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WASHINGTON

July 15, 1999

Mr. Kenneth Williams
Deputy Director for the Office of Communications
National Centers for HIV/STD/TB Prevention
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road, N.E. Mail Stop E-07
Atlanta, Georgia 30333

Dear Mr. Williams:

Greetings to you and everyone who has gathered on July 19 to celebrate and affirm your many contributions to our mutual goal of preventing the HIV/AIDS epidemic, nationally and globally.

During your 29 years of public service, you have worked with a variety of federal/state/local governments/researchers/community based organizations. Your dedication and leadership are to be commended as you worked to expand the public health vision to include partnerships between government and business, labor, social, civic, and faith based organizations. In developing and sustaining these public private sector partnerships in HIV/AIDS, your work will continue to serve as a model of innovation and creativity.

Since the days when we first worked together at AID Atlanta, I have appreciated your commitment, including many long hours, to stopping the toll that HIV has taken upon Americans. It is noteworthy that the National AIDS Hotline and the National AIDS Clearinghouse did not miss a day of providing service to Americans with life-saving information about AIDS — despite several major reorganizations, budgetary cuts and contractual changes. Only through your leadership and tireless efforts were these services available to those who needed them.

Please know that I am there in spirit with those present on July 19 to reaffirm and celebrate your invaluable contributions to this fight.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sandra Thurman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a stylized "T".

Sandra Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy



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The quote per the attached is approved for publication in "Healthy Teens".
Sandy Thurman looks forward to receiving a copy upon publication.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Cheryl

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The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

As adolescent sexual activity has increased, so have rates of sexually transmitted diseases. The most deadly is the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) which leads to the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). The CDC reports one-quarter of the estimated 40,000 new HIV infections in the United States probably occur in people under the age of 20 years. AIDS is the sixth leading cause of death among people ages 15 to 24. Even though advances in medicine have helped curb the epidemic, it is far from over.

"Many teens infected with HIV show few symptoms because they are at the early stages of the disease," said Straight Talk, a magazine for teens. AIDS is the late stage of infection by HIV. Over time this virus severely weakens the immune system, resulting in AIDS. People may die from pneumonia and tuberculosis, for example, because their immune systems can no longer fight diseases or infections. Once infected, the best advice is to get tested and treated early.

Sandy Thurman, AIDS Policy Director to the U.S. President, has this to say: "AIDS is not curable. It can kill you. [If you can be treated], you'll have to take 30 pills a day, and the pills are like poison. If you're sexually active, safe sex is the ticket." Thurman begs people to tell their children AIDS is not a gay disease. "Fifty percent of new [U.S.] cases are related to drug use. One in four is a teen ... We have to focus on the epidemic as it is today, not on how it was." Only a vaccine to prevent HIV can stop AIDS. She hopes for one by 2008. "It's a tall order. Even with polio, where there's been a cheap, easy vaccine for 40 years, we haven't eradicated it. If we don't find an HIV vaccine, hundreds of millions will die."

While HIV is the most deadly sexually transmitted disease (STD), teens can be infected with up to 25 different STDs. Every year, three million American teens contract an STD. One in four sexually active teens will contract an STD by the time they reach 21. Some STDs increase the risk of contracting HIV by creating skin lesions that make it easier to acquire the deadly virus.

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Thank you very much.



Building a bridge between families and schools

TO: SANDRA THURMAN
DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF
NATIONAL AIDS POLICY/EXECUTIVE OFFICE

FROM: ALICE MCCARTHY PHD *AKC*
PRESIDENT, BRIDGE COMMUNICATIONS

RE: PERMISSION REQUEST

DATE: JULY 13, 1999

I am updating a book I have written for parents of teenagers, to be published this fall as *Healthy Teens 3rd Edition*. This edition of the book will have a national distribution, with the support of the following sponsors: National Association of Middle Schools, National Association of Secondary School Principals, St. John Health System, and the American Association for Health Education.

I would like to use your quote, as reprinted in *U.S.A. Weekend, New Frontiers* section from June 25-27, 1999. The article was entitled "Complacency Could Kill Us." I am sending along the excerpt of the article that quotes you, along with the section on teen sexuality from my book that incorporates your material.

I have created *Healthy Teens* to serve primarily as a public service; it is disseminated through school systems, community health organizations, parent groups, pediatrician associations and other groups. The overall purpose of the book is to provide basic physical and mental health information on a wide range of high-risk issues related to teenagers. Its target audience is parents, teachers, health-related professionals, and teens themselves.

Thank you for your time in considering this request.

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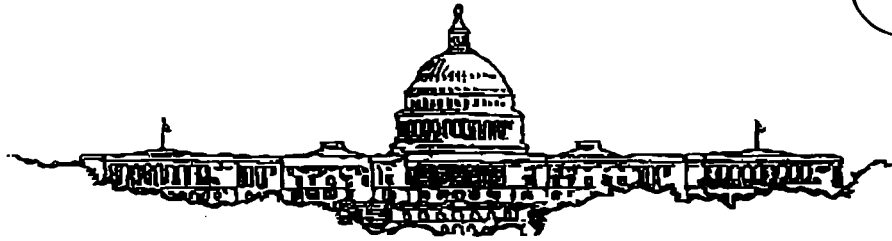
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U.S. SENATOR JOHN KERRY

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TO: Ms. Sandra Thurman

DATE: 7-14-99

FROM: Alana Semuels

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PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE IF YOU ARE MISSING PART OF THIS TRANSMISSION.

Sandra Thurman
Office of National AIDS Policy
(202)- 456-2437

Dear Ms. Thurman,

My name is Alana Semuels and I was in attendance on Friday when you spoke to interns from the offices of Senators Kennedy and Kerry. I approached you afterwards about perhaps volunteering in your office one or two days a week. I am writing you this letter to follow-up on my request, and inquire if we could set something up.

To give you a little background on myself – I am going to be a junior at Harvard University in the fall, and am studying American History and Literature, although I would like to pursue some sort of a career in public health. I am very interested in the issues related to AIDS Policy, and although I do not have much formal experience in the area, I would love the opportunity to learn more while helping out in your office. To refresh your memory, I was an intern in the White House at the beginning of the summer. While your office was my first choice for placement, I was placed in the Office of Presidential Inquiries, where I spent three weeks, learning very little. At the end of three weeks, I requested an office transfer and was refused that privilege, at which point I decided to intern for Senator Kerry instead. I am still interested in working in the Office of National AIDS Policy, and would very much appreciate if you could give me that opportunity.

I think I could benefit your office because of my keen interest in AIDS Policy, I would be willing to help out in any way I can. I also want to learn more about the opportunities for careers in public health for non-science majors, which you mentioned briefly when you spoke with us on Friday.

If you could get back to me on this matter, I would really appreciate it. The phone number of the intern office I work in is 224-8509. I can also be reached by e-mail: asemuels@hotmail.com. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Alana Semuels

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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July 9, 1999

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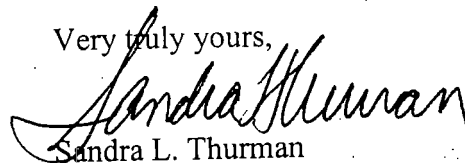
Dear Heather,

We would like to invite you to an informal briefing and discussion on some of the issues on which our office has been working. We want to talk with you and other AIDS policy makers about some of our domestic and international initiatives, present the new ONAP web site, and—quite simply—have a chance to talk about what's happening in the fight against AIDS.

The briefing will be July 28th, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in Presidential Hall (room 450 in the Old Executive Office Building). If you would like to attend, please complete the attached form and fax it back to us. Please note that this invitation is not transferable.

All of us at the Office of National AIDS Policy are looking forward the opportunity to spend a little "quality time" with our colleagues. Please come if you can! Call us at 456-2437 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1999

Honorable Roble Olhaye
Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps
Embassy of the Republic of Djibouti
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Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ambassador Olhaye,

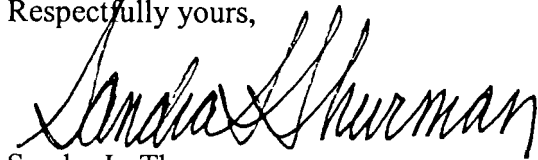
Please accept my sincerest apologies for my most unfortunate oversight in properly recognizing our distinguished African delegation at the event on Monday. I was so focused on making sure that our young speaker from Uganda was doing well that not only did I forget to list the Diplomatic Corps but several members of Congress as well. I cannot begin to tell you how embarrassed I am!

I hope that you will allow me the honor of personally delivering a copy of my report to the President to you and any other Ambassadors you would like to include. I would also welcome the opportunity to seek your input and guidance as we proceed with the implementation of this initiative.

Please know we are dedicated to working with our African partners in addressing the HIV/AIDS crisis. Together we can make a difference.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully yours,

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Sandra L. Thurman

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy