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SCHEDULING REQUEST PROPOSAL

Date: 11/05/97

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TO: Patti Solis Doyle, Director of Scheduling for the First Lady

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

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PURPOSE: Commemoration of World AIDS Day.

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DATE & TIME: Sunday, November 30, 1997
7:00p.m.

DURATION: 60 minutes

LOCATION: Church of the Epiphany
1317 G Street, NW

PARTICIPANTS: Sandra Thurman, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy (confirmed)
Marian Wright-Edelman, Childrens Defense Fund (confirmed)
Maya Angelou (invited)

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Interfaith Service:
Opening: Gay Mens Choir of Washington D.C.
Greeting: The Rev. Randolph Charles
Inspirational
Message: First Lady
Litany: Sandra Thurman
Guest Speaker: Youth Speaker (unnamed)
Music: St. Augustine's Youth Choir

REMARKS: Brief remarks. Inspirational message or prayer.

MEDIA: White House Photo.

FIRST LADY: Yes.

VICE PRESIDENT: No.

RECOMMENDED BY: Sandra Thurman

CONTACT: Sandra Thurman or Paul Yandura (202) 632-1090



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TO: Patti Solis Doyle

FAX NUMBER: 202-456-2317

FROM: Paul Yandura

DATE: November 13, 1997

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COMMENTS:

Order of Service
(with approximate running times)

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| 6:45 | Musical Prelude: | Mr. Eric Plutz, organ |
| 6:58 | Tolling of the bell | |
| 7:00 | Procession in Darkness: Hymn/Chant | GMCW |
| | <i>processional includes: Fr. Charles, Youth Choir, Guest Speakers, and Children</i> | |
| 7:10 | Greeting/Introduction/Opening Prayer/Collect: | The Rev. Randolph Charles |
| 7:15 | Music: "Great Is The Lord" | St. Augustine's Youth Choir |
| | <i>Speaker approaches lectern at the end of the singing</i> | |
| 7:20 | Litany | Sandra Thurman |
| 7:28 | Music: (more candles are lit) | Jewish Cantor |
| | <i>Speaker approaches lectern at the end of the singing</i> | |
| 7:33 | Guest Speaker: | Youth Speaker |
| 7:41 | Music: (more candles are lit) | Gay Men's Chorus of Washington |
| | <i>Offertory is taken; Speaker approaches lectern at the end of the singing</i> | |
| 7:45 | Guest Speaker: | The Rev. Rainey Cheeks |
| 7:53 | Prayers (more candles are lit) | |
| 8:03 | Music: "I Believe I Can Fly" | St. Augustine's Youth Choir |
| 8:08 | Sending Forth | The Rev. Randolph Charles |
| 8:15 | Processional Hymn: into the light (lit candles are given at the door) | |

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

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VICE PRESIDENT: No.

RECOMMENDED BY: Bruce Reed, Sandra Thurman

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 6, 1997

Maya Angelou
3240 Valley Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Dear Ms. Angelou:

On behalf of the President, I would like to invite you to an Interfaith Service of Celebration and Healing for persons living with and affected by HIV and AIDS on the eve of World AIDS Day 1997. The service will take place at 7:00 pm on Sunday, November 30 at the Church of the Epiphany here in Washington, DC. The theme of this year's World AIDS Day is "Give Children Hope in a World with AIDS".

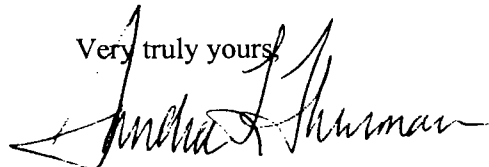
As you know, more than one million children under the age of 15 are living with HIV and AIDS around the world. Each and every day 1,000 children die of AIDS even as 1,000 more are infected with HIV. If the spread of this virus is not contained, 10 to 15 million children will be orphaned by AIDS by the year 2000.

World AIDS Day gives us an important chance to speak to those children, to renew their hopes and act as their advocates. Your commitment to children is well known to the people of this country, and you consistently serve as an example of service and compassion. By attending this event, you will help us send a powerful message to countless children – that they are loved and that we are fighting on their behalf to end this terrible epidemic.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has been invited and is expected to attend the service along with Marian Wright-Edelman, myself and an array of religious leaders. The service will include presentations by the Gay Men's Choir of Washington and St. Augustine's Youth Choir, interfaith prayers of hope, a litany and a candlelight procession.

You are such an inspiration to so many, I can think of no one better able to help us send a strong message of hope to a world living with AIDS. We would be honored if you could join us. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for considering this event in your busy schedule. Please feel free to give me a call me at (202) 632-1090 if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance.

Very truly yours,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

MEMORANDUM

To: Marian
cc: Melissa
From: Michael
Date: October 25, 1997
Re: **Give Children Hope in a World of AIDS**

The theme of this year's World AIDS Day, on December 1st, is Give Children Hope in a World of AIDS. As you know, more than one million children worldwide under the age of 15 are already living with HIV and AIDS. The WHO says that if the spread of HIV is not contained, by the year 2010, AIDS may increase infant mortality by 75% and under 5 child mortality by 100%. Each and every day, 1,000 children die of AIDS and more than 1,000 additional children become infected. Beyond that, 10-15 million children worldwide will become orphaned by AIDS by the year 2000. As always, there is much that we know how to do, but we are a very long way from mobilizing the resources needed to do it.

As part of World AIDS Day 1997, events are being planned across this country and around the world. Our friend Sandy Thurman, the White House AIDS Czarina, is coordinating activities for the Administration. **On Sunday, November 30th at 7:00pm, she has scheduled an Interfaith service of healing at the Church of the Epiphany in Washington. She was hoping that you and Mrs. Clinton would join her and an array of religious leaders for this event.** The event will also include children and youth choirs, prayers of hope, a candlelight procession, and more.

Your participation in this event, if possible, would mean a great deal to her, to me, and organizers here and abroad. I would be happy to provide you with any additional information you may want or need, and to facilitate whatever kind of role in this event you would be most comfortable with.

Thanks for your consideration. I know you have just a few balls in the air these days.

Thank you.
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