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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 3, 1998

Honorable David Waks
475 Valley Road
Wayne, New Jersey 07470-3586

Dear Mayor Waks,

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

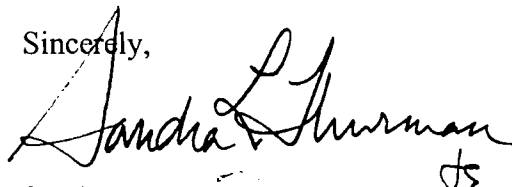
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This epidemic is far from over. We recognize the continuing need for HIV prevention programs, vaccine development efforts, and access to health care, housing, and research for all people living with HIV and AIDS, including access to the latest developments in HIV therapies. 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.

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

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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H. Bradley Katz
2259 Orchard Hill Circle
Warrington, PA 18976

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

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2259 Orchard Hill Circle
Warrington, PA 18976

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Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR KEVIN DeCOCK

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

Date: June 2, 1998

Re: **CDR Jonathan T. Weber**

I wanted to thank you so much for extending Todd's stay with us as an agency representative. It has been great to have him here with us! I know that it has been a big sacrifice for you to have him with us so long, and want to make sure you know how much I have appreciated having his expertise so close at hand. Again, thanks!

Thanks, Kevin!



Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta GA 30333

April 9, 1998

Ms. Sandra Thurman
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy
The White House
736 Jackson PI NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Ms. Thurman:

This letter is to acknowledge that CDR Jonathan T. Weber will have his temporary assignment to the Interdepartmental Task Force on HIV/AIDS extended for an additional 60 days beginning May 1, 1998. While continuing in this assignment, CDR Weber will report to Mr. Todd Summers, Deputy Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP). As described in the original assignment memorandum dated December 29, 1997, CDR Weber will work on projects related to HIV surveillance, domestic HIV prevention and prevention of HIV among the world's non-military maritime workers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kevin M. De Cock", is positioned above the typed name.

Kevin M. De Cock, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.T.M.&H.
Director
Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention,
Surveillance and Epidemiology
National Center for HIV/AIDS, STD, and
TB Prevention

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 2, 1998

Richard Sun
3151 Yarwood Way
Sacramento, CA 95833

Dear Mr. Sun:

Thank you for your letter regarding my comments on HIV surveillance, as reported in the April 17, 1998 issue of *AIDS Policy and Law*.

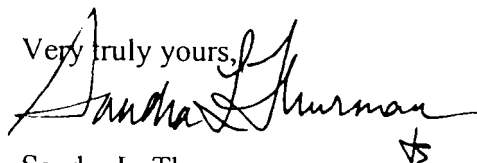
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As you know, this is a complicated issue and one which does not lend itself to simplistic solutions. I believe that the potential misuse of HIV data by politicians and the lack of complete studies of the impact on access to testing and care are serious concerns regarding names-based surveillance systems. Further, I am not yet convinced that we have done all that can be done to fairly support the development of unique identifier approaches.

I do believe that we should stay focused on the need for accurate, timely data; that we need to recognize the limitations of either UI or names-based surveillance systems to provide a full picture of HIV infections; and that we need to support those states that choose to pursue UI systems as vigorously as we support those that use names-based systems. Finally, I share the perspective of many professional epidemiologists and prevention experts in supporting the continued availability of anonymous testing sites for those that choose to use them.

Your input is appreciated, and will be part of the discussions within the Administration on how best to support States in improving our understanding of the spread of this terrible epidemic.

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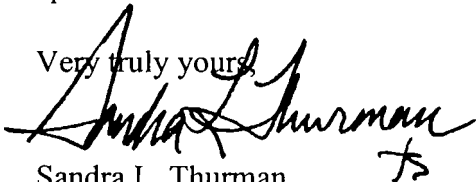
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Office of National AIDS Policy

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"This is not the position of HHS, nor is it the position of the White House," Thurman said.

Thurman, who spoke March 25 at the National AIDS Update Conference in San Francisco, remains unconvinced that the only way to gather accurate information about the spread of the epidemic is to write down the names of everyone infected.

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Thurman said those who fear reporting by names will discourage people from getting tested should not be seen as alarmists. "They simply are alert to the harsh reality" of discrimination and stigmatization, she said.

CDC Pushes for Names Reporting

Last fall, the CDC said that it would release recommendations for HIV case surveillance in January, in plenty of time for state lawmakers to examine the issues and, if necessary, modify existing laws so national tracking could begin in 1999.

However, that timetable is now three months late, and nearly one-quarter of the state legislatures have gone home for the year. Some states can revise their policies administratively through the regulatory process.

Thurman faulted the CDC for embracing name-based surveillance systems without helping states such as Maryland and Texas develop alternatives, such as unique identifiers.

"They may have some very good reasons [for supporting name-based reporting], and I'm certainly open to listening to the kinds of arguments that are to be made for that," she said. "We want to be open to that conversation. But I want to make sure if indeed that's where we want to go, we've exhausted all other possibilities."

A recent CDC report examined the results of unique identifiers in Maryland and Texas - the only states using that method. It found that the coded numbers failed to deliver data necessary to track the epidemic.

AIDS policy advocates in states considering unique identifiers argue that the CDC never gave the Maryland and Texas systems a fair shot. The CDC did not fund development of those systems, but did

contribute toward the cost of name-based systems.

Thurman said she wants the CDC to show why unique identifiers cannot work.

"Someone is going to have to explain to me how I can get on a camel, in the desert, in the middle of Egypt, and I can ride up to the ATM machine and put in a unique identifier and get my life savings," she said.

Strong Support for Needle Swaps

Thurman made her comments during two presentations at the National AIDS Update Conference. She also voiced strong support for federal funding for needle-exchange programs.

A congressional ban against federal aid for needle exchanges expired March 31. Shalala now has the power to let local communities spend federal dollars on needle exchanges, if two conditions are met.

First, she must be satisfied that needle exchanges reduce the rate of HIV infections. Second, she must certify that the swaps do not encourage illicit drug use. Shalala last year said studies show the first requirement has been met. However, she has not accepted the second.

The White House has reviewed a compromise plan in which Shalala would endorse needle exchanges, but not use federal funds to pay for the programs. The effect would be to give the government's imprimatur for states and localities to initiate needle exchanges.

Thurman said she, Shalala and White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles discussed the idea, but reached no decision on that or any other idea.

"It's up to Secretary Shalala to decide on the science," Thurman said. "I do think, though, that she will make a decision sooner, rather than later."

Thurman also tried to downplay news reports of the "czar wars," as she puts it, between herself and the president's national drug policy director, Barry McCaffrey.

The New York Times reported March 23 that the two engaged in a "spirited meeting" over whether federal money should be used to encourage drug users to turn in dirty needles for clean ones.

"As public servants, citizens and parents," McCaffrey wrote in a follow-up letter to Thurman, "we owe our children an unambiguous 'no use' message. And if they should become ensnared by drugs, we must offer them a way out, not a means to continue addictive behavior."

Thurman said she and McCaffrey actually share the same goals of promoting drug treatment programs and curbing HIV infection, and that policy on those issues should be driven by science, not politics.

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DRAFT

Richard Sun
3151 Yarwood Way
Sacramento, CA 95833

Dear Mr. Sun:

Thank you for your letter and enclosures of May 5 regarding my statement in the April 17 issue of *AIDS Policy & Law*.

The issue of HIV surveillance is important for HIV epidemiology and the evaluation of HIV prevention efforts in this country. The need for more data on HIV infection is particularly urgent in light of the success of new combination antiretroviral therapy which has dramatically lowered AIDS incidence and mortality during the past two years. HIV surveillance is already conducted in 31 states (not your state of California, however).

I am undecided as to whether name-based is the only viable method to obtain high quality data for HIV surveillance. I am working with officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the ~~Office of HIV/AIDS Policy in the~~ Department of Health and Human Services to reach consensus on the federal government recommendations for HIV surveillance.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
Executive Office of the President
736 Jackson Pl NW
Washington, DC 20503

3151 Yarwood Way
Sacramento, CA 95833

May 5, 1998

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
National AIDS Policy Office
808 17th Street, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Thurman:

I read your remarks on HIV reporting in the April 17 edition of *AIDS Policy & Law*. Among other statements, you were quoted as saying "someone is going to have to explain to me how I can get on a camel, in the desert, in the middle of Egypt, and I can ride up to the ATM machine and put in a unique identifier and get my life savings." I found the comparison between the global automated teller machine (ATM) system and the potential U.S. HIV reporting system inappropriate.

Although ATM cards contain a unique identifier (UI), the ATM system is based on the integrity of participating financial institutions. All such institutions require that clients disclose personal information such as name, street address, social security number, phone number, and driver's license number. Each institution then keeps such information on file; please see Enclosure 1 to this letter for a typical ATM card application. Furthermore, the computerized infrastructure to support ATM transactions has been built over many years at a cost of billions of dollars. See Enclosure 2 for a diagram of the electronic steps that occur when a person inserts a card into an ATM machine.

In contrast, past and current proposals for UI systems for HIV reporting would forbid health departments from collecting or keeping much identifying information about HIV positive persons. Furthermore, limited funds for HIV/AIDS surveillance do not allow the construction of a computerized infrastructure that would support secure, useful statewide or nationwide UI systems for HIV reporting. Such an infrastructure may be possible with increased collaboration between public health organizations and managed care organizations.

All of us concerned with HIV/AIDS are struggling with the issue of HIV reporting. I hope that your future remarks on the matter can be productive. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Richard Sun

Enclosure 1**Bank of Richmondville - ATM Access Card Application**

Please fill out this form using your computer; then print, sign, and return the form to the Bank of Richmondville on your next visit.

APPLICANT

	Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
	Street Address		P.O. Box
	City	State	Zip Code
	Social Security Number		
	Home Phone Number		
	Drivers License Number		

CO-APPLICANT

	Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
	Street Address		P.O. Box
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	Drivers License Number		

CHECKING ACCOUNT NUMBER:

Optional: As an option, you may also add your statement savings account to your debit card. Please include your statement savings account if you choose to do so.

SAVINGS ACCOUNT NUMBER:

PLEASE ISSUE CARDS IN THE FOLLOWING NAMES:

	Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
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OFFICE USE: # _____ SYS _____ PC _____

I certify the above information is true, that I am an authorized user of the accounts(s) that I am applying for an ATM Access Card. Card usage is governed by the Bank of Richmondville Electronic Banking Card Agreement, which I receive upon application. If I do not agree to the conditions of this agreement I will not use my card and will return it to the bank.

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Co-Applicant: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE PRINT, SIGN, AND RETURN THE FORM TO THE BANK OF RICHMONDVILLE

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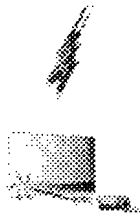
Enclosure 2

ATM FAQ'S

What happens when I use my Magic Line card in an ATM?



1. When you request a transaction from an automated teller machine (ATM) menu, you set a number of electronic steps into motion.



2. The ATM reads the data on the electronic stripe on the back of your ATM card - then sends it, along with the transaction you requested, to a computer at the financial institution that operates the ATM.



3. The financial institution sends the data to Magic Line's computer.



4. The Magic Line computer identifies your financial institution and sends the transaction to it.



5. Your financial institution verifies your account balance and contacts the Magic Line computer with an authorization or denial. Magic Line's computer sends the authorization or denial to a computer at the financial institution that owns the ATM you are using. This message is then sent to the ATM you are using, allowing your transaction to be completed.

All of this is at electronic speed and usually takes about 8 seconds.

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CDC Pushes for Names Reporting

Last fall, the CDC said that it would release recommendations for HIV case surveillance in January, in plenty of time for state lawmakers to examine the issues and, if necessary, modify existing laws so national tracking could begin in 1999.

However, that timetable is now three months late, and nearly one-quarter of the state legislatures have gone home for the year. Some states can revise their policies administratively through the regulatory process.

Thurman faulted the CDC for embracing name-based surveillance systems without helping states such as Maryland and Texas develop alternatives, such as unique identifiers.

"They may have some very good reasons [for supporting name-based reporting], and I'm certainly open to listening to the kinds of arguments that are to be made for that," she said. "We want to be open to that conversation. But I want to make sure if indeed that's where we want to go, we've exhausted all other possibilities."

A recent CDC report examined the results of unique identifiers in Maryland and Texas - the only states using that method. It found that the coded numbers failed to deliver data necessary to track the epidemic.

AIDS policy advocates in states considering unique identifiers argue that the CDC never gave the Maryland and Texas systems a fair shot. The CDC did not fund development of those systems, but did

contribute toward the cost of name-based systems.

Thurman said she wants the CDC to show why unique identifiers cannot work.

"Someone is going to have to explain to me how I can get on a camel, in the desert, in the middle of Egypt, and I can ride up to the ATM machine and put in a unique identifier and get my life savings," she said.

Strong Support for Needle Swaps

Thurman made her comments during two presentations at the National AIDS Update Conference. She also voiced strong support for federal funding for needle-exchange programs.

A congressional ban against federal aid for needle exchanges expired March 31. Shalala now has the power to let local communities spend federal dollars on needle exchanges, if two conditions are met.

First, she must be satisfied that needle exchanges reduce the rate of HIV infections. Second, she must certify that the swaps do not encourage illicit drug use. Shalala last year said studies show the first requirement has been met. However, she has not accepted the second.

The White House has reviewed a compromise plan in which Shalala would endorse needle exchanges, but not use federal funds to pay for the programs. The effect would be to give the government's imprimatur for states and localities to initiate needle exchanges.

Thurman said she, Shalala and White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles discussed the idea, but reached no decision on that or any other idea.

"It's up to Secretary Shalala to decide on the science," Thurman said. "I do think, though, that she will make a decision sooner, rather than later."

Thurman also tried to downplay news reports of the "czar wars," as she puts it, between herself and the president's national drug policy director, Barry McCaffrey.

The New York Times reported March 23 that the two engaged in a "spirited meeting" over whether federal money should be used to encourage drug users to turn in dirty needles for clean ones.

"As public servants, citizens and parents," McCaffrey wrote in a follow-up letter to Thurman, "we owe our children an unambiguous 'no use' message. And if they should become ensnared by drugs, we must offer them a way out, not a means to continue addictive behavior."

Thurman said she and McCaffrey actually share the same goals of promoting drug treatment programs and curbing HIV infection, and that policy on those issues should be driven by science, not politics.

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DRAFT

Richard Sun
3151 Yarwood Way
Sacramento, CA 95833

Dear Mr. Sun:

Thank you for your letter and enclosures of May 5 regarding my statement in the April 17 issue of *AIDS Policy & Law*.

The issue of HIV surveillance is important for HIV epidemiology and the evaluation of HIV prevention efforts in this country. The need for more data on HIV infection is particularly urgent in light of the success of new combination antiretroviral therapy which has dramatically lowered AIDS incidence and mortality during the past two years. HIV surveillance is already conducted in 31 states (not your state of California, however).

I am undecided as to whether name-based is the only viable method to obtain high quality data for HIV surveillance. I am working with officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the ~~Office of HIV/AIDS Policy in the~~ Department of Health and Human Services to reach consensus on the federal government recommendations for HIV surveillance.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
Executive Office of the President
736 Jackson Pl NW
Washington, DC 20503

3151 Yarwood Way
Sacramento, CA 95833

May 5, 1998

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
National AIDS Policy Office
808 17th Street, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Thurman:

I read your remarks on HIV reporting in the April 17 edition of *AIDS Policy & Law*. Among other statements, you were quoted as saying "someone is going to have to explain to me how I can get on a camel, in the desert, in the middle of Egypt, and I can ride up to the ATM machine and put in a unique identifier and get my life savings." I found the comparison between the global automated teller machine (ATM) system and the potential U.S. HIV reporting system inappropriate.

Although ATM cards contain a unique identifier (UI), the ATM system is based on the integrity of participating financial institutions. All such institutions require that clients disclose personal information such as name, street address, social security number, phone number, and driver's license number. Each institution then keeps such information on file; please see Enclosure 1 to this letter for a typical ATM card application. Furthermore, the computerized infrastructure to support ATM transactions has been built over many years at a cost of billions of dollars. See Enclosure 2 for a diagram of the electronic steps that occur when a person inserts a card into an ATM machine.

In contrast, past and current proposals for UI systems for HIV reporting would forbid health departments from collecting or keeping much identifying information about HIV positive persons. Furthermore, limited funds for HIV/AIDS surveillance do not allow the construction of a computerized infrastructure that would support secure, usefui statewide or nationwide UI systems for HIV reporting. Such an infrastructure may be possible with increased collaboration between public health organizations and managed care organizations.

All of us concerned with HIV/AIDS are struggling with the issue of HIV reporting. I hope that your future remarks on the matter can be productive. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Sun", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard Sun

Enclosure 1**Bank of Richmondville - ATM Access Card Application**

Please fill out this form using your computer; then print, sign, and return the form to the Bank of Richmondville on your next visit.

APPLICANT

	Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
	Street Address		P.O. Box
	City	State	Zip Code
	Social Security Number		
	Home Phone Number		
	Drivers License Number		

CO-APPLICANT

	Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
	Street Address		P.O. Box
	City	State	Zip Code
	Social Security Number		
	Home Phone Number		
	Drivers License Number		

CHECKING ACCOUNT NUMBER:

Optional: As an option, you may also add your statement savings account to your debit card. Please include your statement savings account if you choose to do so.

SAVINGS ACCOUNT NUMBER:

PLEASE ISSUE CARDS IN THE FOLLOWING NAMES:

	Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
	Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
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OFFICE USE: # _____ SYS _____ PC _____

I certify the above information is true, that I am an authorized user of the account(s) that I am applying for an ATM Access Card. Card usage is governed by the Bank of Richmondville Electronic Banking Card Agreement, which I receive upon application. If I do not agree to the conditions of this agreement I will not use my card and will return it to the bank.

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Co-Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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Enclosure 2

ATM FAQ'S

What happens when I use my Magic Line card in an ATM?



1. When you request a transaction from an automated teller machine (ATM) menu, you set a number of electronic steps into motion.



2. The ATM reads the data on the electronic stripe on the back of your ATM card - then sends it, along with the transaction you requested, to a computer at the financial institution that operates the ATM.



3. The financial institution sends the data to Magic Line's computer.



4. The Magic Line computer identifies your financial institution and sends the transaction to it.



5. Your financial institution verifies your account balance and contacts the Magic Line computer with an authorization or denial. Magic Line's computer sends the authorization or denial to a computer at the financial institution that owns the ATM you are using. This message is then sent to the ATM you are using, allowing your transaction to be completed.

All of this is at electronic speed and usually takes about 8 seconds.

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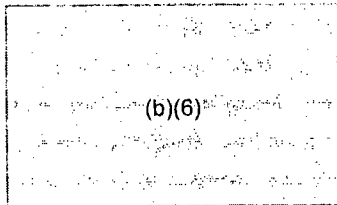
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 3, 1998



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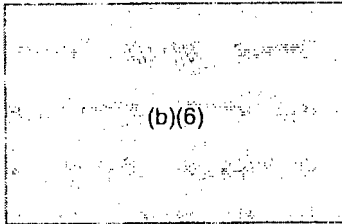
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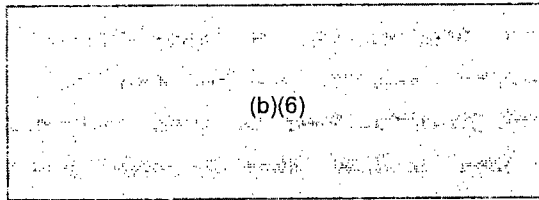
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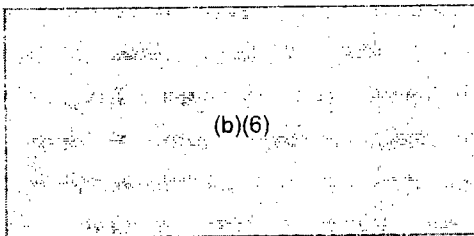
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**Sandy Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
808 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503**

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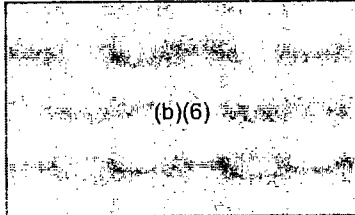
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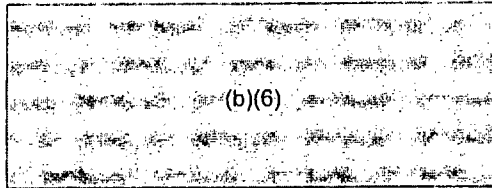
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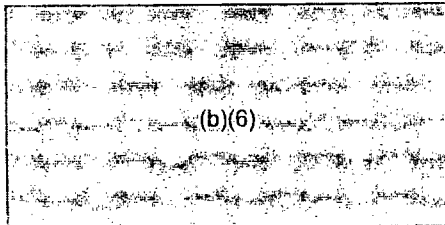
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June 3, 1998

Honorable David Waks
475 Valley Road
Wayne, New Jersey 07470-3586

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township of Wayne

Office of the Mayor
David Waks

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

November 3, 1997

Sandy Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
808 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20503

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

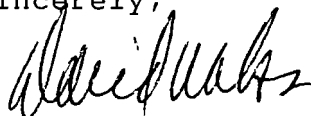
Dear Director Thurman:

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

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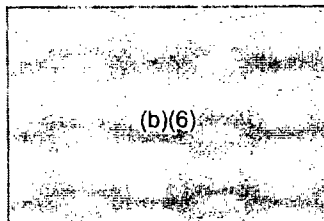
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
June 3, 1998



[0029]

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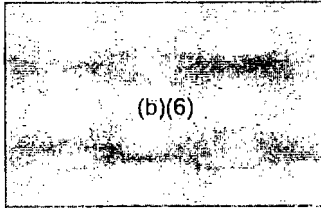
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[002c]

MR. President Clinton Sir 4-13-98

It has been along time from my last letter to you. I am (b)(6), a 32 yr Old Hemophiliac dying of Aids and Hepatitis B, C. I can't walk or get around anymore. I've been house bound 3 yrs Now. I'm on 5 liters of Oxygen Flow per min, and must stay on it 24-7. The Factor 8 is the part my blood is missing and is why it will not clot. I have stick a needle in my vein and give myself donors factor 8, or I would bleed to death. I Found out after my wife and I got back from our Honey-moon, that I was Hiv+ and had Hepatitis B. That did in our plans for children, and killed our sex life. Thank God she did not get it. Sir it is your worst Nightmare. The very stuff I was taking to save my life was killing me. What makes me so mad is it was known by the blood companies and the Government, I live on Morphine for the pain, I take 51 pills³ day. AS a child I lived at the Hospital more then home with my parents Im the only child, and the last to carry our name.

Sir the blood companies paid their part, 100 thousand which my medical bills took in a month. Don't you think it is the Governments turn? I think 1/2 million not Asking too much for all the pain, suffering the burden of the medical cost, and taking the chance of us to ever having children. 1/2 million for the price of my life. I need for you to try to have us paid the 1/2 million TAX Free. little more sir

(2)

4-13-98

You know a house now starts at ^{\$}100 thousand
alone. I will need to put up money for my wife
When I'm gone. I want money so she can
go on more with her education. She worked
right ~~off~~ out of high school wanting for me to
get my degree. I did, but she is still working
at the same Hospital. my Education was a
waste due to Aids. Now we don't have money
or any credit. I had to take a bankruptcy
now. Please Sir see that we get
the Compensation due us. Surely if millions can be
spent to send Frogs up in space to see if
they can reproduce, we can spend millions
to compensate killing Hemophiliacs
The Lawyers make more then the Hemo-
philiacs. Can you find out if the Blood money
paid by the blood companies will be taxed?
I don't think it should, if they do they are
low lifes. That would mean our lives were only
considered to be ~~valued~~ around 90 thousand
If you look at it, they knew the blood was bad, but
they did not want to throw it out and loose that much
profits. To me that's mass 1st degree Murder.

Sign the Ricky Ray bill, MR President
You knew him. Don't let his death be for nothing

Thank you Sir

Forgive
my writing Sir
it gets
bad with
morphine

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HR1023 and S358 need passed

A Hemophiliac IN Need of Help 11-22-97
Sir

Please help me, I am a Hemophiliac dying with Aids and hepatitis B and C. We need the Ricky-Ray relief Act passed. Hemophiliacs got Aids thru the blood products they needed to save their lives! Not to kill them with tainted blood. Other Countries, governments, helped their dying Hemophiliacs, with money needed to pay very expensive medical cost. Hemophilia is already very expensive to treat, with Aids treatment, it is impossible to pay. We have other bills we can't pay for (like Food, electric etc.) When we are already broke paying for bills from Dr's and high insurance cost. Is \$100,000 dollars too much to ask for our lives? Help us get the Rick Ray fund passed. Don't let Ricky's Death and all hemophiliacs in great need of help die in vein. Please. Thank you

(b)(6)

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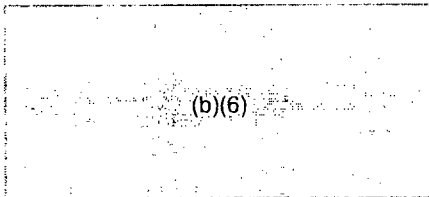
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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0903

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August 25, 1997



[002f]

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act. I appreciate your continuing interest in this issue.

On February 26, 1997, Senator DeWine and I introduced the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act (S. 358). A companion bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Goss (H.R. 1223). This bill was named in honor of a 15-year-old Florida boy who died of hemophilia-associated AIDS in 1993. This legislation, if passed, would create a fund to provide for payment of claims to individuals with blood-clotting disorders and their family members, who contracted HIV through tainted blood products.

More than 26 developed countries have already established compensation programs to provide assistance to individuals with blood-clotting disorders who were infected by the AIDS virus. It is time that our government also take steps to assist those individuals and families who were harmed by contaminated blood products.

Please be assured that I will continue to support this important legislation. Thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

United States Senator

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HEMOPHILIA FOUNDATION OF GREATER FLORIDA

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NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 1997

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

By Donna Cialone

The last week of October was an exciting time on Capitol Hill from the Ricky Ray Bill, the Hemophilia Community and those of us who have worked on the Hill for support of this very important piece of legislation. Wanda Bedell and myself spent the week in Washington visiting Senate offices and attending hearings. Here is a sampling of what the week was like:

On **October 28th**, Senator DeWine of Ohio took 45 minutes of Senate Floor time to speak about the Bill that he introduced into the Senate.

On **Wednesday October 29th**, the House Judiciary Committee passed the Bill through their Committee with an amendment offered by Mr. Hyde R-Illinois, the Chairman of the Committee. In the amendment, the following major changes were made:

- Reduction of the amount awarded from \$125,000.00 to \$100,000.00
- Narrowing the field of recipients to infected individuals, lawful spouses, children and or parents of deceased individuals.
- The findings of the IOM were dropped from the wording of the Bill and the Bill is now considered a humanitarian relief bill, there by eliminating any liability of the U.S. Government.

Changes to Bills as they pass through different committees are a normal part of the process. The changes made by Mr. Hyde were to help the Bill get passed once it reaches the full House Vote.

On **Thursday Oct. 30th**, the **SENATE** held a Hearing on AIDS, which covered a number of AIDS related topics including programs currently being funded by the government. Senator James Jeffords R-Vermont, the Chairman of the Committee and Senator Ted Kennedy were in attendance as was Senator DeWine. Senator Ted Kennedy, one of our co-sponsors, spoke eloquently of our community and the events of the last 15 years.

There were four panels of 3-4 people each who spoke on their area of expertise. We were well represented by John Williams from Dayton, Ohio, who lost his son to AIDS at the age of 16yrs. Other panel members who testified to the AIDS tragedy in the Hemophilia Community were Dr. Stoto from the Institutes of Medicine (IOM) and Attorney Jim Green, from the Plaintiffs Steering Committee, who explained the difficulties of bringing a lawsuit and winning against the fractionators.

We are getting very close to a vote in the full House. If time permits a vote could be taken before the holiday recess. Thanks to all of you who have written or called your Congressman. You have made a difference!! The current tally of sponsors is House 259, Senate 35.

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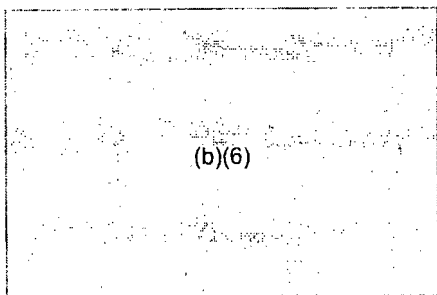
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 1, 1998



[0039]

I am responding to your letter dated April 28, 1998.

Enclosed, please find the CDC Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-Infected Adults. I trust you will find useful information in the guidelines concerning HIV care and treatment. I would urge you to contact your physician in the correctional facility and explore the idea of beginning treatment for HIV.

I thank you for writing to me and I wish you the best.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

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Tuesday April 28, 1998

Office of National AIDS Policy
308 17th Street NW
8th Floor
Washington DC 20006
Sandra Thurman, Director

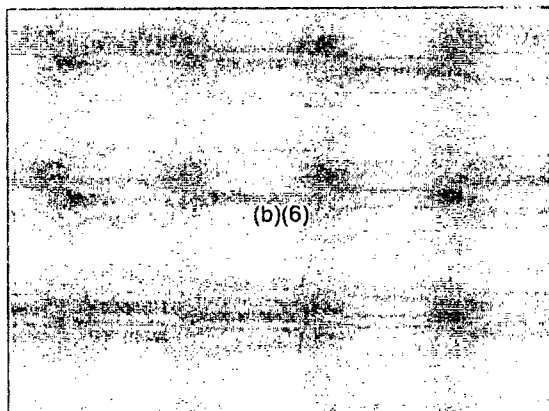
Ms. Thurman,

I received this address from Jackie Walker with the
ACLU National Prison Project. I am HIV positive and I am
interested in receiving any information available on treatments
for HIV and the national standards for these treatments.

I have been positive for five years, however, I have yet
to begin treatment of any kind.

Thank you for your time, consideration, prompt attention and
response concerning this matter.

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Brad -
See me about
this
Todd

Possible responses

- 1) send him the memo
- 2) send the letter either

5/27/98
Sent email to Todd. Am
waiting for his response.

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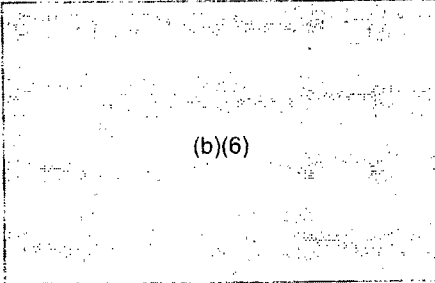
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 26, 1998



Sarah had me give
this to you. She
already signed it
so please sign &
hand back to me
-David Thanks
sorry

[0030]

Thank you for writing the Office of National AIDS Policy
regarding treatment programs for people living with
HIV/AIDS.

As we deal mostly with policy, we suggest that you contact
the National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases,
9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20892. You may
also wish to contact the National Institutes of Health by
telephone regarding any questions that you have; 301-496-2351.

Good luck in your continued efforts.

Sincerely,

Todd A. Summers
Deputy Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

No -
have Brad
do a response -
we should get someone
to contact him -
Todd

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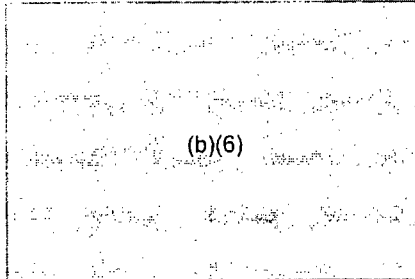
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 26, 1998

[003f]



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Sincerely,

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Deputy Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM TO LINDA JACKSON

From: Sandra L. Thurman, Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
(202) 395-1441

Date: June 11, 1998

Re: Geneva Reception

Thank you so much for your fax regarding the Tuesday night reception in Geneva. I wanted to make sure that the following people are added to the list of invitees:

Dr. Tony Fauci
Dr. Satcher
Dr. Eric Goosby
Dr. Marsha Martin

Everything else looks wonderful!

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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June 26, 1998

Warm greetings to everyone gathered to celebrate the grand opening and dedication of The Camp Heartland Center. I am delighted to congratulate all of you who have worked so hard to ensure that this day be one of joy and hope.

As you celebrate this grand opening and the tireless efforts of those who reach out to children and families in need, please know that you are not alone in your work. I know the President will continue to do everything he can to support efforts that empower children who are dealing with complex issues to make positive changes for themselves and their families.

I join you in spirit in recognizing the contributions of the remarkable children who will be visiting The Camp Heartland Center this summer. I commend The Camp Heartland Center and everyone involved for working to solve the problems of today and to meet the challenges of the future to enrich the lives of young people living with HIV/AIDS. You represent America at its best, getting things done and reinforcing our nation's deepest values of community, responsibility, and opportunity.

Best wishes for a memorable event and summer.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 3, 1998

Dr. Boris Szanto
TEIN Limited
H-1202 Budapest
Hungary

Dear Dr. Szanto:

Thank you very much for your letter regarding electromagnetic treatment of HIV infected individuals.

Our office mainly concentrates on working with the policies that affect HIV/AIDS individuals; however, you will find it beneficial to contact the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

Thank you again for your continued efforts on behalf of people living with HIV/AIDS.

Sincerely,

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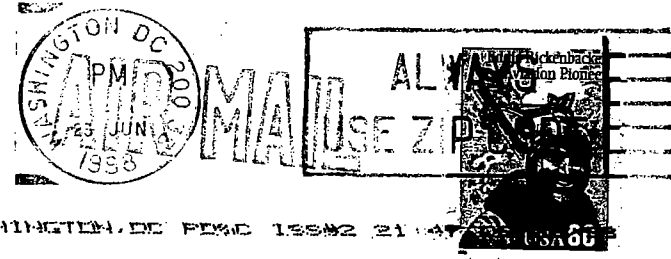
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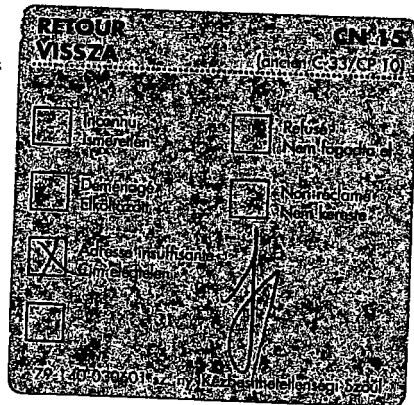
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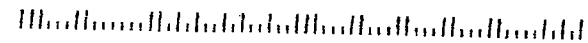
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Dr. Boris Szanto
 TEIN Limited
 H-1202 Budapest
 Hungary

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Stephen C. Schwichow
210 Upper Terrace #3
San Francisco, CA 94117-4536

Dear Mr. Schwichow:

Thank you for your electronic mail message to the White House. I have been asked to reply.

I too was saddened by the passing of Steve Michael, as I am anytime a person with AIDS dies. Far too many of our friends and family members have died, and far too many of those we care about are already HIV infected.

You are right, we have not done enough, and there is so much more to do. As you may know, this Administration has done more than any previous Administration, and we will continue to make even greater strides. We must redouble our efforts at prevention, we must ensure that the services needed by people with HIV and AIDS are available, we must find a cure, and we must find a vaccine to prevent new infections..

As the epidemic continues, both in the United States and internationally, our efforts must become even more focused. I thank you for your support of the Administration and our efforts to address HIV. Your voice is an important component of the battle against AIDS.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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Agline / AIDS Cont *ON APC*
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From nobody@www1.whitehouse.gov Thu Jun 4 16:02:23 1998
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[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Stephen C. Schwichow
EMAIL-ADDRESS: SchwichS@ix.netcom.com
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 210 Upper Terrace #3
CITY: San Francisco
STATE-PROVINCE: CA
ZIP-CODE: 94117-4536
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Offer neutral commentary, advice, or a suggestion
TOPIC: Health Care
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Steve Michael & AIDS Research

[Message]

My sadness far outweighed my shock over the "political"
funeral of Steve Michael in front of the White House.

My best friend and housemate has AIDS and your actions and
inactions, promises kept and promises broken affect his life,
his health and his future. Thus they affect me, and in a more
philosophical way, all of us.

Isn't it time to take politics out of the AIDS crisis? If you believe it isn't fair to be scolded for the lack of movement in this arena, then whom should we scold? When will there be an AIDS "Czar" who isn't afraid to speak out? Why not find someone with no political baggage who can get the job done? Millions of lives depend on your decisions.

All in all, I support you, but this is one area near to my heart where I feel you have let many of us down. Even so, I wish you well and wish you success.

Stephen C. Schwichow

June 24, 1998

Paul DeLay
U.S. Agency for International Development
G/PHN/HN
3:06-075 3rd Floor
RRB - D1
Washington, DC 20523-3700

Dear Mr. DeLay:

Thank you so much for your wonderful presentation during the last Interdepartmental Task Force on HIV/AIDS meeting. I was struck by the enormity of the issues we face on an international level, and by the complexity of responses needed to do what is right in the face of AIDS.

I admire your passion and genuine commitment to addressing HIV.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

June 24, 1998

Nancy Carter-Foster
Director
Emerging Infectious Diseases and HIV/AIDS Program
Department of State
Room 4330
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Ms. Carter-Foster:

Thank you for providing an update on the U.S. International Strategy on HIV/AIDS during the recent Interdepartmental Task Force on HIV/AIDS meeting.

Coordinating efforts between governments, as well as within the U.S. government, will be essential to fully addressing the global issues and challenges which are presented by HIV and AIDS.

Thank you for your continued commitment to addressing HIV/AIDS at the international level.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

June 24, 1998

Lani Havens
U.S. Peace Corps
Room 8104
1990 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20526

Dear Ms. Havens:

Thank you for providing an update on U.S. Peace Corps HIV/AIDS activities during the recent Interdepartmental Task Force on HIV/AIDS meeting.

The video gave a wonderful view of what it is like on the front lines of Peace Corps' efforts to address HIV/AIDS in developing countries. While sometimes humorous, the video showed how serious work can be accomplished through government to government cooperation. The Peace Corps, and its volunteers, are to be commended for their efforts.

Thank you for your continued commitment to HIV/AIDS issues.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy