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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 11, 1998

The Honorable Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick
Member of Congress
U.S. House of Representatives
503 Cannon House Office Building
First Street & Independence Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative Kilpatrick:

On December 1st, World AIDS Day, President Clinton directed me to lead a fact-finding mission to sub-Saharan Africa to look at the growing number of children orphaned by AIDS. As we in the Administration begin to develop plans for this important trip, I want to take this opportunity to invite you to be part of this delegation.

As you know, according to USAID, more than 8 million children have already lost a parent or parents to AIDS, 95% of whom live in Sub-Saharan Africa. It is projected that by 2010, more than 40 million children will be orphaned by AIDS, with the crisis not expected to peak until 2030. The UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) has already declared AIDS orphans to the "largest and fastest growing category of children in distress worldwide". "A generation of orphans" is not only a human tragedy, but is likely to have serious and long term economic development ramifications as well.

It is the goal of this fact-finding mission to define the many aspects of this complex problem, to identify the best community-based practices currently being employed, and to begin to develop ways for the international community to provide additional assistance in the face of this devastation. We hope to bring added visibility to the problem and added support for cost effective solutions. In order to accommodate the Congressional calendar, we are looking to schedule the trip between your swearing-in and the President's State of the Union Address.

Given your longstanding commitment and expertise in international development, child survival, and AIDS, I believe that your participation in this endeavor would be invaluable. I will be in India for the remainder of the week at the UNAIDS meeting, but if you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Michael Iskowitz or Todd Summers in my office at 456-2437. Thank you very much your time and consideration. I look forward to working with you on this vitally important effort.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 18, 1998

Kenneth Seaton
National Hygiene Foundation
2300 M Street
Washington, DC 20037

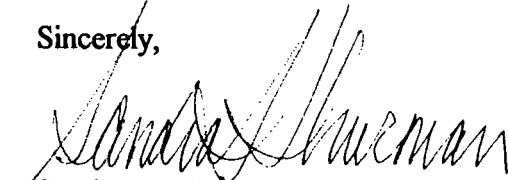
Dear Mr. Seaton:

The President has asked that I respond to your letter in which you share a copy of your 1991 abstract on the role of hygiene in HIV prevention.

The Office of National AIDS Policy is committed to doing all that we can to prevention new HIV infections, and ensure that the care and services needed by individuals already infected will be provided.

Thank you for your concern and interest in preventing new HIV infections.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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NATIONAL HYGIENE FOUNDATION

2300 M Street N.W.

Washington, DC. 20037

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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC. 20500.

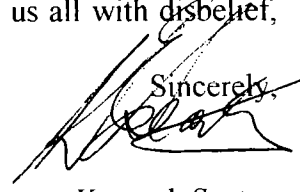
November 15th 1998

Dear Mr. President,

DEADLINE FOR AN AIDS VACCINE

The journal Science, May 23rd 1997, comments on your call for a vaccine within a decade. History will look at the approach to preventing AIDS with dismay and depression. The single-most important factor in the prevention of HIV/AIDS is the importance of hygiene. Enclosed is an abstract of a paper that I produced in 1991. The results of this study were featured on Tony Brown's Journal PBS, June 1993, and National Health Federation journal. I urge you to take action and to influence the government to fully support my findings before history looks upon us all with disbelief, that such a simple solution was totally overlooked.¹

Sincerely,



Kenneth Seaton
1712 8th Avenue
Huntington, WV 25703
Ph: 1-304-523-1612
fax: 1-304-523-1623

¹ History should remember you as the President who took simple common sense steps to prevent HIV spreading to almost everyone throughout the world. This is a legacy that will more than counterbalance the negative situation in the White House.

CHARTER

From the founders, greetings: Know that we have formed this foundation without political, racial or religious bias for the following reasons:

1. *Despite advances in medical science, infectious diseases still remains a major cause of morbidity and mortality.*
2. *Modern society is stressful and there is a tendency to over-eat which weakens the immune system.*
3. *Population pressures result in newly evolved and adapting microorganisms.*
4. *Hygiene will always remain the most important factor in the history of medicine.*

A B S T R A C T

Background: What role does personal hygiene play in preventing HIV? Fingernails have an inexhaustible reservoir of microbes, accumulate sexual secretions and cause trauma on the vagina, rectum and skin, during intimate contact. Many prostitutes, having up to 100 intercoursés a week, rarely using condoms, however, practicing good hygiene techniques, remain free of HIV. Is trauma and stress created by digit penetration one of the most important factors in the spread of HIV?

Method: I examine the impact of cleaning the fingernails in volunteers and collect data on the personal hygiene techniques and incidence of HIV in prostitutes.

Results: Cleaning the fingernails properly, can profoundly reduce many infectious diseases. Prostitutes who practice good personal hygiene, including preventing digit penetration, have an extremely low incidence of HIV.

Conclusion: Better hygiene, particularly of the subungual and cuticle area, may be a reliable approach in preventing HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Kenneth Seaton
1712 8th Ave.
Huntington, WV 25703-1704



THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVE.
WASHINGTON, DC. 20500.

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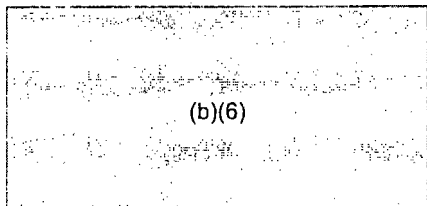
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 18, 1998



[0019]

On behalf of President Clinton, please accept my heartfelt condolences on the death of your wife of 29 years. I can only imagine the terrible loss that this is for you and others who loved her. Her life's work as a nurse, her dedication to helping others, is to be commended and emulated.

The issues you raise in your electronic mail message to the President are serious ones. No person should have to face a choice between providing the care and support that a loved one needs and being able to afford to live. This is an area where this Administration has spoken publicly on many occasions and will continue to do so.

Many community based organizations, including Pro Health in Fitchburg, offer support groups for individuals in similar situations. Pro Health is located at 701 Main Street, and may be reached at 508-345-6272.

Please accept my best wishes as you work toward the future.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

SUE J. SMITH 
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. 20502

Again, thank you for your continuing help.

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PURPOSE: Seek assistance from the White House
TOPIC: Social Welfare
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Help for AIDS suffers in US

[Message]

Mr.President.While I applaud your efforts to aid with AIDS pandemic in Africa I also wish to know what can be done to help those and their families here in the US suffering from this affliction.My beloved wife of 29 years died from the side effects of AIDS one month ago.I had quit my job to return to school when she got a needle stick-she was a nurse-and had to quit to try to take of her.She died after suffering greatly ,wiping out our savings,and leaving me in a financial situation where my only recourse is bankruptcy.I don't ask for help because frankly I don't feel like there's anything that can be done but here I am at 47 years of age with no future.I believe some of those dollars going overseas could better be used by tax breaks for those caring for AIDS victims at home,training classes for survivors,payment for hospice care for those dying and funeral expenses being allowed for those

in extreme financial situations. Any or all of these would have helped my wife and myself instead of losing everything and having to start over. While controlling this scourge is of vital import help should be given to those here in the US living-dying-and trying to survive afterwards .,

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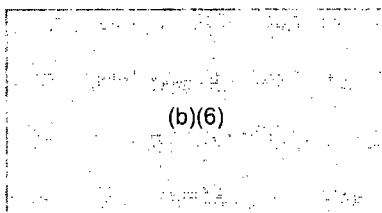
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WASHINGTON

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[0029]

I am responding to your recent letter to President Clinton in which you shared the difficulties you are having in ensuring that your son receives the care and treatment that he deserves.

If you have not already done so, I urge you to contact the Watsonville Health Center, a local AIDS service provider whose name was supplied by the National AIDS Clearinghouse. They are located at 9 Crestview Drive, and may be reached at 831-763-8400. This organization should be able to assist your son in obtaining assistance from a number of Federal and state programs designed to provide services to individuals living with HIV disease, including assistance with the purchase of medications, housing and dental care.

If you feel that your son is being discriminated against because he is infected with HIV, you should consider contacting an attorney and ask them to explain the Americans with Disability Act. This Federal law prohibits discrimination based on a person's HIV status.

I clearly understand the difficulties you and your son must be facing, and I wish the best of luck to both of you.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 15, 1998

Honorable Daniel R. Glickman
Secretary of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave, SW
Room 200 A
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Glickman:

The Interdepartmental Task Force on HIV/AIDS, housed in the White House Office of National AIDS Policy, is charged with coordinating the response by all Federal entities involved in addressing the needs of people with HIV infection. The Task Force serves as an information sharing body, works to prevent duplication of effort, and strives to ensure the best use of limited resources. The Task Force provides a forum to discuss ideas, resolve common problems and ensure consistency in policy across the Federal government. It is not meant to create another layer of bureaucracy.

At this time, the Department of Agriculture (DoA) does not have an official representative on the Task Force. Therefore I am requesting that you identify an appropriate individual to serve as the DoA's representative to the Task Force and as its primary liaison to the Office of National AIDS Policy. Please provide this information to the Task Force's coordinator, Mr. Matthew Murguia, at 202-456-2437 or by fax to 202-456-2438.

Thank you for the support that the DoA has shown this Office in the past. I look forward to us working together to meet the challenges that the future has to offer.

Sincerely,

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Sandra L. Thurman

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

Honorable Daniel R. Glickman
Secretary of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave, SW
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Washington, D.C. 20250

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Honorable William Richardson
Secretary of Energy
2000 Independence Ave, SW
Room 7 B 252
Washington, D.C. 20585

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Dear Secretary Richardson:

I want to thank the Department of Energy (DOE) for its support of our efforts to combat HIV and AIDS in the United States. The Department's participation as a member of the Interdepartmental Task Force on HIV/AIDS has been important and has resulted in a more informed Federal response to the epidemic.

I understand that Ms. Corlis Moody, DOE's representative on the Task Force, has retired, leaving DOE without an official representative. I would appreciate if you would formally appoint an individual to serve as DOE's representative to the Task Force at your earliest convenience. Mr. Donald Donaldson has done an excellent job of representing DOE when Ms. Moody was not able to attend meetings.

Please provide the name of DOE's representative to Mr. Matthew Murguia of my staff. He may be reached at 202-456-2437, or by fax at 202-456-2438.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman
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December 15, 1998

Honorable William Richardson
Secretary of Energy
2000 Independence Ave, SW
Room 7 B 252
Washington, D.C. 20585

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I understand that Ms. Corlis Moody, DOE's representative on the Task Force, has retired, leaving DOE without an official representative. I would appreciate if you would formally appoint an individual to serve as DOE's representative to the Task Force at your earliest convenience. Mr. Donald Donaldson has done an excellent job of representing DOE when Ms. Moody was not able to attend meetings.

Please provide the name of DOE's representative to Mr. Matthew Murguia of my staff. He may be reached at 202-456-2437, or by fax at 202-456-2438.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 18, 1998

On behalf of President and Mrs. Clinton, I am pleased to welcome you to The Premier Bronx Community AIDS Holiday Concert at the Hostos Center for the Arts and Culture.

I want to thank each of you for attending tonight's event, as we remember those who have passed before us and celebrate, with all the spirit of the season, those who are still with us.

The very real invasion of HIV/AIDS into our neighborhoods has brought forth a remarkable response of hope and determination. This gathering is marked by the coming together of two communities standing ready to reject complacency and renew their commitment to those who continue to be hardest hit by this epidemic. We must ensure that the commitment from communities, families, and individuals remains strong. Each of you, with your presence here tonight, represents that vital commitment and I salute you for your compassion and generosity of spirit.

I would like to recognize the Bronx Community AIDS Consortium for taking on the remarkable task of bringing you all here tonight, as well as The New York City Gay Men's Chorus. Going on 20 years strong, they continue to give beautiful voices of hope and inspiration to the fight against the AIDS epidemic.

Thank you all for your devotion, your courage, and your energy. I wish you the best for a truly fabulous evening.

Sincerely,

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Director
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(212) 725-8588
Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
936 W 42nd St
New York, NY 10018

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are child care majors at Northeast Mississippi Community College. We are compiling a notebook on different types of disabilities for our Atypical Child Class. If you could be so kind, would you send us at least 4 or 5 brochures each or more if you can about these different disabilities. If so, it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your time.

*Sincerely,
LaToya Fryar
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December 3, 1998

Peter A. Selwyn, M.D., M.P.H.
Yale University
135 College Street, Suite 323
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Dear Dr. Selwyn:

Thank you for your letter of October 30, 1998 regarding your recently published book, "Surviving the Fall: The Personal Journey of an AIDS Doctor." The information you shared in your letter was inspiring as it touches many in their own experiences of working among people with AIDS. We appreciate your interest and recognize the importance of the epidemic and the surrounding issues at the present time.

We will take full advantage of this opportunity to ensure that the book will be put to good use among people in the field. The only way we can beat this virus is by working together.

Thank you again for writing to us with support and interest in helping out people with HIV/AIDS. We wish you the best and hope that you continue to support the cause.

Sincerely,

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October 30, 1998

Sandra L. Thurman, Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
The White House
737 Jackson Place, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Sandy:

We met briefly when we were on a panel together at the Council on Foundations annual meeting in Washington this past spring, and I wanted to share with you a copy of my recently published book, **"Surviving the Fall: The Personal Journey of an AIDS Doctor."** The book is a memoir of the early years of the epidemic in the Bronx and my work with drug-using patients there. It is also a story of the ways in which working with patients with AIDS led me to confront and come to terms with some of my own 'unfinished business' and family secrets over the suicide of my father when I was a child. I am very interested in having the book be put 'to good use' by people in the field, and I have received a lot of gratifying feedback from AIDS caregivers who have said that the story has touched their own experience and helped them in their work with people with AIDS. I am hoping that you might help make the book known to people in the AIDS world -- both those with AIDS and those affected by it -- to help pass on the story, which in effect is a story of healing in the midst of an epidemic. Even though we have entered a new therapeutic era, I believe strongly that the same human issues that emerged early in the epidemic are just as important at the present time.

In any case, I wanted to share the book with you, and I hope you like it.

With best regards,



Peter Selwyn, M.D.

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Moses M. Timah
P.O. Box 81021
Lincoln, NE 68501-1021

Dear Mr. Timah:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing concern with the HIV/AIDS epidemic and how it is affecting Africa.

Recently, President Clinton directed me to journey to Africa and meet with key individuals to develop a set of recommendations which could be implemented to compliment efforts the United States has taken to assist in addressing HIV/AIDS in Africa. I am pleased that many governmental and non-governmental organizations, such as the World Health Organization, the United Nation's Global Programme on AIDS, the United States Agency for International Development, the U.S. State Department, are all working together to address this horrible crisis.

Your work in the past in the U.S. Peace Corps showed you first hand how cooperation among governments and agencies can make a difference. Thank you for your concern and your kind offers of assistance. I urge you to contact AIDS-related organizations in Lincoln and ask how you may be able to assist in their efforts.

Sincerely,

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P.O. Box 81021
Lincoln, NE
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Dear Sandy: Hi! As I sat watching you on

CNN TV, I was deeply moved if not touched about your concern and that of the White House towards the AIDS epidemic in Sub-Saharan Africa. It is a Calamity. The reason I am writing you this letter is because it greatly affects me. Africa is where I was born and partly raised. To have to see skeleton faces and dying babies because of AIDS makes me feel very sad & depressed. If you and the Administration have any project or efforts currently underway with regards to Africa, I very much would like to be part of it. Or if there is any way I can contribute morally you surely have my efforts. Having served in the Peace Corps in Health Education, I feel I have the experience and prevention and management skills to be able to assist. AIDS in any part of the Universe is our world. I want
over. to thank you and the Administration for just paying

attention to the Concern of Children in

Orphanage Worldwide with Aids

Thank you Very Much.

Sincerely,

Moses M. Timah

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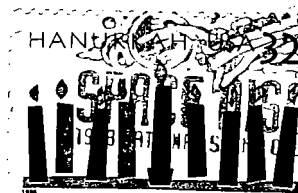
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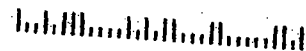
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December 21, 1998

Deborah L. Johnson
Pre-Law/Psychology
Michigan State University
222 West Barnes Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48910

Dear Ms. Johnson:

It was my pleasure to meet with you and the other Michigan State University students during your trip to Washington, DC this past November. Our discussion on effecting policy change showed your remarkable level of commitment to making a difference in America's future.

As we discussed, the best way to show others the truth in your particular cause is to get them to see for themselves the impact it will have on them and the people they care most about. By helping them to 'feel' the results of a program or policy, you will give them a better understanding of why you care so deeply about seeing it implemented and why it will benefit the larger population.

Your particular interest in affecting change for violent young offenders in the juvenile justice system is a difficult one. With my background in social work, I worked with juvenile offenders early in my career. I understand the dedication and commitment that this cause requires and am hopeful that you too will enjoy the many rewards that come from dealing with such a complex and far reaching issue.

My best advice is to do what is in your heart. I have never gone wrong taking up causes I have cared deeply about. I would encourage you to speak with other political officials, private sector organizations, non-profit groups, and advocates who can give you a broad perspective on the possibilities that lie ahead. You will benefit greatly from their experience and knowledge.

I wish you all the best in your studies and for the future.

Sincerely,

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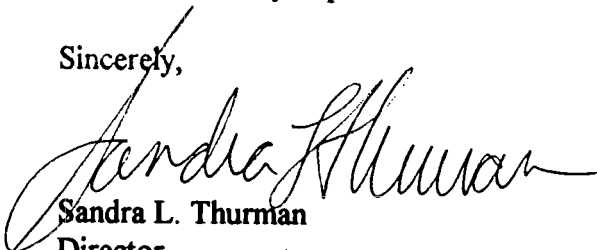
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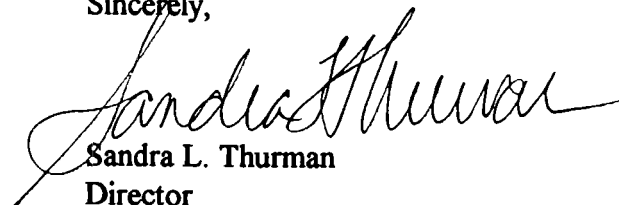
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It is the goal of this fact-finding mission to define the many aspects of this complex problem, to identify the best community-based practices currently being employed, and to begin to develop ways for the international community to provide additional assistance in the face of this devastation. We hope to bring added visibility to the problem and added support for cost effective solutions. In order to accommodate the Congressional calendar, we are looking to schedule the trip between your swearing-in and the President's State of the Union Address.

Given your longstanding commitment and expertise in international development, child survival, and AIDS, I believe that your participation in this endeavor would be invaluable. I will be in India for the remainder of the week at the UNAIDS meeting, but if you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Michael Iskowitz or Todd Summers in my office at 456-2437. Thank you very much your time and consideration. I look forward to working with you on this vitally important effort.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 29, 1999

Ronald B. Brinn
Director of Public Affairs
Jamaica Community Adolescent Program
231-35 Merrick Boulevard
Laurelton, New York 11413

Dear Mr. Brinn:

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QUEENS VILLAGE COMMITTEE FOR MENTAL HEALTH
for
JAMAICA COMMUNITY ADOLESCENT PROGRAM, Inc.

January 21, 1999

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Jamaica, NY 11434
(718) 322-2500; 322-1881 - fax

St. Albans RDF
177-33 Baisley Boulevard
St. Albans, NY 11434
Induction/Orientation
(718) 712-7777; 481-8951- fax
Re-Entry Services
(718) 712-1344; 712-4180 - fax

Drug Free Ambulatory Treatment
Day Services Program
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Jamaica, NY 11433
(718) 526-1626; 523-7599 - fax

New Beginnings
Teen Pregnancy Program
114-02 Guy R. Brewer Blvd.
Jamaica, NY 11434
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HIV/AIDS Services
Living Proof Primary Care
Counseling/Testing &
Case Management Services
116-30 Sutphin Blvd.
Jamaica, NY 11434
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Storefront Clinic
107-33 Sutphin Blvd.
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Mr. Matthew Murguia
Agency Representative
Office of National AIDS Policy
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Dear Mr. Murguia:

Thank you very much for meeting with me on Tuesday, January 21st at your office. I appreciated your offer to connect J-CAP, Inc. to agencies and resource persons in the SAMHSA and DOJ systems. As a community-based, non-profit organization, which provides rehab and specialty healthcare to justice populations, I welcome a close and continuing relationship with the Office of National AIDS Policy.

I look forward to hearing from you as appropriate opportunities present themselves.

Sincerely,

Ronald B. Brinn
Director of Public Affairs

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C: Thomas White, Executive Director
Dr. E. Jean, Medical Director
Elaine Wallace, Medical Administrator

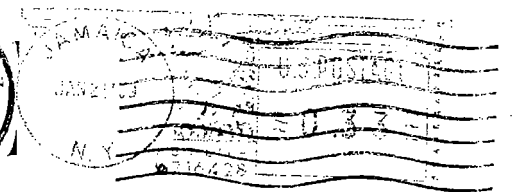
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Agency Overview/Capabilities

The J-CAP network of health and human services programs serving southern Queens began as a storefront drop-in center for drug prevention and information in 1969. By 1971, the agency became incorporated as the Queens Village Committee for Mental Health for the Jamaica Community Adolescent Program, Inc. (J-CAP) to better meet a local demand for chemical dependency services. J-CAP is entering its third decade of services to the southern Queens community offering a range of health and human service programs including:

- ◆ **over 400 residential substance abuse treatment beds across two treatment facilities (116-30 Sutphin Blvd. in south Jamaica and 177-33 Baisley Blvd. in St. Albans)**
- ◆ **an HIV/AIDS Primary Care program (*Living Proof*) providing information, pre & post-test counseling, comprehensive medical examination, medical monitoring and case management services to over 100 individuals**
- ◆ **an Article 28 certified Diagnostic & Treatment Center (primary medical care)**
- ◆ **a licensed outpatient alcoholism services program (*New Spirit*) serving 150 clients and their families (162-04 South Road near York College)**
- ◆ **a pregnant teen/young mother program (*New Beginnings*) serving 25 clients and their dependent children (114-02 Guy Brewer Blvd. at the Multi-Service Center)**
- ◆ **a day service drug free treatment program at South Road to serve 90 clients and their families (162-04 South Road near York College)**

J-CAP

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 3, 1998

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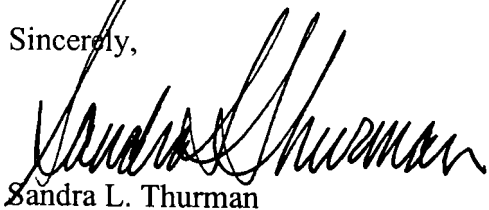
Dear Mr. Greby:

Thank you for your letter regarding Levi Strauss & Co.'s public service announcement campaign for World AIDS Day. The information you provided in your letter was excellent and we are very supportive of your efforts.

The program of activities aimed at young people worldwide is an important supplement to the work which has been undertaken by HIV/AIDS agencies. Breaking down the barriers is significant in order to help raise funds and maximize the message as well as positively influence the attitude of young people regarding this issue.

Thank you again for writing to us with support and interest in helping people with HIV/AIDS. The only way we can beat this virus is by working together.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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**LEVI STRAUSS & CO. LAUNCHES PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT CAMPAIGN FOR
WORLD AIDS DAY**

Levi Strauss & Co. marks World AIDS Day December 1 1998 with the first global social marketing initiative. Aimed at young people worldwide a program of activities will support the public service announcement campaign (PSAs) which will be broadcast beginning from November 16 1998 on TV and Cinema.

The production of the PSA campaign is funded by The Levi Strauss Foundation (LSF) the philanthropic arm of Levi Strauss & Co. Funding for the placement and broadcast of the PSAs will be coordinated by Levi Strauss & Co. (LS&CO). Created by ad. agency TBWA Chiat Day the animated executions focus on the condom as the main character. Promoting the safer sex message in a light-hearted and credible way the campaign also includes print executions which will be featured on outdoor poster sites.

Between November 16 – 18 1998 LS&CO are kicking off with Pre-World AIDS Day press events in London, New York, Sao Paulo, Johannesburg, Bombay, Sydney and Tokyo. LS&CO. and the LS Foundation are collaborating with partners – Population Services International (PSI), MTV and the Red Hot Organisation on a number of major activities:

- MTV Network

Levi Strauss & Co. have sponsored the MTV documentary, "Staying Alive." This program is about the global AIDS epidemic and is produced in conjunction with UNAIDS and The World Bank the documentary is presented by George Michael. It will be broadcast on MTV around the world on World AIDS Day. Profits from international sales of this program will go to AIDS-related charities. MTV will also screen the Red Hot + Rhapsody concert on December 1. MTV will also run the public service announcements starting from November 16 1998.

- Safer Sex Machines

Working with PSI, a leading non-profit organisation that focuses on health related social marketing, LS&CO has commissioned four x four wheel drive vehicles - to be used across four continents - Europe, Asia, North America and Africa.

The machines will be branded with the "safer sex" message together with LS&CO, PSI and MTV credits and will contain audio visual equipment to facilitate the screening of the PSAs. They will visit a host of popular youth events including concerts, night-clubs, festivals etc. to convey the safer sex message.

- The Red Hot Organization

This is a non-profit international group that over the last eight years has produced twelve ground-breaking compilations CDs featuring some of the world's best artists to raise funds and awareness to fight HIV/AIDS through popular culture. Linking with leading talents including performers, producers, directors and visual artists, The Red Hot Organization has produced ground breaking albums that integrate film, music and other areas of the arts.

Honoring the music of George Gershwin the Red Hot + Rhapsody CD coincides with the centenary of his birth. This tribute features 20 cutting edge artists' cover versions of Gershwin's music and caters for a host of differing musical tastes including trip hop, acid jazz and soul.

The CD boasts contemporary artists such as Morcheeba, The Roots, Money Mark, Skylab, Bobby Womack, Majestic 12, Davina, Finley Quaye, Natalie Merchant, Sarah Cracknell + Kid Loco, David Bowie + Angelo Baldimenti and Smoke City (their track "Underwater Love" was featured on the Levi's® 501® European jeans commercial "Mermaids" in 1997) to name just a few. The album is available on Verve/Antilles.

levi.com

Levi Strauss & Co's global initiative extends to their web site for the company's Levi's® brand www.levi.com. In the five days (November 27-December 1) prior to World AIDS Day the Levi's® brand will showcase event information on levi.com.

The page which bears the World AIDS Day logo will transport visitors clicking on the logo to a special page created by CKS, one of LS&CO's key digital media agencies. The site will provide consumers with information about World AIDS Day events, AIDS prevention information and details on the activities of LS&CO's collaborating partners.

During the last week of November 23-27 visitors to the site will also receive World AIDS Day information. In addition, building on LS&CO's .net advertising, the Levi's® brand Web communication strategy, CKS will create a World AIDS Day public service announcement banner linked to www.levi.com. The banner will be placed on a range of web sites as part of the brand's buying placement during the five day period running up to World AIDS Day.

Roy Edmondson, LS&CO's Director of Global Marketing says: "Young people do not appreciate being preached to. Our global program aims to supplement the work being undertaken by HIV/AIDS agencies and help break down barriers in a serious but entertaining way. We are working with a number of partners to help raise funds and maximize the reach of the safe sex message."

"Levi Strauss & Co. is embarking on year long programme across four continents which will commence on World AIDS Day this year. Our aim is to positively influence young people's attitude to this issue," he concluded.

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Sandra Thurman

First, I want to congratulate the Michigan AIDS Fund and the local service organizations that participated in AIDS Walk Michigan 1998.

This type of multi-city collaboration is unparalleled anywhere else in the United States. And I understand that several other Michigan cities may join Detroit to become part of AIDS Walk Michigan in 1999.

This unity is significant because it speaks to the need to realize that AIDS knows no boundaries or borders — not age, race, economic circumstances, or lifestyle and certainly not city, county, or state.

For too long, groups, organizations and regional areas have competed for finite amounts of resources — be they federal, state or local. However, endeavors like AIDS Walk Michigan do ^{much} more than raise substantial amounts of resources to combat AIDS. This kind of cooperation gives independent organizations and groups from different regions the opportunity to work together toward a common goal. Clearly, the effort fosters teamwork. The level of AIDS awareness created on this scale ~~has incalculable value~~ and ~~carries~~ ^{has} an impact that no amount of money can buy. ~~is invaluable~~

Speaking of funding, the monograph that the Michigan AIDS Fund will release later today includes many calls to action. Several of these will require additional funding. Detroit's participation in AIDS Walk Michigan will certainly provide sizeable resources for the city's AIDS service organizations to move forward, answer those calls to action and stay a step ahead of the fast-changing epidemic.

Congratulations on a triumphant first year, and I wish you even greater success next year.

④ Remarks by representatives of Michigan AIDS Fund will end the news conference.