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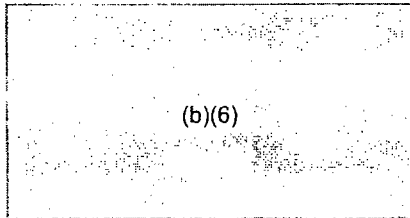
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 13, 1998

[0019]



A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to a high-ranking official.

Thank you for your kind words of support and for sharing your concerns with me about current Federal HIV policy.

As you know, the Clinton Administration has done more than any previous administration in terms of addressing HIV. While we have been able, with the support of Congress, to achieve additional funding for HIV-related activities, resources alone will not address all of the issues.

As a society, we must all strive to do what we can to prevent new infections, and to make sure that those who are already infected are provided the services they need in order to lead productive lives. Your speaking out on this issue can go a long way to educating the policy makers at all levels, especially federal, state and local elected officials.

In response to your request for additional information about me, I have included a brief biography of myself. At this time, the Office of National AIDS Policy does not have an Internet site.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra L. Thurman".

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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7 October, 1998

[001e]

**Ms Sandra Thurman
Dir., Office of AIDS Policy
The White House
Washington, D.C.**

Dear Ms Thurman,

I have just read the interview of you in POZ magazine. Please allow me to make you the focus of my remarks and musings over the epidemic.

By way of background let me tell you that I grew up as a farm lad in Ohio, being the only member of my family to go to college and after teaching and working in the War On Poverty, went to graduate school in hopes of making some sense out of life.

Now in California, at the age of 58 living with an AIDS diagnosis for longer than I thought I would I find myself Chair of the HIV Planning Advisory Council of Orange County and knowing more of the politics of AIDS than I ever wanted to.

Logic tells me that adoption of a few commonsense policies would stop the spread of this disease and that continued research would provide either a cure, a vaccine, or at least new treatments that would prolong and ease life for the already infected. Life has taught me the folly of logic. I find myself wakening in the middle of the night to new realizations. The disease is becoming one of the permanent underclass. Resistant strains threaten to overwhelm treatments. Prior prevention messages do not resonate in the new generation. Legislators speak of dismantling social support systems, and criminalizing behavior.

You said you might not agree with your president but that you support him. I would expect that from his staff, but I join you in your statement. I realize how hard it is to wage a political fight every day and there must be unity in the ranks. Nevertheless, there are things, which the administration can do and I hope you will do.

In theory, those elected this November will reshape the Ryan White Act in the year 2000. While there is no way of predicting what they will do, there is certainly a chance for us to try to influence the shape of that

legislation. My own preference would be to have as much advance planning in place as possible and I would hope that we were in accord as to what policies the administration would promote and that they be ones we in the community advocate or could at least support.

Obviously, clean needle exchange, drug treatment, honest and meaningful education of youth and others at risk, condom availability, and real efforts to promote risk reduction behavior changes are to be preferred. I realize that the current political climate is not encouraging to these goals, nevertheless, I must advocate strongly for them.

Insofar as we can work together I would like to consider you an ally. What little I know of you has been gleaned from the press and the news from such organizations as AIDS Action Council. If there are other sources of information -such as a website- I should be grateful to know of them.

Meanwhile I wish you luck in your endeavors and I look forward to celebrating along with you on the day this struggle is over. God Bless.

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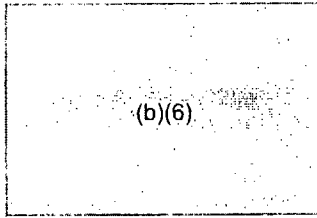
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I am so sorry to hear that your health has deteriorated over the last several months. I wish you the best and sincerely hope that your situation will improve quickly.

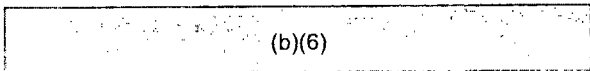
You suggested that the federal government institute a nutrition program for people with HIV similar in scope to that of the Women, Infant and Children's program. Under the Ryan White Care Act program, AIDS service providers are able to provide nutrition guidance and counseling. Many programs operate food program which provide nutritionally balanced meals for homebound people with HIV and AIDS. In addition, many operate food banks which provide free and/or lost cost food to individuals. If you have not done so already, you should consider contacting a local AIDS service provider in your area. Please call 1-800-458-5231 to find an organization operating in the Ypsilanti area.

If otherwise qualified, a person with HIV is eligible to participate if the Women, Infant and Children's program. HIV does not disqualify an individual from this program.

Thank you again for your suggestion and may your health improve quickly.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy



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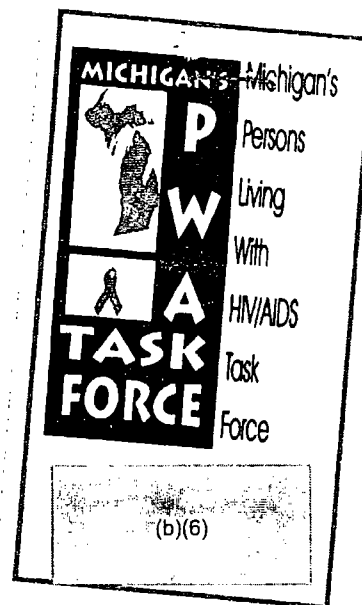
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[0026]



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
The White House

Dear Ms. Thurman

How are you? I am a member of the People Living With Aids Task Force in my region. I had the delightful opportunity of meeting you at the GEM Theater in Detroit, MI. I gave you my card and you invited me to come to The White House.

A lot of things have happened to me since I saw you last. I am currently on intervenes feedings. I have lost 15 lbs. and my bad hair days have increase to everyday. The reason for the feedings are to give me complete bowel rest and repair my digestive system.

Many times a person who is infected with the virus will require a change in their diet, personally I require more fruits and vegetables but I have to avoid milk products, red meat and pork. Which means that my grocery bill has doubled because I now need to buy and prepare meals separate from my 12 year old son. In addition to the nutrition, also require over the counter supplements and medications such as Ensure, Immodium A.D. and various vitamins and medications to keep my digestive system on tract. My monthly cost for these items total \$130 per month. That is a hard pill for a disabled mom to swallow.

Ms. Thurman the reason that I am writing you is to plea for you to institute a nutrition program for people with HIV. One that is similar to the Woman Infant and Children program, and one that will also help with the high on-going cost of the over the counter products as well. I hope that you will please consider this idea. Thank you for taking the time to listen.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Bill Doherty
111 Kellogg, #2115
St. Paul, MN 55101

Dear Mr. Doherty:

President Clinton requested that I respond to your recent electronic mail message to him regarding his announcement of \$156 million in funding to address HIV/AIDS in racial and ethnic communities.

The announcement of the funding by the President was based on appropriations made by Congress, and signed into law by the President, as part of the Fiscal Year 1999 budget. As often is the case, when the President (or Congressperson or Senator), is particularly interested in an item included in the annual budget, he will hold a press conference or issue a press release to announce the funding. These public announcements allow the issue being addressed to be more closely examined for their impact on the American public, and allow the President the opportunity to explain to the American public why an issue is so important. Given that more than 65% of all new HIV cases in the United States are in racial and ethnic communities, and that more than 50% of all new HIV infections are in youth under the age of 25, the additional funding was an excellent opportunity to bring to the attention of the American public the disproportionate impact that HIV/AIDS is having on America's most vulnerable individuals.

Such announcements as this are not uncommon, and provide an excellent opportunity for the American public to gain a better insight into how the American tax dollar is being appropriate by Congress. I hope I have sufficiently responded to your question.

Sincerely,

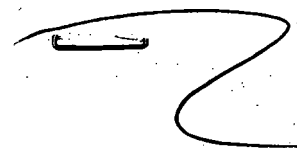
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Mrs. Robert Morton
6021 Softwind Dr.
Huntington Beach, CA 92647-3228

Dear Mrs. Morton:

Thank you for your recent letter to Mrs. Clinton expressing your serious concerns with impact that HIV/AIDS is having on children in Africa.

This Administration is well aware of the devastating impact that HIV/AIDS is having on the African continent, as well as across the globe. As part of our efforts to address HIV/AIDS internationally, the Administration recently announced an additional \$10 million in funding to address the issue of AIDS orphans. The President recently directed me to travel to South Africa and provide him with a list of recommendations on what more the United States can do to assist other countries as they address HIV/AIDS. I am scheduled to leave at the end of the month.

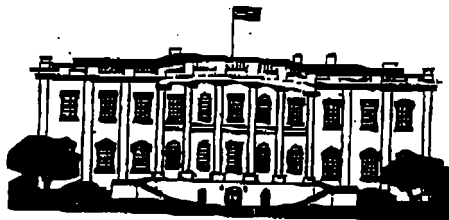
In addition, the United States supports the efforts of the United Nations' Global Program on HIV/AIDS, the United States Agency for International Development, the U.S. Peace Corps and the United States State Department in their efforts to address and coordinate an international response to the pandemic.

While we are doing much in this area, there is still much more to do. Your support is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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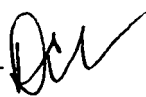
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**MEMORANDUM FOR SANDRA THURMAN, DIRECTOR, OFFICE
OF NATIONAL AIDS POLICY**

FROM: Daniel C. Montoya, Executive Director 
RE: Recommendations to the President/November 1998 Meeting

Attached are the recommendations to the President from the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS dated November 19, 1998. The recommendations address the Council's concern over research into topical microbicides in the fight against sexual transmission of HIV.

Please transmit these recommendations to the President.

Thank you.

cc: R. Scott Hitt, M.D., Chair, PACHA
Todd Summers, Deputy Director, ONAP 

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12 noon

**Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS
Research Subcommittee Recommendations: Microbicides**

Despite significant advances in the treatment of HIV/AIDS leading to a decline in the death rate for AIDS in the United States by approximately 50%, these therapies are not available in areas of the world where most of the cases of HIV/AIDS currently exist. Further, newly devised treatment regimens are costly, difficult to take, and associated with a high level of drug resistance over time. Most importantly, new HIV infections continue at a rate of 16,000 new cases each day worldwide, and 40,000 new cases each year in the USA. It is thus apparent that measures aimed at preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS will ultimately be required to end the world pandemic.

Topical microbicides have several potential advantages in the fight against sexual transmission of HIV. They may be female-controlled, thus obviating the problems inherent when women are not in control of their own life choices. Additionally, the products could be relatively inexpensive to make and distribute. Further, technology currently exists to provide the basis for rapid development of these products.

In July 1996, the Secretary of DHHS laudably committed to spend \$25 million dollars annually for four years to advance the microbicide effort. However, despite prior requests from this Council (as well as from the Congressional Women's Caucus), the Administration has yet to provide a detailed accounting of its current spending on microbicide product development and clinical evaluation towards meeting its commitment.

There are several obstacles to the rapid development and testing of candidate microbicides. To overcome these problems, the Council makes the following recommendations:

1. Greater public-sector investment is essential if microbicide development is to advance expeditiously. Therefore, the annual expenditures in microbicide research and development should increase to at least \$75 million annually, which would still represent less than 5% of the annual Federal biomedical research budget for AIDS. The Administration should provide and publish an annual accounting of this spending since 1996, broken down by grant, contract, project and program, both extramurally and intramurally, in each participating institute and agency.
2. To facilitate long-range planning activities and multi-year clinical trials for microbicide projects by relevant federal agencies, multi-year funding should be authorized.
3. Access to clinical trial sites and infrastructure will soon limit the speed with which microbicide testing can occur. Only a limited number of sites worldwide currently have the infrastructure needed for large-scale efficacy trials, and pressure for access to these sites will mount as more products emerge from early clinical testing. Therefore, the long-term viability of infrastructures for clinical and field trials, such as the HIVNET mechanism, should be assured.

4. Almost all microbicide research and development is currently conducted by small biopharmaceutical companies and academic research groups, which depend heavily on public sector funding. However, only a small percentage of that funding is specifically directed toward product development. An increased percentage of Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) contracts and grants, and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program monies should be targeted towards microbicide product development. Such funding should permit greater flexibility in program requirements. In addition, the Administration is urged to encourage the active participation of major pharmaceutical companies in this area.
5. Current human resources within DHHS agencies responsible for microbicide research and development are inadequate. Therefore, additional funds, specifically for FTE (full time equivalent) positions should be awarded to all relevant federal agencies (NIH, CDC, FDA) for the specific purpose of hiring staff dedicated to microbicide related activities.
6. The complexities and urgency of microbicide research and development, and the fact that microbicides are being developed primarily by small, often inexperienced companies requires innovative, coordinated, pro-active and flexible responses by the FDA within the context of its primary mandate to protect the public health. The FDA should be asked to continue and expand access to information on it's regulatory process for approval of microbicides in order to assist product sponsors.