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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 18, 1997

Alexis Herman
Secretary
Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Secretary Herman:

I would love an opportunity to meet with you at your convenience to discuss ways in which the Office of National AIDS Policy could work together with the Department of Labor. I am particularly interested in looking at some of the "back to work" issues facing those people living with HIV/AIDS who are benefiting from the new treatments.

I will have Todd Summers, my Deputy Director, make arrangements with Elaine Howard of your office. Should you need to contact either of us, we can be reached at 632-1090.

It will be great to see you again!

Very truly yours,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 6, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED

FROM: Sandra L. Thurman, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

SUBJECT: Presidential HIV/AIDS Advisory Council

I have attached a copy of the Memorandum to the President and all the attachments for your review. Please let Todd Summers know of any changes to the Memorandum. I have saved a copy on the I drive (I:PACHA97.JUL). As you know, I am not in the office, but can be reached if you need me.

cc: Elena Kagan

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 6, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bruce Reed, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
Sandra L. Thurman, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

SUBJECT: Follow up to the July meeting of the Presidential HIV/AIDS Advisory Council

This memo transmits to you the most recent reports of and a letter addressed to you from the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS following its meeting of July 25-26.

The primary focus of the Council's meeting was to review the progress of the Administration regarding previous recommendations in order to "assess both movement on issues and the performance of key Administration officials." Their concerns are expressed in the letter addressed to you (attached) regarding your personal commitment to the issue, and the perception of a lack of commitment from certain Administration personnel in your second term.

Their frustration was characterized by a motion put forth for the Council to resign *en masse* if two issues they consider "easy ones" are not resolved by their next full meeting in December: (1) action by Secretary Shalala to lift the ban on federal funding of needle exchange and (2) removal of previously identified discriminatory policies within the Executive Branch. The motion was subsequently withdrawn with the condition that it be placed on the agenda for the December meeting.

In summary, the Council will be looking for Administration leadership on the following:

- Prioritization of AIDS programs in budget negotiations (the FY 1998 budget agreement did not include any AIDS programs under "protected" status, so Council members are closely scrutinizing Administration positions in future budget negotiations);
- An articulated strategy for funding expanded access to new therapies and related medical care and support services (the recently issued HIV treatment guidelines, which recommend antiviral therapy at much earlier stages of HIV disease, were not accompanied by any funding strategy);

- Progress on Vice President Gore's proposed Medicaid demonstration project to allow States to provide the new therapies and limited care to low-income, non-disabled individuals with HIV (currently most get Medicaid based on a determination of their becoming disabled, which may well have been forestalled if the new treatments had been given before disability occurred);
- Secretary Shalala lifting the restriction on federal funding of needle exchange programs (Council members feel that HHS has only moved to protect the Secretary's authority to lift the restriction and not to actually exercise that authority);
- Enhancement of the Office of National AIDS Policy (increased staffing, additional resources and authority to translate White House policy decisions into departmental rules, regulations, and policy directives);
- Progress on the AIDS vaccine initiative; while the Council commends your announcement of developing an effective AIDS vaccine within a decade, they outline some additional issues that the Administration needs to address including:
 - * substantive involvement among all relevant federal agencies;
 - * mechanisms of collaboration and cooperation between federal agencies;
 - * communication, aid, and collaboration with international efforts for vaccine research, development and utilization;
 - * facilitation of public-private discussions encouraging cooperation and partnerships among government and industry; and
 - * identification of new funding for AIDS vaccine development, though not at the expense of other AIDS-related research.)

The Council is requesting a meeting with you and any appropriate Administration officials. They are preparing a strongly-worded letter for Secretary Shalala expressing their concerns and requesting a meeting.

PRESIDENTIAL

ADVISORY

COUNCIL ON

HIV/AIDS

July 26, 1997

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Reauthorization of your Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and recognition that only 40 months remain in your Presidency offer a valuable opportunity for taking stock of our shared commitment to defeat HIV disease. Securing unprecedented funding for AIDS, establishing the Offices of AIDS Research and National AIDS Policy, convening the White House Conference on HIV/AIDS, developing the first-ever National AIDS Strategy and setting a goal of development within a decade of a vaccine to prevent AIDS have been major milestones in this fight, milestones of which you can be justly proud.

We are concerned, however, about the growing perception that in your second term HIV/AIDS issues are not the high priority that they were during the first term and that certain Administration personnel may not share your personal commitment to these issues.

You clearly articulated in the National AIDS Strategy preamble the six simple, but vital goals necessary to end this epidemic. You have told us publicly and privately that you expect us to give you the truth, unvarnished, as we perceive it. In that spirit, we constantly strive to recognize both the accomplishments and inadequacies resulting from Administration actions and to ensure that perceptions of those actions mirror as closely as possible their realities.

As you stated in the opening words of your national strategy, "the epidemic of HIV and AIDS constitutes a public health crisis of unprecedented proportions." The challenges facing us require maintaining the urgency of the "crisis," while pursuing the permanent systemic changes necessary to deal with HIV/AIDS long after you leave office.

If we are to convert the promise of your words to reality for those affected by HIV disease, much remains to be done during the next 40 months.

The Council is currently reviewing the progress made toward addressing our earlier recommendations, and expects to complete a report in December that will assess both movement on issues and the performance of key Administration officials. During that evaluation process, several critical issues of concern have been raised:

- The Council had previously urged that HIV prevention and housing programs be added to the Administration's list of "investment priorities" that already covered HIV research and care programs. However, the FY 1998 balanced budget agreement with the Congress, is perceived by many as a step backwards in that it fails to maintain the protected status for any AIDS programs. If, in the future, that decision results in AIDS programs being forced to compete with countless other discretionary programs for sharply diminished funding, accomplishment of your stated goals will be seriously jeopardized.
- Acknowledging the dramatic changes in medical management of HIV disease, HRSA recently issued HIV treatment guidelines that recommend antiviral therapy at much earlier stages of HIV disease. Unfortunately, no strategy has been articulated for funding the requisite dramatic expansion in access to HIV therapies and the primary medical care to facilitate that access. The Administration's FY98 budget, for example, failed to propose any additional spending for AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP) despite urging from 12 Governors of your strong support for adequate funding and also proposed inadequate funding increases for primary medical care through the Ryan White CARE Act. Presidential leadership will be essential to providing adequate resources for this vital safety-net program.
- In April, Vice President Gore announced a major Administration initiative, ordering a study within 30 days of a Medicaid demonstration project to allow States to cover low-income, non-disabled individuals with HIV. The proposed Medicaid expansion, long sought by the AIDS community, would address a serious deficiency in the Medicaid program that has generally required that adults with HIV infection become fully disabled before becoming eligible for coverage. That approach clearly impedes effective early intervention. Although the Vice President proposed only to study, rather than to implement immediately the proposed Medicaid expansion, his comments, which received widespread media attention, clearly indicated an intention to bring this proposal to fruition. Since that announcement, however, there has been little visible progress in making this proposal a reality. Clear direction to take all necessary action to quickly implement this initiative is essential.

- As an essential component of a strategy to achieve your goal of "reducing the number of new infections each and every year until there are no more new infections," your Council has strongly recommended a number of steps to deal with the role of injection drug use in the spread of HIV, including lifting the ban on federal funding for needle exchange programs. Five months ago, senior officials of the Department of Health and Human Services gave public assurance that the Administration intended to study the ban, with a view toward lifting current funding restrictions. However, a strategy for lifting the ban has not yet been developed. Little, if any, clear progress has been made on this crucial issue, notwithstanding the fact that tens of thousands of Americans become infected each year due to contaminated needles and that the science supporting the efficacy of needle-exchange programs is clear. Other potentially promising prevention strategies also remain mired by inaction on the part of Secretary Shalala and HHS.
- In the past, the Council was able to benefit from staff support at the Office of National AIDS Policy to shepherd Council recommendations through the federal bureaucracy. When announcing the appointment of your new Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy you pledged to provide that office with the resources necessary to accomplish your stated goals. The long-term, complex reality of HIV/AIDS will require the institutionalization of your Administration's policies. Systemic change is crucial. In order to ensure such change, adequate attention must be given to translating White House policy decisions into departmental rules, regulations, and policy directives. Staff within the Executive Office of the President must be charged with initiating and monitoring on a constant basis that effort. Based on our recent experiences, current staffing of the ONAP office is insufficient to accomplish your goal. Additional resource commitments and authority must be provided.
- The Council commends your declaration on May 18, 1997 of the goal to develop an effective AIDS vaccine within a decade. This bold step inspired many around the world. To achieve this goal, additional issues must be addressed: all relevant agencies within the federal government must be substantively involved in the AIDS vaccine effort; mechanisms of collaboration and cooperation should be implemented among these federal agencies; the U.S. Government must establish means to communicate, aid, and collaborate with international efforts for vaccine research, development and utilization; the government should facilitate public-private discussions to encourage cooperation and partnerships among government and industry; and specific sources of new funding for AIDS vaccine development must be identified.

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
July 26, 1997
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Action on these items is needed immediately not only to continue our long national fight against the disease but to reassure the AIDS community that your Administration still sees HIV/AIDS as the important priority you so clearly made it during your first term. We would like the opportunity to meet soon with you and any appropriate Administration officials to best determine how to advance our common agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Hitt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

R. Scott Hitt, M.D.
Chair, on behalf of the members of
the Presidential Advisory Council
on HIV/AIDS

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**COMMUNITITES OF AFRICAN AND LATINO DESCENT
COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

August 4, 1997

1. A panel on issues concerning Communities of Color is being assembled for the December Meeting.

DISCRIMINATION SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

August 4, 1997

1. The President should be informed directly by Sandy that the policy of mandatory testing and exclusion continues by the Federal Government and that the Council is dismayed. Bruce Reed should be phoned (by Sandy or Scott) and asked to pull together a high-level meeting of agency heads in those agencies that have discriminatory policies, and be told ideally, to change their policies.
2. We want the HIV positive healthcare worker issue on the agenda for a Shalala meeting.
3. We'd like Daniel to set up a meeting with the new Justice Department Civil Rights Chief to discuss strong ADA enforcement and to support dedicated staffing in Sandy's office.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

August 4, 1997

1. The Council unanimously expressed its support for continued U.S. funding and cooperation with UNAIDS.
 - We should confirm that USAID receives the message, and consider speaking with the USAID staff responsible for cooperating and assisting UNAIDS.
 - We must follow up with USAID on our request for a flow chart with names of personnel responsible for USAID global HIV/AIDS programs.
 - We should continue to encourage USAID to support the creation of PACHA-type councils in foreign nations.
2. The Committee requested that the Department of State report on its assessment of achievements of its 1995 global HIV/AIDS plan, and provide a draft of its 1997 strategic plan.
3. In conjunction with the Research and Discrimination Committees, we should monitor the Administration's action on the vaccine initiative and elimination of discrimination in U.S. government foreign service agencies.

PRISONS ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

August 4, 1997

General Interim Assessment

- Analysis and development of recommendations is complicated by the many strata which exist in the correctional system. Thus much of our attention is focused on the Federal system, however, this represents < 10% of inmates.
- Response from Justice Department is timely; from HHS incomplete requiring dialogue; from Federal Bureau of Prisons exceptionally slow and to date unsatisfactory.

Issues on Agenda

- Full analysis of bullets from December '96 meeting. Analysis pending while we await response from Dr. Moritsugu.
- Compassionate Release. Response from Bureaus recently received, analysis pending.
- Discharge Planning. Responses from agencies recently received, analysis pending.
- Standards of Care. Analysis of how standards are being addressed in systems. Should obstacles exist, how can we overcome them?
- Protective Barriers. Analysis of response pending. Copies of PS5270.07 and PS6100.01 (statutes prohibiting condoms, risk-reduction devices) have been requested.
- Substance Abuse Treatment and HIV Infection. Responses being analyzed.

Action Plan

1. Very recent response to our April recommendation require Subcommittee to confer regularly over the next months.
2. Conference call planned with Dr. Moritsugu on July 29th to address unanswered bullets of December 1996.
3. Prison site visit along with meeting with Community Groups to address other issues such as Women with AIDS; Psychosocial Counseling; Education and Training; Clinical Trials.
4. Meeting with HRSA for discharge planning models for prisoners and utilization of AETC.
5. Meeting with Attorney General Reno should obstacles to obtaining timely information continue.
6. Consideration to Summit Meeting on AIDS in Prison with Interagency Federal Reps/State/Community representation. If not a summit, then a request that ONAP bring together key players for open discussion.
7. Reintegration of key issues back into appropriate Committees.

Prevention Subcommittee Action Report

August 4, 1997

1. LETTER: Follow-up letter to CDC
RE: Atlanta meeting and Issues discussed
DRAFT: Alexander Robinson
DUE: 8/8
2. CDC ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Alexander Robinson will represent PACHA
Prevention Subcommittee (Helene Gayle request)
DATES OF NEXT CDC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING: 10/16-17, Atlanta, GA
3. MEETING: Participate in Shalala Meeting
(Meet with HHS staff prior to meeting Shalala meeting (ie. Thurman, Martin, etc.))
4. Shalala Press Strategy (deferred due to 7/30 Process Conference Call)
5. Finish Assessment Process of Prevention Recommendations
DRAFT: Mike Isbell
DUE: 8/18
6. LETTER: CDC
RE: Future of Surveillance
DRAFT: Alexander Robinson
DUE: 8/8
7. LETTER: Janet Reno
RE: Model Drug Paraphernalia Law and Status Report
DRAFT: Terje Anderson
DUE: 8/8
8. LETTER: General McCaffrey/ONDCP
RE: Requesting Meeting
DRAFT: Terje Anderson
DUE: 8/8
9. LETTER: Nelba Chavez/SAMHSA
RE: Requesting Meeting
DRAFT: Terje Anderson
DUE: 8/8

RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

August 4, 1997

Vaccine Recommendation Action Plan

By 10/1/97:

1. Conference Calls: IAVI, CDC, DOD, UNAIDS, some non-government vaccine researchers.

Purpose: Feedback on April 1997 Recommendations
What is the impact?
Next steps for the Council?

2. Private dialogues with Bill Paul (phone call, conference call, and/or face-to-face).

Purpose: Expand on NIH's role in vaccine development
What is the status of new Vaccine Center?
Will the Center control the whole \$150 million?
Relationship to OAR? NIAID?
Where will study sections be located?

3. Dialogue with David Baltimore (phone call, conference call)

Purpose: The Advisory Committee's role
Relationship of Advisory Committee to new Center?

4. Vice President: Urge V.P. to meet with biotech firms (vaccine). No government people; only Sandy Thurman, V.P.

Merck, Wyeth, SmithKline, Pasteur, Vaxgen, Chiron, Therion, Acrogen, Virus
Research Institute

5. Begin drafting document:

- a. Key issues for main summary, with future plans

- b. Include:

1. Rationale
2. Clarification
3. Assessment of effort, highlighting gaps
4. Future steps

SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

August 4, 1997

DRAFT

Next action steps, in relation to the following priorities:

1. Medicaid expansion (lead: Bollman)

- Coordinate effort (with ONAP, AIDS Action Council, and others) to secure release of HHS feasibility report, perhaps involving a meeting directly with Secretary Shalala.
- Direct engagement with the Vice President and his staff on this issue.
- Determine an appropriate and effective PACHA approach to states to encourage choosing the expansion option.

2. Cost of pharmaceuticals issue (lead: Lew)

- Status report from HRSA, updating the April HRSA response to the PACHA December recommendation. This addresses various bulk purchase and negotiated price strategies.
- FASA was repealed; little hope in the near future.
- Status report from NASTAD.
- Follow up with the Vice President's office on other pharmaceutical cost reduction strategies, such as reducing the cost of production, reducing profit margins to reasonable levels (jawboning), etc.
- Consult treatment advocates on Service Committee conference call.

3. Managed care/quality of care outcomes for people with HIV/AIDS (lead: Bollman)

- Review draft report of White House Task Force on Consumer Protection and Quality of Care.
- Prior to that, ask Task Force E.D. or Deputy Director (Sorian) and Task Force member Dr. Sandra Hernandez to give the Committee a preview on one of our conference calls.
- Look into finding other written reports and data to share with the committee as suggested by Regina Aragon.

4. Keystone Dialogue (lead: Anderson, Bollman, Lew)

- Await results of August 7 meeting to determine further action. Above PACHA members to participate in meeting and disseminate information.

5. Transition to Employment (lead: Edelheit)

- Request conference call discussion with leaders of working groups formed from the New York "Return to Work" meeting.
- Request informal meeting with DOL Secretary Alexis Herman to discuss opportunities to make employment and training and placement funds available to people with HIV/AIDS able to work (funds such as Vocational Rehabilitation, Joint Training Partnership Act, proposed Employment and Training block grant funds, etc.).

Preview of upcoming issues:

1) Begin to address FY 1999 budget issues for CARE, ADAP, housing (HHS will be submitting its budget to OMB by the December meeting and we will want to engage sooner to affect the agency request - this could be done by conference call) and President's State of the Nation address. Prevention and research addressed in other committees.

2) Summers will prepare a memo on AIDS housing issues and opportunities, to be discussed on a Services Committee conference call.

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I'd like to attend this, as we discussed.

Mary 8th

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The National
Latino/a
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August 26, 1997

Mr. Todd Summers
Deputy Director
National AIDS Policy Office
808 17 th Street NW 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Summers,

It is with great pleasure that I extend to you an invitation to our upcoming 5to. Encuentro Nacional & 1er Congreso Internacional. This year event will take place from October 9 - 13, 1997, at the Condado Plaza Hotel, in San Juan, PR.

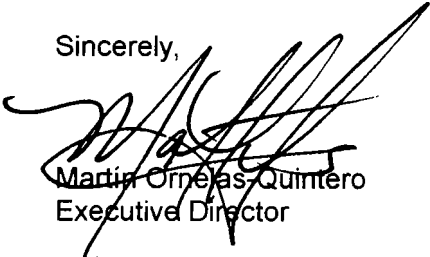
This year's conference marks LLEGO's 10 year anniversary commitment to grassroots community organizing. El 5to. Encuentro Nacional & 1er Congreso Internacional represents the largest gathering of lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender (l/g/b/t) Latinos/as throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. For these last ten years LLEGO's work has played an integral role in strengthening the foundations of many affiliated organizations mobilizing our Latino/a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities at local, regional and national levels.

El 5to. Encuentro will cover Community Empowerment Training Institutes focused on the Arts. Also, the conference will hold three days of Intensive Training Sessions to further develop and strengthen our communities by addressing such topics as: Health, HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment, International Organizing, Legal Issues, Policy, Academia, Research, Spirituality, Outreach and other exciting themes. Finally LLEGO will convene El Primer Congreso Internacional which will include representatives from organizations working in Latin America, the Caribbean and the United States.

As the aforementioned demonstrates, your presence at the Encuentro will help to ensure that these and other issues will be included and highlighted during the conference. The theme of the conference this year is "Fortaleciendo Nuestra Unidad/Strengthening Our Unity".

Thank you for considering my invitation to the 5to. Encuentro & 1er. Congreso Internacional. I look forward to seeing you in San Juan, and should any questions arise, please feel free to call me at (202) 466-8240. Hasta la proxima...

Sincerely,

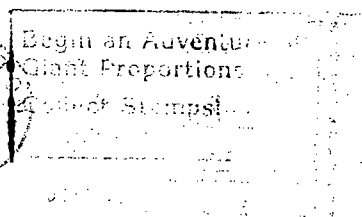


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September 23, 1997

Ms. Sandy Thurmond, Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

FAX: (202) 632-1096

Dear Ms. Thurmond:

Thank you for your inquiry into the agenda for the Recreating Our Future policy meeting taking place November 6-8 in Washington D.C.

Attached you will find a copy of our draft agenda for the two and one-half day conference. It is our hope that as the a senior official in AIDS policy with experience in Public / Private Partnerships, you will provide a great level of expertise and insight into HIV/AIDS funding of community based organizations which serve gay and bisexual men of color, who continue to be adversely affected by the epidemic.

Of the 100 individual policy-makers, researchers, social marketing experts, fundraisers and activists with knowledge of the AIDS epidemic that will be attending our policy meeting, each will be placed into different groups. Depending on their field of expertise:

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| •Evaluation | •Surveillance & Epidemiology |
| •Behavioral Research | •Public/Private Partnerships |
| •Health Promotion | •Prevention Programs |

We are calling on approximately 15-20 other individuals with knowledge in your field to come discuss and outline a policy agenda which will improve AIDS prevention efforts among gay and bisexual men of color. Your role would be to facilitate the track, which would meet the afternoon of Thursday, November 6th and the morning of Friday, November 7th. After the completion of those meetings, the Public / Private Partnership group would incorporate their discussion and need for improvements into a broad policy agenda for the Recreating Our Future effort, in full session.

September 23, 1997

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The overall findings of this conference, as well as the report released at a press conference on the morning of Saturday, November 8th, will be used as a mobilizing tool for many gay and bisexual men of color communities throughout the country. The work of the participants will be of tremendous significance as we seek to reduce new infection for the populations which we serve.

I hope that this letter provides you with a better understanding of our request for your participation in the Recreating Our Future effort and national planning meeting. I hope that we can incorporate you into the meetings agenda. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this further. I can be reached directly at (415) 356-8123.

Sincerely,

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Mario Solis-Marich
Chief Executive Officer

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Program Outline

2 1/2 days

November 6-8, 1997

DAY 1: Thursday, November 6

10:00 am Registration

12:00 pm Luncheon; Opening Session: Speakers

(State of Prevention Movement; Geography, Culture, Funding)

(Motivational Speech; i.e. Jocelyn Elders or Secretary Shalala)

BREAK INTO SPECIALIZED GROUP MEETINGS

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2:00 pm Work Group Sessions I (6 Break-out Rooms)

- Evaluation
- Surveillance
- Research: Behavior and Prevention Mechanisms
- Public / Private Partnerships
- Prevention Programs
- Health Promotion

6:30 pm Dinner

DAY 2: Friday, November 7

9:30 am Work Group Session II (7 Break-Out Rooms)

11:30 Regional Meetings

1:00 Luncheon: Speaker: Politically Motivating

2:00 - 9:00 pm Full Session V
Outline R.O.F. Blueprint for Action

(Boxed Dinner; Sandwiches etc.)

Saturday, November 8

10:00 am Closing Session (Review Report)

11:30 am Press Conference

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August 22, 1997

Sandra Thurman
Director of White House Office of AIDS Policy
808 17th Street, 8th floor
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Ms. Thurman:

A colleague of mine heard you speak at in July at the National Lesbian and Gay Health Association Conference in Atlanta and told me that I needed "to hear what this woman has to say." I corrected this colleague by stating that our *community*, which has been so adversely impacted by HIV and AIDS, needs to hear what this woman has to say. So, my office staff has tracked you down via *George* magazine, via AID Atlanta, via Mark King who finally gave us your address. I am exhausted but happy to be writing to you now.

Your appointment as Director of White House Office of AIDS Policy has been received with enthusiasm by the New Jersey HIV/AIDS community. Your advocacy of needle exchange and your support of community based organizations has prompted me to contact you about speaking at our Second Annual World AIDS Day Event to be held November 22, 1997 in Asbury Park. A person such as yourself would attract local leaders and legislators who need to hear, and would benefit greatly from your message. Your presence would also provide the much needed inspiration to our community of professionals and care givers so that we may continue our work to alleviate the suffering caused by this epidemic. In addition, those who are currently living with this virus need to know that the White House is listening and cares.

Our agency has been servicing the HIV/AIDS community since 1981 and is funded by both the State and federal government. We are the lead agency for Ryan White HIV Consortia in three counties as well as providing home care services for individuals with HIV and AIDS, primary care to the medically underserved HIV population, HIV case management, HIV information and referral network and coordinate a federally funded HIV prevention demonstration project. We also enjoy a wonderful collaborative relationship with other community based organizations and provider agencies.

Our World AIDS Day event, as with all our programs, will be geared to the individuals who are infected and affect by HIV and AIDS. We provide scholarships for HIV infected individuals and end the day's educational activities with an evening of entertainment. Our



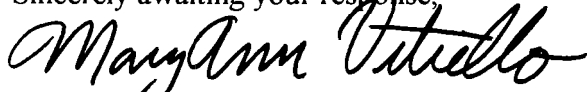
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objective is to raise awareness, educate, motivate, mobilize and give the community a night of hope and joy to remember. We hope that you will be part of this and would be so honored and thrilled to have you join us.

We are able to offer you comfortable travel and lodging as well as meals. We promise you that you will have fun. What we would like is for you to share with our community your vision as to the direction of the epidemic, a brief overview on your role as Director of White House Office of AIDS Policy, what we can expect of AIDS policy and what the future holds for those fighting the battle of HIV and AIDS.

Know that you have our support in your efforts as Director. Please let us know what we can do to help you. Feel free to contact our office with any questions you may have.

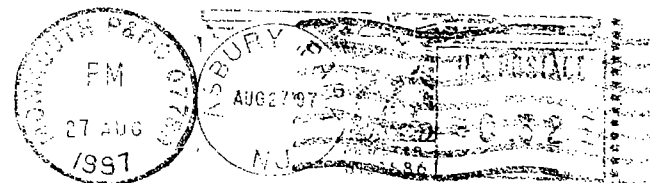
Sincerely awaiting your response,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MaryAnn Vitiello". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

MaryAnn Vitiello, MSN, RNCS, ACRN
Manager AIDS Resource Center

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "No" or a similar stylized name, is written above the recipient's address.

Sandra Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
808 17th Street, NW, Suite 820
Washington, DC 20006
FAX 632-1096

RE: Invitation to NATAF Satellite Meeting
8 November 1997 AIDS Vaccine Advocates Forum
in San Diego, California, United States.

On behalf of the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition (AVAC), I would like to invite you to participate in the National AIDS Vaccine Advocates Forum on Saturday, November 8, 1997, being organized by AVAC as a preceding satellite meeting to the November 9-12 National AIDS Treatment Advocates Forum.

The goal of the AIDS Vaccine Advocates Forum is to further develop an international network of highly informed, motivated advocates to support HIV vaccine-related basic research, applied research and product development, and clinical trials. Participants at this forum will include advocates from the HIVNET and AVEG vaccine trial sites, international health organizations, and U.S.-based HIV research advocacy organizations.

We will consider the forum a success if

- 1) participants become more informed about the current status of and issues related to HIV vaccine research and development,
- 2) participants develop useful contact with organizations, such as IAVI, AmFAR, AVAC, and Vaccine Advocates, who are currently seeking to advocate for HIV vaccine research and development, and
- 3) organizations involved in U.S. treatment research advocacy are able to include vaccine research as part of their agenda and become part of an informal network for information and support of vaccine research and development.

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Please feel free to contact Scott Carroll at AVAC in San Francisco (tel. 415-248-1330, FAX 415-821-9131, e-mail avacscott@aol.com) if you'd like more information. Please also let us know if you have any suggestions about other potential participants to whom we can send information about this meeting. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,


Bill Snow

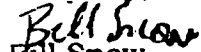
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August 5, 1997

Ms. Sandra Thurman, Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
808 17th St., Suite 820 NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Thurman:

I would like to invite you to be a part of two very important events that are being planned by AIDS Services Foundation later this year. AIDS Services Foundation has recently established a Public Policy Department in response to the increasing desire among our clients to become more directly involved in all aspects of their health, especially those aspects which are impacted by decisions made by elected officials and policy makers at all levels of government. We view client advocacy as being an integral part of the entirety of services that are necessary to serve our clients effectively.

The Public Policy Department has created a program called "*Hope Through Leadership*" to provide clients -- as well as members of our Board of Directors and HIV Advisory Committee -- with opportunities to discuss issues directly with decision makers. The object of the program is to recognize the importance of all types of leadership in furthering the renewed hope that has returned to our clients. Our first event featured Helen Miramontes, R. N., a member of the President's Council on AIDS and longtime friend of ASF. As you know, Helen has a remarkable gift for bridging the understanding between policy decisions at the federal level and the impact of those decisions at the community level. We had a very successful event.

We have decided to design an event to feature you as a speaker in an evening "town hall" type of setting. We have an activist client population that is very involved and quite astute about issues of HIV and AIDS. Your background in community-based organizations combined with your wonderful speaking skills provide a natural fit with this program. Most importantly, I know that your participation would have a lasting impact on this community.

In addition, our agency will be presenting its annual conference, being called "HIV: New Perspectives", on Saturday, November 8th. This conference consists of a day-long series of workshops, breakout sessions and discussions on the campus of UC Irvine. This conference has grown each year in attendance and participation, and attracts an important population that is otherwise difficult to reach, including women and people of color. The recent advances in medical treatments promise to make this

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year's event particularly well-attended; your involvement would assure us of a total success.

Earlier this year, California marked its 100,000th AIDS diagnosis. Orange County continues to record new HIV infections, and deaths due to AIDS have not stopped. Although we may be perceived as a carefree suburban outpost in southern California, the fact of the matter is that we are an epicenter of the AIDS epidemic that needs -- and deserves -- the attention and focus of our top officials. Our client demographics reflect the national trends of infection in populations that are especially hard-hit: women and people of color. Your involvement would provide such an important statement of inclusion and commitment to this community. I hope you can be a part of these two important events.

I certainly understand the demands on your time and the complexities of your travel schedule. I would ask you to consider being available for the "town hall" meeting, which could be scheduled on Thursday or Friday evening, November 6th or 7th, followed by your involvement on Saturday, November 8th at this conference. Since these events are directed at different target groups, I would expect both to be extremely well-attended, especially with advance notice and promotion of your involvement.

ASF has a tradition of dedicated service to HIV-impacted men, women and children in Orange County that spans more than a decade. We are currently serving our highest caseload ever, and we remain firmly committed to our mission. As part of our mission, we acknowledge the added responsibility of providing client advocacy among our services. Your participation in these two events would provide the lynchpin in our program of client advocacy this year. Most of all, please consider this an invitation to be a part of the family at AIDS Services Foundation.

I have enclosed some materials to provide some background about ASF. Please contact me directly at 714 / 253 - 1510 or Thomas Peterson, our Public Policy Coordinator, at 714 / 253 - 1538. Thank you for considering this invitation.

Sincerely,



Priscilla B. Munro
Executive Director



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TOUGH TALK

Sandy Thurman, Aids Czar
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20018

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June 12, 1997

Dear Ms. Thurman:

My name is (b)(6) I am thirty-three years old living with the Aids virus. Living with this virus has allowed me to experience the ravages of this epidemic. My visit to Washington a few weeks ago, to enlist the support of the White House, provided me the opportunity to meet with you after your recent appointment as Aids Czar.

Thanks to your committed support, I've been encouraged by the promise of White House support, not only in finding a cure; but to curtail the spread of this disease through programs of prevention and education. As an Aids activist and host of my own cable talk show "Tough Talk", I continue to sound the alarm against this epidemic and its ramifications which crosses all social, economic, and racial boundaries. We are all "at risk" and our future generations. I am committed to ensuring that those living with HIV/AIDS, will live and die with dignity.

In order to highlight your supportive measures and to bring a greater awareness to the Long Island community which has the highest number of HIV/AIDS cases than any other suburb in the United States, we are requesting the honor of your presence as our featured "keynote speaker" at our Christmas benefit to be held at: Carlton-on-Park in East Meadow, New York on December 10, 1997 from 6:00p.m. until 11:00p.m.

Your presence will ensure the success of this event and we thank you for your swift reply.

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