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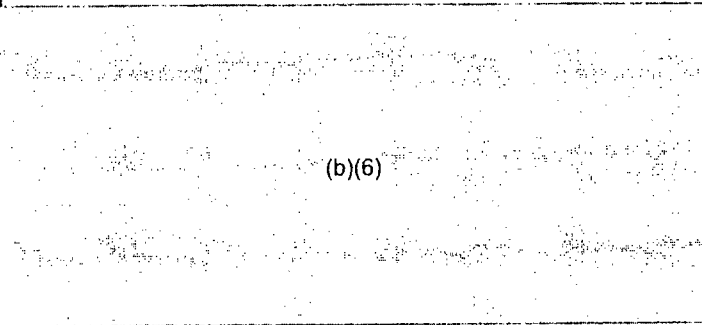
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[0016]

April 01, 1998

Ms. Sandy Thurman, National AIDS Policy Coordinator
National AIDS Policy Office
808-17th Street, N.W. Suite 820
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Thurman:

This letter of correspondence is submitted to your office to request for information/materials and to present three questions for response and investigation by your office and if possible coordination with the National Center for HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research (in Sydney, Australia)

Information / Materials Requested

- a). a complete copy of the Medicare Medical Nutrition Therapy Act (H.R. 1375 and S. 597). I'd also appreciate the current status of the bill, and does your office support the bill Netscape ^{www.}Thomas. /dc.gov
- b). A copy of Social Security Commissioner Kenneth Apfel's December 01, 1997 letter addressed to the heads of AIDS service organizations reiterating the Social Security Administration's commitment to providing compassionate and efficient service to people living HIV/AIDS DCM

Ms. Sandy Thurman, Nat'l. AIDS Policy Coord. -- 2 - April 01, 1998

c). A copy of the President's proposal (02-02-98) concerning increases for primary AIDS programs funded by the federal government \$

d). A copy of all news/press releases your office has issued within the last five months Sarah

e). An excerpt or summary copy of the presentations at the Fifth Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections concerning Dr. Ashley Haase's theme, and the session presentations made by:

I). Roger Pomerantz of Thomas Jefferson University (Philadelphia)

II). Bruce Walker, Assoc. Professor at Mass. General Hospital

III). Robert Siliciano; David Ho and R. Pat Bucy on HIV hiding in resting CD4 cells.

IV). The infamous Dr. Anthony Fauci

V). Poster 181 VI). Anything on new viral load assay tests - impro-
vements

If you could provide a copy of the sessions and abstracts by subject title that would be helpful, then I could write the NIAID for the bulk of what I'm requesting

f). Has your office received any reports from the California Department of Corrections concerning the overcrowding at the Corcoran State Prison where the maximum security level general population unit of Facility 3A has only one building for a capacity of 200 inmates? (If so, what has been reported and or learned about the problem).

g) The address of IAVI report (founded by David Gold) a publication devoted to HIV vaccine research. International AIDS Vaccine Initiative WEB

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Ms. Sandy Thurman, Nat'l. AIDS Policy Coord. - 3- April 01, 1998

h). The address of The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) WEB

i). As a person suffering from HIV, what are my general (legal) rights as a patient and as a disabled person under the ADA?
refer to Justice Dept (phone #) (WEB)

j). Is it still the U.S. policy to deny visas to anyone - even tourists with HIV.
yes - Waiver process allowed

k). Address of the Public Health Reports Magazine
WEB Page

l). Address of The National Minority AIDS Council ²⁰² 483 - 6622
to get

m). Are any recent reports available on guidelines for practices in Corrections by any Federal agency or the World Health Organization within the last 15 months. (Please send me a complete copy).
DCM / Jeremy (update)

n). Where can the Dermablend Corrective cosmetic leg & body cover be purchased from, (See April '98 issue of POZ - page 82) ?

o). The address of the Journal of Virology WEB

Questions

I). Are inmates with HIV/AIDS eligible for placement in the institutions designated as a residential substance abuse treatment program within State Correctional Facilities (such as Coreoran 2) under 42 USC 3796ff. [Pub. Law 103-322, Title III, Subtitle U. Section 32101]

BRAD
Austin
5/11/98
(many may)

Ms. Sandy Thurman, Nat'l AIDS Policy Coord. -4- April 01, 1998

2). Is toothpaste more conducive to eliminating germs and plaque as opposed to toothpowder? And is toothpaste more helpful in mouth odor control as opposed to toothpowder? (Question's should be answered as though asked by a person whom HIV+)

3). What can your office do to help commence a national plan for dietary intake of a 5,000 caloric diet for inmates with HIV/AIDS? Currently the Texas Criminal Justice Department provides 5,000 calories to its inmate population whom are HIV positive. One of the reasons I'm concerned is the fact that I'm meat intolerant and cannot digest Resource Plus, but I'm losing 775 to 1,000 calories a day. what do you suggest. (See ADA Appendix enclosed). I need double portions for breakfast

Please return a copy of my letter with your response, and return the response (confidential mail)

Respectfully submitted,

(b)(6)

(enclosure)

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**REASONABLE MODIFICATION OR
ACCOMMODATION REQUEST**
CDC 1824 (1/95)

Please Return

INSTITUTION/PAROLE REGION:

LOG NUMBER:

CATEGORY:

CSP—CORCORAN

97-4124

18. ADA

NOTE: THIS FORM IS TO BE USED ONLY BY INMATES/PAROLEES WITH DISABILITIES

In processing this request, it will be verified that the inmate/parolee has a disability which is covered under the Americans With Disabilities Act.

[001C]

INMATE/PAROLEE'S NAME (PRINT)	CDC NUMBER	ASSIGNMENT	HOURS/WATCH	HOUSING
(b)(6)				

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), no qualified individuals with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of the services, activities, or programs of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination.

You may use this form to request specific reasonable modification or accommodation which, if granted, would enable you to participate in a service, activity or program offered by the Department/Institution/facility, for which you are otherwise qualified/eligible to participate.

Submit this completed form to the institution or facility's Appeals Coordinator's Office. A decision will be rendered within 15 working days of receipt at the Appeals Coordinator's Office and the completed form will be returned to you.

If you do not agree with the decision on this form, you may pursue further review. The decision rendered on this form constitutes a decision at the FIRST LEVEL of review.

To proceed to SECOND LEVEL, attach this form to an Inmate/Parolee Appeal Form (CDC 602) and complete section "F" of the appeal form.

Submit the appeal with attachment to the Appeals Coordinator's Office within 15 days of your receipt of the decision rendered on this request form.

If you are not satisfied with the SECOND LEVEL review decision, you may request THIRD LEVEL review as instructed on the CDC 602.

MODIFICATION OR ACCOMMODATION REQUESTED

DESCRIPTION OF DISABILITY:

The appellant's disability is a chronic viral disease which affects his lymphatic and hemic body systems

WHAT VERIFICATION DO YOU HAVE OF YOUR DISABILITY?

The appellants housing unit and sectional location denotes he is housed in the C10/HW housing unit. Furthermore Section 54100.32 establishes that AIDS is a qualifiable ADA disability

DESCRIBE THE PROBLEM:

Currently the appellant is an HIV/sero positive inmate confined at the Corcoran State Prison Site, Facility 4A and he is deliberately being excluded from receiving the same or commensurate diet available to inmates observing Islamic, Christian and Jewish special religious meals. The appellant has also been deliberately denied a substitute for all meat items which he cannot digest due to blood transfusions in 1996. The Food Manager, and ACH Dietitian have advised appellant to procure a 128C so such no-meat trays of food can be issued. But on 09-10-97 MTA D. Rodriguez influenced and achieved a denial by Dr. Roman for a no-meat.

WHAT SPECIFIC MODIFICATION OR ACCOMMODATION IS REQUESTED?

- 1) That appellant be interviewed and a Corcoran Food Services department administrator be present
- 2) That the Muslim and Jewish Chaplains be contacted for input regarding substitutions for pork item.
- 3) That the ADA Coordinator contact the CMO's Administrative Assistant to be present at the interview.
- 4) That consideration be given to the fact that appellant cannot digest meat without vomiting and that a 128C for a year be provided for substitution of meat items from that meal served which is commensurate to 15 C.C.R. 3054(c). The Muslims are given a substitute by their religious belief. The appellant

Michael Alexander (Tashaton)
INMATE/PAROLEE'S SIGNATURE

September 21, 1997
DATE SIGNED

likes hamburgers, hotdogs, etc., but these and other meats make the appellant vomit, and he should be accommodated since it is a medical and permanent condition. A muslim could reject Islam and start eating sausages, I can't eat any meat and get away with, because I'll get sick. I'm not asking for a whole new diet. Just a substitute from what's served for the meat, or my extra sack lunch to cover breakfast+ dinner.

See Enclosures: (67) (A. Shelton v. Nawraszek, in F.3d. 674) (911 Cr. 1997)

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3/28/98 page 142

REVIEWER'S ACTION

DATE ASSIGNED TO REVIEWER: 10-7-97
DATE DUE: 11-14-97

TYPE OF ADA ISSUE

☒ PROGRAM, SERVICE, OR ACTIVITY ACCESS (Not requiring structural modification)

☐ Auxiliary Aid or Device Requested

☒ Other _____

☐ PHYSICAL ACCESS (requiring structural modification)

DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS:

You are requesting to have meat and meat products eliminated from your food tray because this has been a resource caused increase and vomiting - I understand when there is beef, chicken, spaghetti with meat sauce, this is served and the entire meal is on noodles which is a hard meal portion to eat due to your medical condition.

10-24-97

DATE INMATE/PAROLEE WAS INTERVIEWED

PERSON WHO CONDUCTED INTERVIEW

DISPOSITION

☒ GRANTED ☐ DENIED ☐ PARTIALLY GRANTED

BASIS OF DECISION:

I have thoroughly reviewed your request. The attending physician has dictated a chrono for double portion of the evening meal only. The breakfast/lunch meal will remain consistent with the Chronic Infection guidelines.

To eliminate meat/meat products I have recommended 3/4 portion tray be dipped first in the housing section. This request will not impact the serving time or program of the other inmates. This will allow the 3/4 more calories for the entire meal. This does not affect the drinks served. This action is based on a medical need only.

NOTE: If disposition is based upon information provided by other staff or other resources, specify the resource and the information provided. If the request is granted, specify the process by which the modification or accommodation will be provided, with time frames if appropriate.

DISPOSITION RENDERED BY: (NAME)

TITLE

INSTITUTION/FACILITY

W. J. Bynum

SM-7A

CSP-Corcoran

APPROVAL

ASSOCIATE WARDEN'S SIGNATURE

DATE SIGNED

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10-28-97

DATE RETURNED TO INMATE/PAROLEE

Date Rec'd 12-01-97

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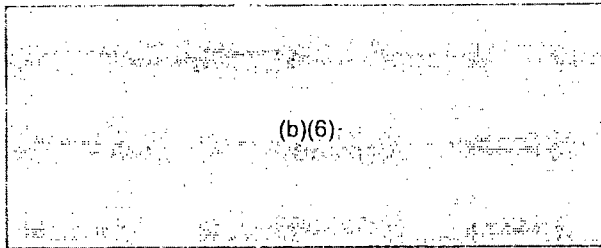
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August 10, 1998



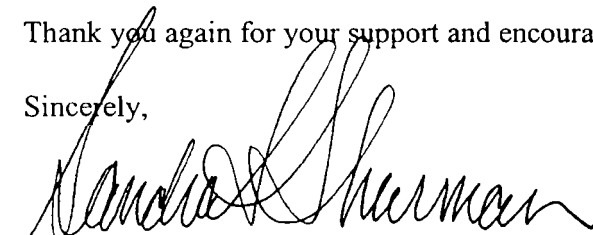
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Thank you for your letter dated April 1, 1998 in support of the Office of National AIDS Policy. This Office is committed to preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS, but also to serving people through policy who have contracted the disease in the best way possible.

In your letter you outlined several things that you wanted me to send you and you asked us many questions. We have attached most of the information that you requested and have provided a contact for the rest.

Thank you again for your support and encouragement.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman

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WASHINGTON

1. Medicare Medical Therapy Act of 1997: Enclosed
2. Social Security Commissioners unavailable through this office.
3. Enclosed is a complete copy of the Presidents proposal concerning increases for primary AIDS programs funded by the federal government.
4. Press releases enclosed.
5. A summary copy of the presentations at the Fifth Conference on Retroviruses: unavailable through this office.
6. Reports from the California Department of Corrections concerning the overcrowding at the Corcoran State Prison: unavailable through this office.
7. Address of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative: 810 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10019
8. We do not list the address of The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.
9. If you would like to know your rights as a person suffering from HIV please call the Justice Department @ (202) 514-2000. For correspondence the address is:
Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Ave. NW Rm. 4400
Washington, DC 20530-0001
10. It is still the policy of the United States to deny visas to anyone with HIV; however, the Waiver process is allowed.
11. Address of the Public Health Reports Magazine: unavailable through this office.
12. Address of The National Minority AIDS Council: 1931 13th NW
Washington, DC 20090
13. Report from the Bureau of Prisons on health promotion and prevention for inmates: Enclosed.
14. Dermablend Corrective cosmetic leg and body cover: Unavailable through this office.

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WASHINGTON

15. The address for the Journal of Virology is: 1325 A.S.M.

Massachusetts Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20005
Attn: Journals Dept.

16. I am not qualified to answer your question about toothpaste vs. toothpowder.

17. Dietary intake should always be discussed with your doctor because everyone has a very different situation.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 13, 1998

Mr. Thomas Lynch
Consul General of the
United States of America
15 Furshtatskaya
St. Petersburg 191028
Russia

via fax: 7 812 275-3291

Dear Mr. Lynch:

Thank you so much for taking time out of your hectic schedule to meet with me during my short visit to St. Petersburg in May. It is my hope that the collaboration I witnessed at the 6th International Conference on Diseases will continue to strengthen and grow. Together, as an international community, we can overcome this epidemic.

During my visit to St. Petersburg, I worked with two people who were extremely helpful, Ms. Nonna Tikhomirova and Mr. Boris Sizov. I understand that they will be visiting the United States in the coming months, and any assistance that you could provide them to expedite their request for visas would be most appreciated. Ms. Tikhomirova and Mr. Sizov can be reached in St. Petersburg at (812) 164 - 9870.

As I will be out of the country on travel this August, please feel free to have your staff contact my assistant, Sarah Holewinski at (202) 395-1441, with any questions. Thank you again for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 26, 1998

Edward A. Watkins
3998 Rainbow Drive
Decatur, GA 30034

Dear Mr. Watkins:

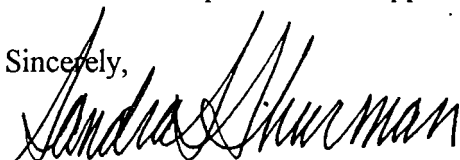
Thank you for your letter of August 14, 1998 in which you express your concerns regarding Administration policy on HIV/AIDS prevention and education.

To date, more than 650,000 Americans have been diagnosed with AIDS, and more than one-half of them have already died. HIV is now a leading cause of morbidity in young people under the age of 25. More and more women, young people, racial and ethnic minorities, and heterosexuals are being infected everyday. We must do more, both as a society and individually, to educate people about HIV and encourage them not to engage in behavior which places them at risk for HIV infection.

For those individuals who have decided to engage in sexual activity or inject drugs, we must also address their needs and concerns. Numerous research studies have shown that needle exchange programs, as part of a comprehensive HIV prevention program, reduce HIV infection and do not encourage drug use. Research also clearly shows that educating people how to properly use condoms reduces not only HIV infection, but infection with other sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancy.

People can and do disagree on the methods to achieve a common goal. Your thoughts and concerns are important and I appreciate you sharing them with me.

Sincerely,

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

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 21, 1998

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

Via fax: (404) 730-0191

Dear Mitch;

Thank you so much for allowing Jeff Cheek to provide support to the Office of National AIDS Policy from September 2 - 18, 1998.

Please feel free to give me a call with any questions.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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August 25, 1998

Pierre Rowen
AIDS Housing of Washington
2025 First Avenue, Suite 420
Seattle, Washington 98121

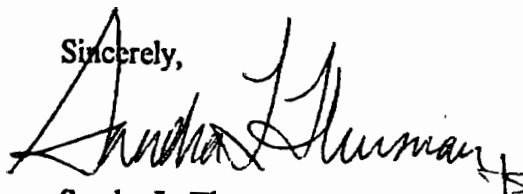
Dear Mr. Rowen,

As you requested, I authorize AIDS Housing of Washington, its successors and assigns, and anyone acting on its authority to record my entire presentation, including my likeness, voice, and statements, on film, videotape, audiotape, or any similar medium; to edit such recording, so long as editing does not in any manner alter or distort the meaning of my statements; to incorporate the same into one or more educational programs and materials (including brochures, study guides, and curriculum materials). This authorization is given provided that the inclusion of my official title and position be given no more prominence than other biographical details.

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Sandra L. Thurman
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