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LAMBDA LETTERS PROJECT

*California's Oldest Statewide Civil Rights Organization
Devoted to Issues Concerning Lesbians, Gay Men,
Bisexuals, Transgender, People of Color, Women and
People Affected by or Living With HIV/AIDS*

To: Ms. Sandra Thurman, Director
White House National AIDS Policy Office
Fax (202) 456-2438

A delegation would like to meet with you during AIDS Watch '99. We propose a meeting on Monday May 3 or Tuesday May 4. Since we do not know the appointment times with Senators Boxer and Feinstein, we hope we can be flexible for a time slot with you.

Facilitator: *Herb Schultz will facilitate.* Tom Swann, Board member of Lambda Letters Project. Tom gave the HIV/AIDS report at the Lesbian and Gay Caucus of the State Democratic Party and is secretary of Democrats of the Desert Club in Palm Springs. Tom is a member of the Riverside County Democratic Party Central Committee and officer of Desert Stonewall Democrats.

Representatives from Lambda Letters Project, Stonewall Democrats, AIDS Project Los Angeles, Desert AIDS Project, Inland Empire Ryan White Planning Council and Alexander Hamilton Post of the American Legion in San Francisco want to discuss issues including the following:

1. Lambda Letters Project will present a letter indicating the War on AIDS must continue. Lambda Letters supports needle exchange programs if desired by local communities.

2. Desert AIDS Project has the 6th highest per-capita number of HIV-infected people in the country. The executive director (Mr. John Brown) wants to discuss a number of issues with you.

3. AIDS Project Los Angeles and Inland Empire Ryan White Planning Council have several issues to discuss with you.

4. The Legion Post members are veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Iranian Hostage Crisis. They have lost lovers due to AIDS and want the war on AIDS to continue. They won a discrimination complaint against the State American Legion and this year (for the first time ever) are going to the California American Legion Convention in San Diego as openly LGBT and HIV-infected delegates.

Please contact Tom Swann at (760) 324-5670 or TASwann@aol.com for more information.

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Desert AIDS Project

AIDS Project Los Angeles

Inland Empire Ryan White Planning Council

Lambda Letters Project

Alexander Hamilton Post of the American Legion

San Francisco AIDS Foundation

Desert Stonewall Democratic Club

Stonewall Democratic Club of Los Angeles

Inland Empire Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club

Democrats of the Desert Club

Chair Los Angeles County Democratic Party

Chair Riverside County Democratic Party

Chair San Bernardino County Democratic Party

Human Rights Campaign

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FAX COVER SHEET

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REMARKS:

☐ Urgent

☐ For your review

☐ Reply ASAP

☐ Please comment

Hi Sandy,

Here is the briefing sheet that all AIDSWatch participants will be given on Sunday.

If you're ready to do battle for higher numbers, we're right there with you!

Ron

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AIDS Watch**THE GLOBAL AIDS CRISIS**

According to the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) 34 million people are HIV infected worldwide, with over 16,000 infections occurring every day. More than 95% of HIV infections occur in poor countries of Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America and Asia. Yet, more than 90% of resources spent on HIV/AIDS prevention and care programs are devoted to people in industrialized countries.

GLOBAL AIDS FUNDING

Despite the massive increase in global HIV incidence and AIDS-related mortality, U.S. funding for global HIV/AIDS activities has increased only nominally since 1993. Last year's total US funding for global AIDS programs in poor countries, was about the same as the annual AIDS budget for New York City alone.

Although the President's FY 2000 budget showed an increase for HIV/AIDS of \$2 million, for a total of \$127 million, this falls far \$18 million short of the amount Global Health and AIDS advocates believe is reasonable and essential to meet the growing needs of the AIDS pandemic - Advocates are calling for a 15% increase in funding to match the 15% annual growth of the AIDS pandemic.

AIDS advocates are requesting that funding levels for Fiscal Year 2000 be increased to \$145 million for global AIDS programs -- approximately 15% over the FY 1999 amount of \$125 million. This increase is part of an overall request for an increase of 15% for United States Agency of International Development (USAID) programs for childhood illnesses and infectious diseases which include global HIV/AIDS programs.

In addition, AIDS advocates support the continuation of the \$10 million appropriated in the FY 1999 emergency supplemental to assist AIDS orphans and HIV positive children. Unless continued, this amount of money will fail to make a significant difference for the millions of children who suffer from this global health crisis.

GLOBAL HIV/AIDS FACTS

• Every day more than 7,000 young people between the ages 10-24 years are infected with HIV; five young persons newly infected every minute.

• In some areas in Zimbabwe, 50% of all pregnant women are infected with HIV/AIDS, and 15% of all children are orphans due to AIDS.

• About 40 million children worldwide will be orphaned by HIV by 2010.

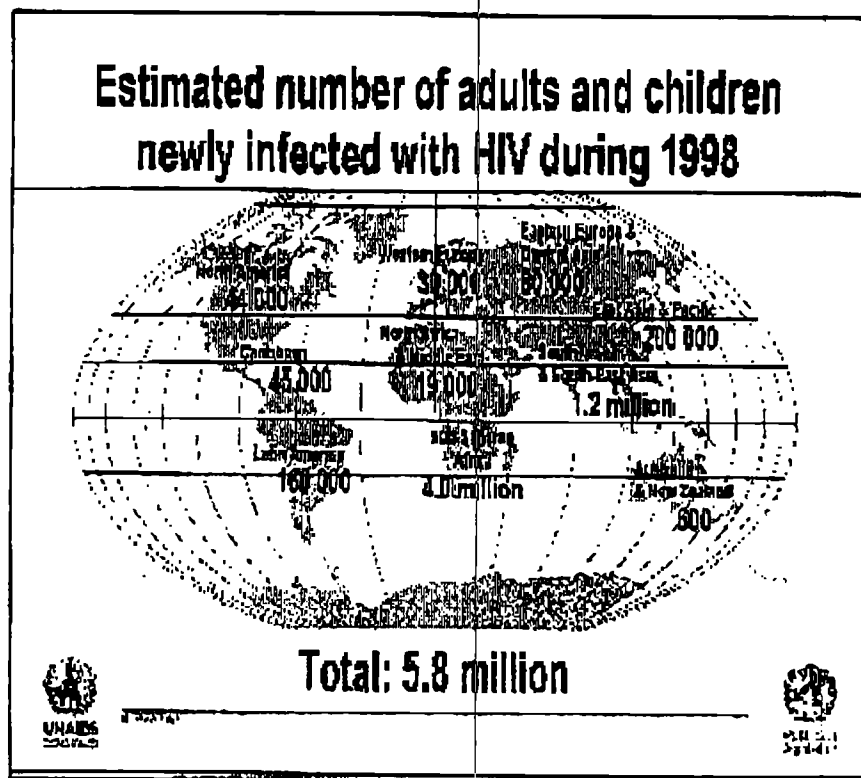
• Triple drug therapy can cost up to \$20,000 a year per patient in the US, but the average amount of money annually available to an HIV infected individual in the developing world is about \$10.

• AIDS has lowered average life expectancy levels by as much as 18 years in some African countries; in Botswana, life expectancy fell from 62 years in 1990 to 44 years in 1998.

BORDERS ARE FALSE BARRIERS

The lives of Americans are inextricably linked with the lives of people everywhere. HIV/AIDS, which is unraveling the health, economies, infrastructure and militaries of countries around the world has and will continue to affect all of us, by hurting US economic interests, destabilizing nations and increasing the likelihood of more virulent and drug resistant strains of HIV.

But the US is doing good work, just not enough of it. Developing country HIV/AIDS programs, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and UNAIDS, have been largely successful with limited resources, but this is not enough. USAID and its partners could reach many more poor communities affected by and infected with HIV around the world with more support.



Funding Request Recap

- ✓ 15% increase in funding for the United States Agency of International Development (USAID) Child Survival and Diseases account, and within that a 15% increase for global HIV/AIDS programs.
- ✓ Continuation of the \$10 million allocated last year in emergency funding for AIDS orphans and children infected with HIV.