soros

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 27, 1998

Jeannette Blaschke, M.D.
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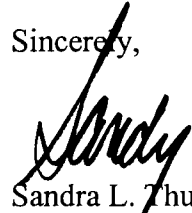
Dear Dr. Blaschke:

I want to thank you for your time here at the Office of National AIDS Policy. Your contributions in the development of an important monograph on women and AIDS have already proven valuable and will continue to be of great use to this office.

The willingness of individuals such as yourself to give freely of their time gives me great hope for a better future for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Thank you for your commitment to this office and for your support of this Administration and its efforts to make a better America for all Americans.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR NANCY-ANN MINN DEPARLE

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

CC: Kathy King

Date: March 11, 1998

Re: **INTERNAL TASK FORCE ON HIV TREATMENT ACCESS**

I would like to establish a task force of senior administration officials to address the need for expanding access to HIV treatment for those that are currently under-served. This would include, but not be limited to, any measures that can be taken to increase access to Medicaid and Medicare.

We have discussed this concept with Kevin Thurm, Eric Goosby, and others; they have been very supportive. Kevin asked that I check in with you to make sure that you are comfortable with the idea and to seek your guidance on participants. I have asked Todd to work on this, and know that he has been in communication with Kathy. However, we have not gotten any feedback and need to put something together on paper before the President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS comes to town this weekend.

May I ask that Kathy, Gary or someone else from your shop get in touch with Todd as soon as possible to get us your feedback? Thank you for your help!

453-1964

MEMORANDUM

To: Bruce Reed
From: Sandy Thurman
Date: March 9, 1998
Re: Needle Exchange

This memorandum is designed to provide an update on issues surrounding the current ban on federal funding for needle exchange programs.

More data has been reported

Studies in Baltimore and Seattle continue to indicate both that needle exchange programs decrease the rate of HIV transmission and that participants who receive their referrals to drug treatment through these programs have a better retention rate than others.

Congressional Republicans appear to be losing interest in the issue

Satcher nomination

Many have worried for quite some time that the issue of needle exchange would complicate the confirmation of Dr. Satcher. While Senator Ashcroft did mention needle exchange briefly on the Senate floor, it seemed fairly clear that the issue did not resonate with other Members, the press, or the public. It did not take Ashcroft long to drop discussion of needle exchange in favor of the ethics of the AZT trials in Africa. Thankfully Dr. Satcher has now been confirmed.

Coburn amendment

The Health Subcommittee of the House Commerce Committee held a hearing last week on HIV prevention. During the hearing, Dr. Coburn asked a panel of his witnesses (the World Health Organization and county, city, and state health officials) if they believed that needle exchange was an effective public health strategy. They initially commented that they had been asked to testify on the issues of HIV testing and reporting, not needle exchange. However, when he pushed them to answer -- they all stated that scientific evidence had demonstrated that needle exchange programs are effective. This was particularly interesting given that these health officials were chosen by Coburn because "they are independent thinkers who are not in the pocket of the AIDS community". In fact, these witnesses disagree with the community on issues of testing and reporting.

Gingrich, Hasert

Recently, Reps. Gingrich and Hasert (who offered the Coburn amendment) held a press conference on the Administration's drug policy and did not mention needle exchange.

Congressional Democrats Voice Support for Needle Exchange Programs

Congressional Black and Hispanic Caucuses

The Congressional Black and Hispanic Caucuses have writted the President to express their support for needle exchange programs. Their support is based on concern over the disproportionate impact of HIV on blacks and latinos arising from injection drug use.

Gephardt Support

Rep. Gephardt recently released a letter offering his support of needle exchange programs.

Public Continues to Support Needle Exchange Programs

Three public opinion polls (Tarance, Harris, and the Kaiser Family Foundation) all show strong support for needle exchange programs. Negative polling data have been released, but imply a choice between needle exchange and drug treatment that renders the results spurious. Even the Family Research Council dropped questions on needle exchange from their most recent poll on "hot button" drug issues.

HHS

It is my understanding that Secretary Shalala is now prepared to certify that, after extensive analysis, scientific data demonstrates that needle exchange programs reduce the HIV transmission and do not encourage the use the use of drugs. The AIDS community believes that it was first told by HHS that the strategy was to preserve the Secretary's authority and let the Congress get out of town. They were then told, to just wait until Dr. Satcher is confirmed. Having now done both -- they are again seeking clarity on the Secretary's strategy. If there is ever a "good time" for the Secretary to make such a determination, I believe it is sooner rather than.

Given that the moratorium on funding extends through March 31st, acting sooner rather than later allows the Secretary to certify the science without changing the status of federal funding of needle exchange programs. This time before the moratorium lapses provides ample opportunity to gauge public reaction, a trial balloon if you will. The White House could allow HHS to carry the water. The medical and public health groups could work with the Congress and the media in strong support of the Secretary's action. And at the end of the day, if the issue heats up (which seems unlikely) and Congress wants to extend the moratorium or ban federal funding, we could then seek to reach a compromise or simply have an up or down vote. If we loose, at least it will be clear that the Administration followed the science -- and it was the Congress who played politics with public health.

ONDCP

I understand that General McCaffrey gave the President a letter indicating his opposition to needle exchange. He argues that in order to stop the spread of HIV, we must focus on drug treatment instead of needle exchange. This is not about needle exchange versus treatment; it is about saving lives until those who need drug treatment can get it. There are currently 1.5 million drug users and only 115,000 methadone slots. The General also has expressed concern that drug treatment funds should not be used for needle exchange programs. We agree: funding should come from HIV prevention funds, not drug treatment.

There is also concern that Administrative support for needle exchange sends a message that it is soft on drugs. This is the same baseless argument used to hold up HIV prevention funding, when it was argued that information about safer sex would promote homosexuality.

President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS

The President's Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS is due to return to Washington on March 15th. They believe the Administration told them that no action would occur until Congress left town, and then were told that action would be held up until after Dr. Satcher was confirmed. As you recall, at their last meeting, a resolution was proposed calling for Secretary Shalala's resignation for not "following the science on needle exchange." We managed to have the resolution withdrawn. They agreed to table consideration of the resolution until the March meeting to give the Secretary additional time. They are extremely upset with the Administration and are planning on holding a press conference and blasting us for inaction on needle exchange, as well as publicly calling for the Secretary to resign. In addition, some members have threatened to resign from the Council if this issue has not been resolved to their satisfaction.

Press

There continues to be quite a bit of press interest in needle exchange. *The Lancet* recently published an editorial in favor of needle exchange. That means that now *every* major science and medical publication *and* every major science and medical organization supports needle exchange.

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HIV/AIDS

March 23, 1998

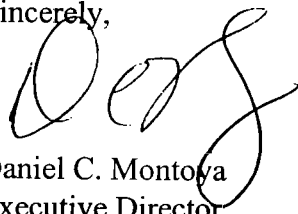
Brian Warden
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Dear Mr. Warden:

Thank you for your continued interest in the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. I have included information from the most recent Council meeting in Washington, D.C. on March 15-18, 1998.

While I did forward your letter to the proper office within the White House, I will again make sure that your interest and tenacity are conveyed. I hope you will continue to involve and inform yourself and others on HIV/AIDS issues. Please feel free to write with any concerns or comments.

Sincerely,



Daniel C. Montoya
Executive Director

Enclosures

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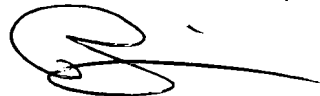
Dear Ms. Thurman,

I have written several times showing my intrest in becoming a member of the President's Advisory Council on HIV. The last response was saying my name was sent forward for approval. My intrest has not faded. I think my experiences and knowledge will be valueable. I have been inside the walls of a prison for @ 2 1/2 years. I have found what works in making changes. I discovered how important total medical/mental care is to an inmate.

I am parole eligible Feb. 1999. I would like to work with the council until that time. Afterwards, I would like to be in the Council. If you have any doubts about my sincerity or eagerness I ask you to contact me by letter. I am aloud to make collect calls only but I am sure if you contacted the authorities here arrangements can be made without trouble.

I thank you again for taking the time to read my letter. I will await your response.

Most Respectful

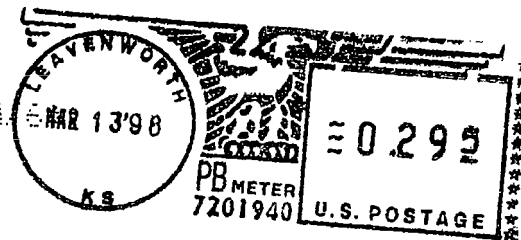


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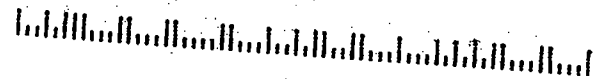
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Director Sandy Thurman
Office of National AIDS Policy
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Washington DC

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 23, 1998

Nathan A. Miley
Councilmember, District 6
City Hall
One City Hall Plaza
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Miley:

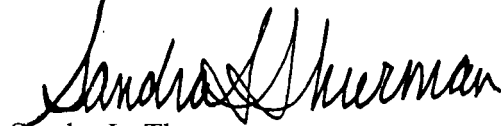
Thank you for your letter regarding the value of needle exchange programs in the fight to end the AIDS epidemic. I am taking this issue very seriously. The rising incidence of HIV infection among those who use illegal injection drugs, as well as their partners and children, is a major factor in the continued 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 the terrible epidemic.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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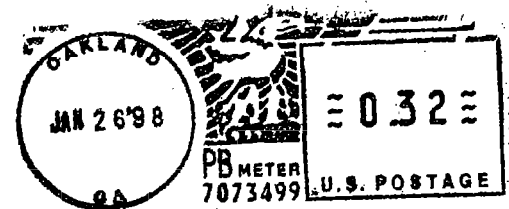
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President Clinton
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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NATHAN A. MILEY
Councilmember
District 6

510/238-3266
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252055

Tuesday, January 20, 1998

President Clinton
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to ask you to lift the Federal ban on funding for needle exchange before Congressional Republicans totally take away your and Donna Shalala's ability to do so. It is high time for government support of needle exchange as happen in Canada, Australia and all European countries. These countries have real AIDS prevention policies based on sound public health concerns, not by right-wing moralists.

The Center for Disease Control has done six (6) studies which show needle exchange as AIDS prevention and that exchange does not lead to increased drug use. Needle exchange has been endorsed by many groups including the American Medical Association and the National Academy of Sciences. **I IMPLORE YOU TO TAKE LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE AND FUND AND LEGALIZE NEEDLE EXCHANGE TO STOP THE SPREAD OF AIDS.** Your authority would supersede that of Governor Pete Wilson, who is a Neanderthal on this issue -- three times vetoing bills passed by Democrats in the California House and Senate. **ACT NOW!!!**

Sincerely,

Nate Miley

Nate Miley

JAN 30 1998

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

- ☒ Other: *to Todd Summers*
WH Office of AIDS Policy
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Name: *Sarah Knight*

Phone: *6574*

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

REFERRAL

FEBRUARY 19, 1998

TO: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON AIDS
ATTN: TODD SUMNERS

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 252055
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JANUARY 20, 1998
TO: PRESIDENT CLINTON
FROM: MR. NATHAN (NATE) A. MILEY
COUNCILMEMBER
OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL
ONE CITY HALL PLAZA
OAKLAND CA 94612

SUBJECT: URGES PRESIDENT TO LIFT FEDERAL BAN ON FUNDS
FOR NEEDLE EXCHANGE BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL
REPUBLICANS TOTALLY TAKE AWAY HIS & SECRETARY
DONNA SHALALA'S ABILITY TO DO SO

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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UNDERSIGNED AT 456-2590.

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OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT
THE WHITE HOUSE

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 23, 1998

Lawrence Deyton, MSPH, MD
Director
AIDS Service
Department of Veterans Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Dr. Deyton:

Bopper

I apologize that it has taken me so long to let you know how much I appreciate your coming by to meet with me. I enjoyed our discussion and am excited to see such an enthusiastic leader in Veterans Affairs.

I look forward to working with you and the Veterans Affairs HIV/AIDS Services Office in the future.

Sincerely,

Sandy

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

P.S. Call soon for lunch!



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON DC 20420

*File
Veterans
Affairs*

February 4, 1998

NOTE TO SANDY THURMAN

Thanks for taking time to meet with me today. The main points I want to leave you with are:

1. The VA HIV/AIDS service is a well kept secret.
2. The VA is the largest single provider of HIV care in the country.
3. The VA is an excellent model of totally integrated HIV care that should be the standard against which all HIV care in the country is compared. I'll be happy to work with other agencies to show how the VA does this.
4. The Administration should include the VA in any list of HIV/AIDS accomplishments.
5. The VA is planning a conference in the fall on the care of the multiply diagnosed to highlight our model of integrated care.
6. If ONAP hears complaints from veterans or VA-specific issues, I'll be happy to know about them.

Thanks again and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence Deyton, MSPH, MD
Director
AIDS Service (132)

VA HIV/AIDS SERVICE – as far as I know it after 4 weeks!

Clinical Care

- Largest single provider of HIV care in the country.
- 171 hospitals, nearly 600 primary care clinics, nursing homes, domiciliary care centers, drug addiction treatment facilities.
- Over 17,000 active patients in 1997.
- AIDS Coordinator at every VA facility.
- Number of new HIV patients to the VA is increasing.
- National standards of care.
- National standardized records system – uniform throughout all VA facilities.
- Eligibility for care.

HIV Registry

- Implemented in 1992.
- Tracks all HIV+ veterans who receive care at any VA facility.
- Accesses all VA databases on utilization and medical care; number and type of visit, admissions, diagnoses, pharmaceuticals (the VA has a national formulary), lab results, radiology, pathology, death.
- To date, use has primarily been administrative tho some local sites have used their own data for utilization and outcomes analyses.

Clinician Education

- Proactive national program of clinician education on HIV issues: prevention, pre- and post-test counseling, clinical updates, AIDS Information Office (based in San Francisco).
- Frequent conferences, teleconferences, audioconferences, regional meetings, and monthly “hot line” calls.
- Standards of care set by Under Secretary for Health Directives. Sent to all clinicians in the VA system.

Prevention

- Active prevention efforts associated with testing. Trained and certified HIV testing counselors at all VA facilities.
- Prevention education programs associated with relevant VA programs: drug treatment programs, homeless programs, readjustment counseling programs, domiciliary facilities, STD programs.
- Prevention message at time of discharge from active duty?
- Future needs – more proactive prevention messages to vets and their families.

Research

- VA has its own intramural research budget.
- Research divided into four specific categories; medical, cooperative group research, HSR&D, and prosthetics/rehabilitation.
- Significant HIV projects in medical, cooperative and HSR&D.
- VA has a National Formulary. Pharmacy benefits management and outcomes research can be done using the formulary as a tool as well.
- Future – significant increase in HIV research particularly on long term strategies, outcomes. Consider organizing entire VA into a collaborative HIV research group.

Department of Veterans Affairs

FY 1999 Budget Submission

AIDS

	1997	1998	1999	Increase/ Decrease
Obligations (\$000).....	\$295,336	\$305,836	\$321,127	\$15,291

The AIDS program in the Veterans Health Administration has become the largest single source of direct health care services available for treating AIDS patients in the United States. One of the first reported cases of AIDS was documented by the New York VAMC in 1979. By September 30, 1997, 27,762 cases of AIDS had been reported by VISNs. The VA's pattern of cases mirrors that seen in the Nation with the predominance of cases in large urban and coastal cities.

The AIDS Service, established in 1988, implemented a national computer database on the AIDS epidemic in 1992 which allows tracking of the epidemic within the VA population; provides more accurate projections based on review of the whole spectrum of infection (not just the end-stage); and better cost reporting. Data from this HIV Registry and Boston Development Center reveals VA Medical Centers treated over 17,000 patients during 1997.

AIDS Clinical Units have been established in the New York, Miami, West Los Angeles and San Francisco, VAMCs. AIDS Research Centers are located in the Durham, San Diego, New York and Atlanta, VAMCs.

VA conducts national training programs and teleconferences on timely issues related to prevention and treatment of HIV/ AIDS and patient health education. During 1997, teleconferences were held on occupational exposure to blood-borne pathogens and opportunistic infections. In addition, a conference to update physicians on clinical care of HIV/ AIDS patients was held. VA routinely trains new and replacement counselors at VA medical centers who have primary responsibility for educating patients in prevention measures and for providing pre- and post-HIV antibody test counseling. In addition, there is a continuation of electronic transmission of HIV/ AIDS related information to VA medical centers by VA's AIDS Information Center.

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March 4, 1998

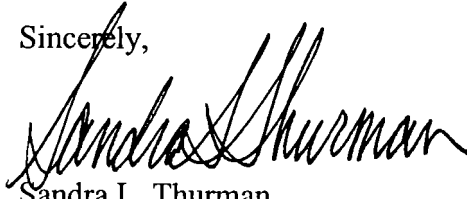
Julie Nogalski
New Berlin West Middle/High School
18695 West Cleveland Ave.
New Berlin, WI 53146

Dear Ms. Nogalski:

I recently received your FAX requesting information on the HIV/AIDS epidemic. I apologize that this response may be untimely, and you may no longer need information for your project. However, I am including in this packet a copy of the *National AIDS Strategy*, which was prepared by the White House. I hope you find it interesting or relevant to future endeavors

Thank you for your interest in HIV/AIDS and I encourage you to pursue local efforts to fight this epidemic.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Should go to AIDS
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1-16-98
DATE

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

~~DNACP~~
SUE J. SMITH *SPS*
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF AGENCY LIAISON

SUBJECT:

REFERRAL OF CASEWORK IN BULK

An unprecedented number of individuals still write the President and the First Lady for help. I know that this has meant a far greater volume of mail for your agency than ever before. I appreciate your continuing cooperation in our efforts to be as responsive as possible.

The attached letters have not received a White House Staff response. I am forwarding this correspondence to your agency for any appropriate action.

Please return the original incoming letter, along with a copy of any written or telephone response, to me at the address below. I also would appreciate your sending a copy of your agency's log of the names and addresses of these individuals. Any misreferrals should be returned to my office. If you have questions you can reach me at 456-7486.

Sue J. Smith
Director, Office of Agency Liaison
Room 6, OEOB
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Again, thank you for your continuing help.

HOME OF THE MIGHTY VIKINGS



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TO: President Bill Clinton

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FROM: Julie Nogalski

SCHOOL: New Berlin West High School

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ANY MESSAGE

Dear *Bill Clinton,*

My name is Julie Nogalski. I am a Junior at New Berlin West High School, WI. I am currently doing a research paper on the epidemic of AIDS for a biology project. My question to you is what action have you been taking in the fight against AIDS? What are you planning to do to promote the awareness of AIDS among teenage people? I would greatly appreciate if you would fax me back, and briefly explain what you are doing for AIDS, or what you are planning to do. My project is due by this Friday, January 16, 1998, and I know it is short notice, but I will need your commentary as soon as possible. Thank you for your time, and I hope to hear from you shortly.

Sincerely,

Julie Nogalski !!

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
March 4, 1998

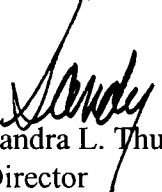
Daniel Tarantola, MD
Acting Center Director
Director, International AIDS Program
Francois-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights
651 Huntington Avenue
Francois-Xavier Bagnoud Building, 7th floor
Boston, MA 02115

Dear Dr. Tarantola:

Thank you for sending the materials from the Francois-Xavier Bagnoud Center. I appreciate the copy of the journal and conference reports.

Thank you so much for taking the time to host us while we were in Boston. It was a pleasure spending time with you, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,


Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy



HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

FRANÇOIS-XAVIER BAGNOUD CENTER FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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February 23, 1998

Ms. Sandra Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
808 17th Street NW
Washington DC 20006

Dear Ms. Thurman,

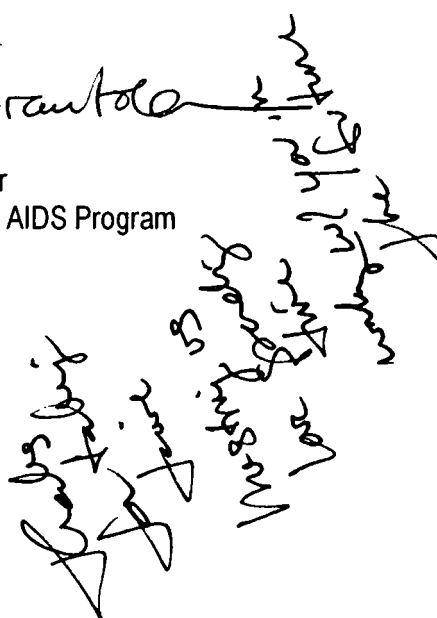
Please find enclosed, per your request, some materials recently produced in English by the François-Xavier Bagnoud Center. Included are copies of the Center's journal, *Health and Human Rights*, as well as conference reports and AIDS-related references.

Sofia Gruskin and I would be delighted to continue our communications with you, and we hope that you and Todd enjoyed your visit as much as we did.

Best regards,


Daniel Tarantola, MD
Acting Center Director
Director, International AIDS Program

cc: Sofia Gruskin
Todd Summers



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 1, 1998

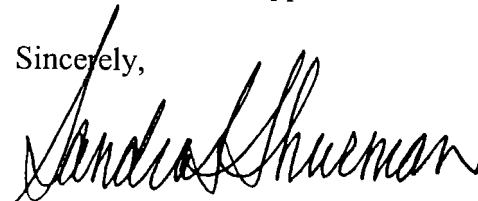
Paul Akio Kawata
Executive Director
National Minority AIDS Council
1931 13th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20009-4432

Dear Paul:

Thank you so much for sending the program book, *Memories*, from the 10th Anniversary Commemoration for National Minority AIDS Council. It is a beautiful booklet and so aptly titled.

I am sorry I could not have attend the event, but I know it was a success. You have given so much of yourself to NMAC and your passion permeates all you do. Thank you for your dedication to NMAC and for your full-hearted support and contributions to the HIV/AIDS community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra Thurman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sandra" being more prominent than the last name "Thurman".

Sandra Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy



January 7, 1998

Sandy Thurman
Director
National AIDS Policy Office
808 17th Street N.W., 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Friend:

We have all been to scores of dinners and fundraisers; and invariably, each of these events provides a program book which highlights the evening's program and the high-dollar supporters and sponsors of the event. I have enclosed the program book from the National Minority AIDS Council 10th Anniversary Commemoration, which we titled, *Memories*.

We are of course greatly indebted to our supporters and sponsors -- both of this particular event, as well as all of our programs -- and I hope this program book expresses that gratitude. We truly could not do our work without the generosity of these individuals, organizations and companies.

However, I also hope this program book acts as reminder for all of us as to why we are involved in this fight. The program book remembers those who have been lost during the epidemic, but it also applauds the lives of many people who are living with HIV -- living full and diverse lives, with HIV! It is from this diversity and inspiration that NMAC draws our strength.

Our dinner was a financial success, and it provided a pleasant evening for everyone who attended, but I hope that our program book will remain a reminder to all of us as to why we are drawn to this work. I hope that you will find a moment to look through these pages.

Yours in the struggle,

Paul Akio Kawata
Executive Director

I missed you!

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 4, 1998

Lieutenant Governor Pierre Howard
State Capital Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

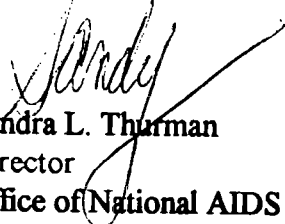
Dear Pierre,

I just wanted to drop you a quick note to tell you how great it was to see you on Monday night and to thank you for all the nice things you had to say not only about me, but about Mom. I always get a little nostalgic at the Jefferson Jackson Dinner, however I was particularly stuck this time by all the great comments and stories about mother. God knows nobody ever loved the Democratic Party of Georgia more than she did!

I hope all is well with you and that your transition toward the next phase of your career is going as planned. Of course I don't know what I am thinking. I have never seen anything go according to plan during the legislative session!

While I can never repay you for all the help and guidance you have given me over the years, I am always available to assist you in any way possible. Please don't hesitate to call.

With warm regards,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 1, 1998

Bobbie Maniece-Harrison, Ed.D.
Chairperson, Board of Directors
William F. Ryan Community Health Center
110 West 97th Street
New York, NY 10025

Barbra E. Minch
Executive Director
William F. Ryan Community Health Center
100 West 97th Street
New York, NY 10025

Dear Dr. Maniece-Harrison and Ms. Minch:

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of "The Least of These My Brethren," by Dr. Daniel Baxter. While I have not had a chance to read it yet, I am looking forward to sitting down and enjoying this book, as the subject matter is one with which I am very familiar. It is important to remember the oft-"forgotten" victims who may not have equal access to care and services.

Thank you for thinking of me and for your kind gift.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

RYAN CENTER

William F. Ryan Community Health Center

January 7, 1998

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

Dear Ms. Thurman:

We are pleased to send you this copy of "The Least of These My Brethren," written by Dr. Daniel Baxter. This book has received very favorable reviews, including a write-up in the New York Times Book Review.

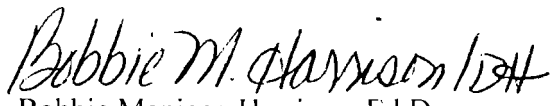
Dr. Baxter joined the William F. Ryan Community Health Center as Director of Adult Medicine and HIV Services in June, 1997, and his many years of experience and expertise in general internal medicine and HIV care have brought enhanced depth to Ryan's high quality clinical services. We are very proud that Dr. Baxter has joined the Ryan family.

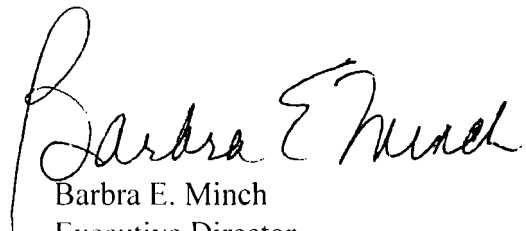
At a time when some are questioning the need for continued funding for HIV services because of new drug therapies, as well as the need for strict adherence to confidentiality regulations, Dr. Baxter's book reminds us of the hundreds of thousands of "forgotten" victims - minorities, the poor, substance users, and their families & friends - who still do not have access to affordable quality health care and support services, as well as access to basic needs, such as housing, food and legal services. Those of us in the front line of the struggle understand this all too well.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to assure access to high quality health care services for all.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Bobbie Maniece-Harrison, Ed.D.
Chairperson, Board of Directors


Barbra E. Minch
Executive Director

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 4, 1998

Mark Morgenstern, M.D.
9553 Hinton Dr.
Santee, CA 92071

Dear Dr. Morgenstern:

Thank you for your letter and your interest in HIV/AIDS work. I have forwarded your letter and resume to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), as our office does not currently have any vacancies, and we do not engage directly in clinical work. The NIH may be able to utilize your considerable experience and skills.

Again, I appreciate your interest in our office and urge you to continue the fight against this epidemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra L. Thurman", written over a horizontal line.

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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February 1, 1998

Patricia Fleming
White House
Office of National AIDS Policy
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Patricia:

I have been a practicing psychiatrist for the past twenty years, and am currently looking for a new position. I hope that my resume might stimulate your thinking about how my skills could benefit you or your colleagues.

In 1975, I received my medical degree from the University of California, and completed specialty training in psychiatry in 1979. I have worked with client populations with both acute and chronic disorders. I have experience as a clinician, educator, administrator and researcher. During the past ten years, I have provided long-term care to a diverse population. Most of the individuals have both psychiatric and medical disorders, including schizophrenia, depression, cancer and AIDS. My experiences with this population have led to extensive application of stress management techniques and hospice care. I have used these modalities successfully with individuals and groups, and have many transferable skills which could be of immediate benefit to you.

Enclosed please find my resume. If my qualifications are of interest to you, an opportunity to discuss them during a personal interview would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to share this information with your friends and colleagues.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Mark Morgenstern, M.D.

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Home: (619) 449-1945 • Business: (619) 258-3019

QUALIFICATIONS: RESIDENCY, PSYCHIATRY, Camarillo State Hospital, CA 1979
M.D., University of California, Irvine, CA 1975
B.A., CUM LAUDE, BIOLOGY, California State University, Northridge, CA 1971

SUMMARY: Psychiatrist with 20 years of experience in working with individuals, groups and agencies. Worked with populations with acute and chronic disorders. Conducted lectures and seminars on mind/body medicine. Extensive experience as supervisor, administrator and clinician.

ACHIEVEMENTS: **AIDS UNIT, EDGEMOOR HOSPITAL**

- Established the first AIDS inpatient unit in San Diego County.
- Established a support group for the staff of the AIDS Program.
- Developed and implemented a training program for the hospital staff on the medical, psychosocial and spiritual aspects of AIDS.

SPECIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM, EDGEMOOR HOSPITAL

- Developed policies and procedures for a special treatment program for people with a chronic illness.
- Provided direct supervision to a multi-disciplinary staff consisting of psychologists, nurses and social workers.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

- Founder and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry.
- Provided individual and group therapy using the principles of mind/body medicine.

EXPERIENCE: SAN DIEGO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
EDGEMOOR HOSPITAL, Santee, CA

- Chairman, AIDS Program 1988 - 1998
- Program Manager, Special Treatment Program for the chronically ill 1987 - 1988

CENTRAL MICHIGAN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, Mt. Pleasant, MI

- Chairman, Department of Psychiatry 1986 - 1987
- Clinical Director 1984 - 1987

PLACER COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE, Auburn, CA

- Chief Psychiatrist 1981 - 1983

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, Santa Monica, CA

- Staff Psychiatrist 1979 - 1980

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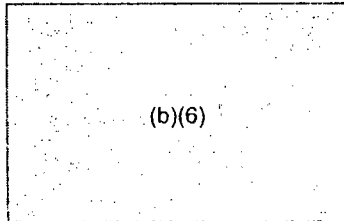
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 4, 1998



[0019]

I recently received your letter to the President regarding the financial problems you have encountered since being diagnosed with AIDS. I am forwarding your letter to Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), as that agency may be able to address your concerns.

Please keep in contact with our office, and let us know if you are having any problems receiving help. Thank you for your letter, and I hope you are able to resolve these issues with HCFA's assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sandra L. Thurman".

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

1-13-98

Dear President Clinton,

I am writing you in reference to my dilema with my health status and possibility of returning to work.

I will give you a brief scenirio; In 1992 I met a man whom I married nine months later in 1993. Due to his lack of morals and drug use I divorced him in 1994 where he proceeded to inform me he had AIDS. I was diagnosed HIV+ May 1994 by 1996 I was considered Full blown AIDS. From January 1997 - Oct. 1997 I was very sick to the point of death, I am a single parent and had to wait one year in order to qualify for Socel Security. Now I am on Full SSD, Medicaid, Medicare I applied in 1993 or 1994 for housing assistance due to my circumstances. I was granted a Section 8, which means I pay a portion of rent and I was only allotted to find housing for \$450⁰⁰ A month. Since the new medicines which seem to be effective, I feel well enough to try to work part time. I have two college degrees, now comes the dilemma part. I work, my rent increases, I lose my medical which pays for my Prescriptions

which roughly comes to \$1000⁰⁰ a month. These are just the medicines I need to live, not including the ones I would have to take if I were to become ill. We were given a cost of living raise in our SSD, mine was only \$12⁰⁰ my rent was raised by the realtor, I was not informed and I signed a year lease, my portion of rent was raised through my Section 8. I barely have enough monthly to pay my utilities, I scrimp wherever I can, I am not allowed food stamps because I make to much, I have to rely on charitable offices to help me to have a Christmas for my children. I recently applied for substitute teaching, which I did do for one week, but I am afraid that if I do anything legal such as a W-2 I'll lose everything, become sick again, possibly lose my life, and have to start over. I want to feel productive again but know my physical limitations. Is there anything that you or Mrs. Clinton can do to possibly help myself and others like me. Whether my political preference matters I am a Democrat and always vote for that party. Perhaps you can take this matter to congress and do whatever

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it is that politics does. I am not overly intelligent when it come to this subject.

I would be very honored if you even read this letter, and I will look forward to hearing from you either personally or through the media about this topic at hand. I will enclose my address at the end of this letter, and again Thank-you for taking time out of your busy schedule to acknowledge my request.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES R. McDONOUGH

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

Date: March 19, 1998

Re: **Draft Joint Statement**

I am attaching a revised draft of a joint statement between myself and ONDCP Director McAffrey. I have taken the liberty of shortening the statement, and offering a perspective that is more balanced in its tone and reflective of the conversation of March 17.

Please let me know what comments you have. Thanks very much!

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 19, 1998

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

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

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

As for needle exchange, Congress has given the Secretary Health and Human Services the statutory authority to allow state and local health officials to use federal HIV prevention funding for needle exchange programs if she determines that such programs: (1) reduce the transmission of HIV infection; and (2) do not encourage the use of drugs. The Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Office of National AIDS Policy remain dedicated to working with Secretary Shalala, and to supporting her efforts to ensure that public health policy is guided by sound science.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR NANCY-ANN MINN DEPARLE

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

CC: Kathy King

Date: March 11, 1998

Re: **INTERNAL TASK FORCE ON HIV TREATMENT ACCESS**

I would like to establish a task force of senior administration officials to address the need for expanding access to HIV treatment for those that are currently under-served. This would include, but not be limited to, any measures that can be taken to increase access to Medicaid and Medicare.

We have discussed this concept with Kevin Thurm, Eric Goosby, and others; they have been very supportive. Kevin asked that I check in with you to make sure that you are comfortable with the idea and to seek your guidance on participants. I have asked Todd to work on this, and know that he has been in communication with Kathy. However, we have not gotten any feedback and need to put something together on paper before the President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS comes to town this weekend.

May I ask that Kathy, Gary or someone else from your shop get in touch with Todd as soon as possible to get us your feedback? Thank you for your help!

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 6, 1998

Nancy Gonzalez
2411 Geneva Street
Pomona, California 91766

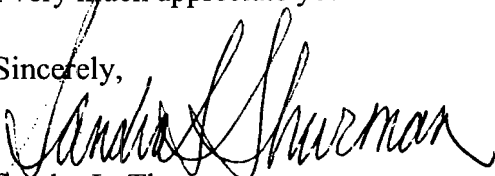
Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

Thank you for your letter of February 19 requesting information on HIV prevention for young teens. I am sending you a copy of a report produced by our office for the President entitled "Youth & HIV/AIDS: An American Agenda," which summarizes current HIV/AIDS issues as they affect the young people of this country. You should write to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for materials on specific strategies for HIV prevention for adolescents and young adults. The address is:

Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention
National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30333
(404) 639-5200

I very much appreciate your interest in this very important area.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

2411 Geneva St.
Pomona CA, 91766
February 19, 1998

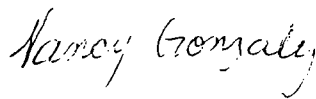
Office Of National Aids Policy
750 17th St. N. W., Room 600
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Levi,

I am a senior at Garey High School in California. I would like to know more about the Aids Policy and what information you have to help young teens to prevent the disease. I would greatly appreciate it if you could send me some informational Aids.

My grade relies on your response, so could you please send me some information on this particular topic as soon as possible.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Gonzalez".

Nancy Gonzalez

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR NANCY-ANN MINN DEPARLE

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

Date: March 13, 1998

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

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

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

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

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

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



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COMMENTS:	Per your request. These are quotes taken from past speeches, statements, etc. Please let me know if there is any other way I can be of help. Thanks, Sarah

'No where on earth is there a community that has demonstrated a greater ability to rise to the occasion than the AIDS community in this country. We have built more with less than any community I have known.'

'None of us came into this work to get rich or to get home by 5 - we came into it to live and to keep our friends, our loved ones, and our communities alive. Most of us don't take the time to acknowledge how much pain and anguish we witness and experience, so I'd like to thank you for you for your strength, your courage, and your perseverance.'

'We recognize the incredible strength and commitment that you demonstrate day in and day out, working in the trenches to end the AIDS epidemic. Thank you, and God's speed to us all in our quest to stop AIDS.'

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TO:	SANDY Thurman
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February 19, 1998

TO: Sandy Thurman
FROM: B.J. Stiles *BJS*
RE: Quotes for '97 annual report

At yesterday's Board meeting, I was urged (nay, commanded) to obtain a number of impressive quotes for this year's annual report.

So, attached are draft quotes, which I hope you can help get approval for. Although this kind of request normally takes weeks to review and get action on, we are very close to press time.

Please give me a call ASAP to let me know whether any or all of these are possible, and tell me if there are other routes thru which to seek approval.

Sorry we didn't get to see you Tuesday evening. I hope you and John Scott got together last evening. Give me a call.

Many thanks.

Draft
Feb. 19, 1998

"The National AIDS Fund has been in the forefront of valiant private sector support for AIDS. Congratulations on your ten years of bold accomplishments, and thanks for providing early philanthropic leadership, both nationally and in communities across the nation."

President Clinton

"The bridge between public health and business & labor has been constructed through the pioneering leadership of the National AIDS Fund. This bridge must be strengthened as we prepare for the next round of challenges stemming from HIV/AIDS."

David Satcher, M.D.
Assistant Secretary for Health, HHS
and Surgeon General

"The people who have created and led the National AIDS Fund are among my earliest allies and heroes in this fight against AIDS. Thank you, thank you and may your future accomplishments be even more successful."

Sandy Thurman
Director
National AIDS Policy Office
The White House

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 9, 1998

Barry McCaffrey
Director
Office of National Drug Control Policy
750 17th St. NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear General McCaffrey:

It was great to see you last week. I am pleased that your meeting with the Human Rights Campaign was so productive.

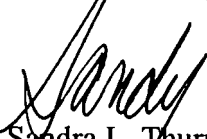
I would like to ask a personal favor of you by requesting the assistance of Jane Sanville at the 12th International AIDS Conference being held June 28-July 3, 1998 in Geneva, Switzerland.

As you know, the International AIDS Conference is the preeminent scientific and policy conference in the AIDS field and takes place only every two years. The conference attracts leading researchers and media interest from around the world. It is a forum where investigators present their latest findings, including areas where you and I have common interest, such as outreach strategies, needle exchange, medical marijuana, and integrating HIV and substance abuse programs in addition to the more general issues regarding HIV prevention and treatment.

My office is, unfortunately, extremely short-staffed. Jane's assistance would be invaluable in developing unified administration language on issues of common concern as I formulate remarks, responses to press inquiries, and any written materials both prior to the conference and on-site.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request and I look forward to hearing from you.

With Warm Regards,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: John Gregrich

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 10, 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. The Summit will be held on April 9, 1998 in the Truman Room of the White House Conference Center.

The purpose of this meeting is to bring the multitude of issues surrounding HIV/AIDS and women to the forefront of our national health agenda for women. Invitees include a diverse group of leaders, from national health officials and prominent women advocates to members of the HIV/AIDS community. Your presence at this event will highlight the importance of this terrible epidemic in the lives of women, who are not only affected as care givers at home and at work but are increasingly infected as well. The issues of health care and other support services, from day care to substance abuse and mental illness programs 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 concerning 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sandra" being more prominent.

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 17, 1998

Warm greetings to everyone gathered in Atlanta for the tenth anniversary of the National AIDS Fund. I am delighted to congratulate you on this milestone.

The epidemic of HIV/AIDS has taken too many of our friends and loved ones. But HIV/AIDS has also brought forth a remarkable response of courage, compassion, and dedication. That response is reflected in organizations like the National AIDS Fund. As one of the nation's leading philanthropic groups responding to AIDS, you can take pride in knowing you are providing hope and help to people living with HIV/AIDS.

As you gather to plan your strategies for the next century, Hillary and I want you to know how much we value and applaud all that you've done to help alleviate suffering and pain, to expand care and services, and to confront prejudice and ignorance. I am confident that, working together, we can all look forward to the day when AIDS is a disease of the past.

Best wishes for a productive meeting and much continued success.

Bill Clinton

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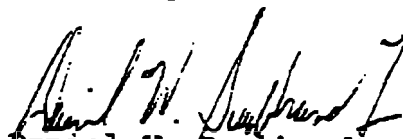
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Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

Clinton AIDS advisers seek needle exchanges

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—President Clinton's AIDS advisers unanimously expressed no confidence in the administration's commitment to reducing the spread of AIDS, accusing officials of playing politics with people's lives.

"The administration's current policy on needle-exchange programs threatens the public health and directly contradicts current scientific evidence," said the resolution approved Tuesday by the Presidential Council on HIV/AIDS.

It was the harshest criticism yet from the panel, whose members are furious that the administration has not allowed federal funding for programs giving drug addicts clean needles in exchange for dirty ones that may be contaminated with deadly HIV.

"Our patience is exhausted," said the panel's chairman, Dr. Scott Hitt, who treats HIV and AIDS patients in Los Angeles.

Hitt estimated that tens of thousands of new HIV infections could be prevented through needle-exchange programs. More than half of all people in the U.S. who become infected with HIV catch the deadly virus through contaminated needles or sex with injecting drug users or are children born to infected addicts.

"Tragically, we must conclude that it is a lack of political will, not scientific evidence, that is cre-

ating this failure to act," the council said Tuesday in a letter to Clinton.

Using taxpayer money to buy needles for addicts has become a politically touchy issue, with conservatives arguing that these programs send the wrong message.

One council member, Terje Anderson of Colorado Springs, spoke of his past heroin use and said needle availability is no more likely to cause drug use than matches are to cause smoking.

"The question should be, 'Do you care about the lives of people like me?'" said Anderson, who no longer uses drugs and is HIV positive. "Are you willing to take steps—perhaps politically risky or unpopular steps—in order to save lives?"

Federal law allows funding of needle-exchange programs, but only if the Department of Health and Human Services concludes they are effective in reducing the spread of HIV without increasing drug use.

Health Secretary Donna Shalala already has agreed with leading scientists that the programs are effective in fighting HIV. But she says she still is reviewing drug use data, promising to make the decision on good science.

Council members say the proof is already there, citing six government-funded reports, including an independent group of experts convened by the National Institutes of Health.

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Washington, D.C. 20503

March 16, 1998

Dear Director Thurman *Sandy*

To confirm our recent telephone conversation, General McCaffrey and I would be pleased to have Jane Sanville assist you at the 12th International AIDS Conference in Switzerland. Jane is our most knowledgeable and capable staff member on this important issue, and I know she will prove to be a valuable asset.

Due to our own budgetary constraints, however, we cannot pay for any expenditures that Jane may incur on this trip. Appreciate your willingness to have the Office of National AIDS Policy cover any costs associated with her participation in the conference.

Thank you for your confidence in Jane.

Best wishes,

Janet
Janet Crist
Chief of Staff

Ms. Sandra L. Thurman
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COMMENTS:

I apologize for this taking as long as it did. Thanks for your patience! And please let me know if I can do anything else to assist.

Thanks,
Sarah

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 30, 1998

Montel Williams
The Montel Williams Show
423 West 55th St.
New York, NY 10019

Dear Mr. Williams,

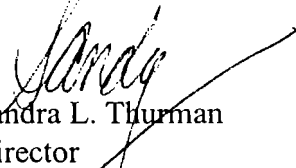
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to appear on The Montel Williams Show and for your continued efforts to fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic through education and awareness.

Few things could be as difficult as presenting a television program on living with HIV/ AIDS that must meet the requirements of the competitive universe of daytime talk TV. You were successfully able to balance, with great sensitivity, the fear and pain of this epidemic with the courage and dedication of those fighting on the front lines everyday. You did it admirably.

I was privileged to be part of such a critical message from a group of women that we all have so much to learn from. The sense of hopefulness and strength that they shared with the country is a lesson to us all and continues to drive my work here in Washington.

I look forward to working with you again on behalf of informing the American people on this life and death issue.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy