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December 16, 1999

Sandra Thurman, Director
White House
Office of National AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Ms. Thurman

I have recently learned that Mr. Todd Summers will be resigning his position in the White House Office of AIDS Policy as, Deputy Director. While I feel his departure will be a great loss and his talents difficult to match. I would like to submit the enclosed resume for consideration as a candidate to fill his position in your office. I have more than 15 years of direct not-for-profit management; policy and HIV/AIDS related experience coupled with planning and development expertise. I have worked with local, state, and Federal entities to develop comprehensive programs and believe I can make a significant contribution.

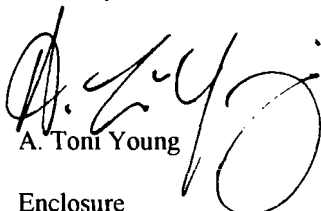
We met sometime ago while you were in Atlanta and I in Washington, DC. At that, time I was working with the National Women's Health Network. However, I went on to serve as Founder and Executive Director of the National Women & HIV/AIDS Project, Inc. (NWAP), a grassroots network of women living with and affected by HIV and AIDS. With NWAP, I worked directly with a diverse group of women and families in need. Thus, I am keenly aware of the challenges, which arise in the development of programs and policies, which address the myriad of issues before a community as diverse as ours. As well, as the need to develop new partnerships, which are reflective of the needs, changes, trends, and diversity within our community. In 1996, I left Washington, for San Francisco.

Since my arrival in the San Francisco area, I have been actively involved in the community. I currently serve as Community co-chair of the San Francisco HIV Prevention Planning Council, am a member of Explore and VaxGen Community Advisory Boards, Executive Committee member for the 1999 Women and HIV/AIDS Conference, and serve on the Steering Committee of the Urban Coalition of HIV/AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS). UCHAPS is a collective of the six largest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention directly funded jurisdictions with Cooperative Agreements. Because of my participation in UCHAPS, I was appointed to the Board of Directors of AIDS Action Council in Washington, DC.

Development of a project such as NWAP was daunting. However, its inception stemmed from my more than 15 years of non-profit and HIV/AIDS related experience. This background was coupled with an understanding of the needs of under-served populations, particularly people of color and the economically challenged in an epidemic such as HIV is something I would like to put to use as a part of a committed team. As the Executive Director of NWAP, daily operation of management and budget, proposal development and fiscal management of all grants and contracts were my responsibility, as well as the development of all program materials and program models.

I am seeking opportunities, which allow me to again focus on national AIDS Policy and return to Washington, DC. Specifically, I feel as though there is a need to ensure those issues, which represent a cross section of the community, be addressed via your office. I would be honored to be a part of this agency and mission. I look forward to hearing from you regarding next steps and/or a possible interview.

Sincerely,


A. Toni Young

Enclosure

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KEY SKILL AREAS: Program conception, development and management, policy/legislative analysis, Management and supervision; education and prevention campaigns; cultural competency evaluation, contract administration, public speaking.

Experience:

- Co-chaired the Women and HIV/AIDS Coalition of the National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA)
- Developed and presented HIV/AIDS congressional testimony
- Worked with lead staff of the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) to develop 1996 Ryan White application to states
- Worked as a member of White House policy group to develop policy paper on HIV and Youth
- Served on various Federal Panels and Committees including CDC Sterile Needle Committee, CDC meeting on Woman to Woman transmission, Ryan White Title I & II Review Committees
- Successfully planned and executed three regional forums concerning Women and HIV/AIDS as it relates to women's health for the National Women's Health Network (NWHN)
- Assisted in planning of the first AIDS vigil in Washington, D.C.
- Developed mass media campaign regarding STDs, Substance Abuse, and Pregnancy targeting adolescent girls and supporting collateral materials including *Spirits*; the bi-monthly newsletter of NWAP
- Managed the National Women's Health Network (NWHN) Information Clearinghouse including the recruitment and retention of staff interns
- Reviewed 1999 applications for Office of Minority Health
- Wrote proposals, developed program plans, and coordinated conferences and meetings for issues around reproductive health, technical assistance, and grassroots organizing
- Developed an application and program model to support a cross cultural study of women with Phambili Women's Organization (PWO), Cape Town, South Africa to compare the success of outreach methods to women in both countries

Employment History:

Community Education Group Consultant April 1999 to Present

I have worked as an independent consultant doing group facilitation, grant writing and program development for high incidence HIV areas in California and nationally. This work has included drafting some sections of the FY2000 Ryan White application for the San Jose EMA, facilitation of a statewide meeting regarding Ryan White reauthorization, and other capacity building activities.

HIV Consumer Rights Advocate Consultant and Project Coordinator September 1998 – April 1999

The goal of the HIV Consumer Rights Advocacy Project is to assist individuals receiving services from HIV Health Services Branch of DPH (CARE funds) funded agencies within the city and county of San Francisco with mediation services regarding complaints/grievances. Additionally, the project strives to ensure that individuals receive appropriate and satisfactory services from agencies based upon the agencies' contractual agreement with the city and county of San Francisco.

National Women and HIV/AIDS Project (NWAP) - Executive Director and Founder 1993 -1996

I served as the Executive Director of NWAP until June 1996. Responsibilities included advocacy, policy development, networking and communications, fundraising, public speaking on the issues of race, class, and reproductive health as they relate to HIV/AIDS staffing, marketing, program development, development of a mass media campaign, proposal writing, and direct work with women and HIV/AIDS organizations, individuals, and policies. I founded NWAP to help women with, and at-risk for; HIV/AIDS be empowered through their own efforts and successes. I also coordinated efforts for the participation of women in the International AIDS conference in Yokohama, Japan in 1995. I have worked with the Phambili Women's Organization (PWO) in

South Africa For the past three years to develop a comparative study. She has made presentations on the legislative implications and impact in the U.S. and Virgin Islands on the outcome of the 076 AIDS clinical trial and other women' health related topics.

National Women's Health Network (NWHN) - Program Director

1992 - 1993

As the Program Director for the NWHN, I was responsible for spearheading Women and HIV/AIDS policy issues such as expanding the Center for Disease Control (CDC) case definition of AIDS in women and re-labeling anti-fungal creams. She worked directly with funding agencies and managed the clearinghouse and recruited and supervised the volunteer intern staff. I also coordinated three regional forums on Women and HIV/AIDS. These forums facilitated on-going dialogue between the participating organizations and individuals including women with HIV/AIDS, doctors, lawyers, social workers, and policy advocates.

Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) - Project Coordinator

1990 - 1991

I managed the design, development, and implementation of a database management and reporting program for student applicant data. Accredited law schools to identify which student applicants qualified for participation in the full CLEO program used the reports she developed. I also processed and evaluated student applications and answered incoming calls from students and universities.

Metro TeenAIDS - Program Coordinator

1991

I served as the Metro TeenAIDS (formerly WACHIVY) Coordinator. Her responsibilities included educating HIV-infected youth, proposal writing, program development, and other administrative and programmatic tasks.

National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA) - Assistant Director

1988 - 1989

As Assistant Director of NAPWA I was responsible for coordinating the organizational efforts of more than 80 people with AIDS (PWA) coalitions throughout the United States. These coalitions consisted of individuals from diverse geographic and demographic backgrounds working for change both at the community and national level. I also developed HIV/AIDS informational materials and program development plans specific to each group's needs. She developed technical assistance materials, identified funding sources, solicited financial support, and assisted in the development of fiscal spending plans.

Self Employed - Owned and Operated Own Business

1987

Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering - Project Assistant

1984 - 1986

Gay Rights National Lobby - Membership Director

1982 - 1984

Boards and committees

**San Francisco HIV Prevention Planning Council
Co-Chair**

1997-Present

**Urban Coalition on HIV/AIDS Prevention Services
Steering Committee**

1998-Present

**HIVNET/VAXGEN
Community Advisory Board Member**

1997-Present

AIDS Action Council

1999

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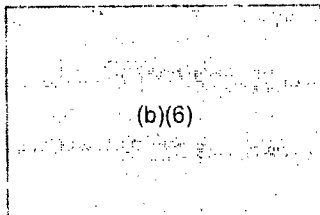
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 1, 1999



[0019]

Thank you for your letter regarding the current state of HIV and AIDS on February 10, 1999. I am saddened to hear that you are so directly effected by this epidemic and I wish you the best of health.

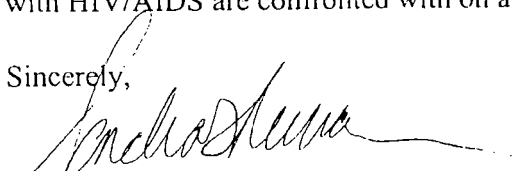
President Clinton may not be seen with AIDS clients frequently but he has played an active, behind the scenes, role in fighting the epidemic. The Clinton Administration has done more to fight this disease than any other administration and will continue to do so. The Office of National AIDS Policy is working diligently with all federal departments and agencies to address the HIV prevention, services and research needs of all Americans. These issues are of key concern to this office and the President.

On October 28, 1998 the President announced a comprehensive new initiative that invests an unprecedented \$156 million to improve the nation's effectiveness in preventing and treating HIV/AIDS in the African-American, Hispanic, and other minority communities. In addition, on December 1, 1998, Worlds AIDS Day, President Clinton set aside \$10 million in US emergency relief funding to help identify effective policies and programs for children orphaned by AIDS.

President Clinton and Vice President Gore have worked hard to invigorate the nation's response to HIV and AIDS, providing new national leadership, substantially greater resources and a closer working relationship with affected communities.

Thank you again for your letter which gives voices to the very important issues to those living with HIV/AIDS are confronted with on a daily basis. I wish you the very best.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

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Feb. 10, 1999

Dear Ms. Thurman,

I have been wanting to write you for some time now. I had seen you on television but due to my condition as an AIDS patient I couldn't find your number or address. But now that I have your address, I felt I could tell you my concerns.

I wish that the President would be seen more with AIDS clients, and their (our) causes.

I was told by a member of your staff, that the Vice-President & his wife have been more active for our cause.

Could you tell me if the reason why the President is not seen with AIDS clients is because of his religious affiliation with the Southern Baptist?

My hand is getting tired. I will close for now.

Sincerely,

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MESSAGE:

Sheryl L. Haver is my request
by fax you requested.

Thank You

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Sue Lamar - Recommendation Request

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From: Sue Lamar
Subject: Recommendation Request

Sandy, I work for Dr Donna Sweet at Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita, Kansas as her Case Manager. At the present time Dr has over 600 HIV+ pts and the number is growing 8-12 new pts a month. I heard you speak at our Regional HIV Conf. in Denver two years ago and enjoyed your talk so much. I have been calling every few months since then, to remind her that if you ever get a group together to go to Africa to see first hand what is happening there I WANT TO GO. Your speech two years ago inspired me so much.....to the point I have a 27 year old South African woman living with my husband and I, who has full blown Aids. I signed up to be her sponsor on her Visa, have her enrolled at Wichita State University and she is now apart of our family. I cannot make a difference perhaps in South Africa where she is from the Zulu Tribe, but I am making a difference in her life. We sit up late at night and listen to her story of what is happening in Africa and would like to be apart of "being there". When you think of Africa, please know that want to give you any support you or your office needs, as we feel the tears in our home as we listen to stories from R. dally of the saddness of the disease there.

Second request: I was asked to contact you about recommending a Keynote Speaker for a Spring 2000 HIV Conference we are planning here in Wichita. We would like someone who is very dynamic and informative about HIV and Substance Abuse. (how do we as physicans, case managers, nurses, counselors work with THIS Dual Diagnosis? It seems this population is growing so fast, and we as professionals need help in dealing with the growing problem. Our committee here at Kansas School of Medicine appreciates any suggestion you can give us .

Thank you very much for your consideration of the above. Thanks even more for inspiring me to make a difference.

**Sue Lamar, C.P.E.**

Case Manager
HIV-AIDS Certified Counselor
HIV Early Intervention Program
Donna E. Sweet, M.D., Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 10, 2000

Diane Morales
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Las Vegas, NV 89121

Dear Mrs. Morales:

President Clinton asked me to respond to your email to him regarding the difficulties you are experiencing in trying to obtain unemployment benefits.

Unemployment claims, for the most part, are a state matter, with each state having jurisdiction over its own program. However, given your financial situation, you may be able to obtain legal assistance from your local Legal Aid Society, part of the federally funded Legal Services Corporation, in filing a claim and contesting any determination made.

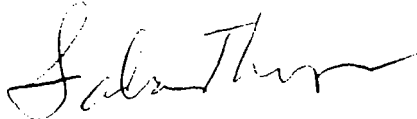
Legal aid societies provide free legal advice, representation, and other legal services in non-criminal cases to the economically disadvantaged. The societies are located in most major metropolitan areas throughout the state. The Community Services Administration provides funding for legal aid.

You may want to contact the following Legal AID office in Las Vegas and request assistance, as appropriate:

Nevada Legal Services Inc.
701 E. Bridger Ave. Suite 101
Las Vegas, NV 89101
(800) 522-1070

I wish you success in obtaining the support you need.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trials Group
Community Constituency Group



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TO: Sandra Thurman, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

The Honorable Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services

Eric Goosby, Director, Office of HIV/AIDS Policy

Jack Whitescarver, Deputy Director of the Office of AIDS Research

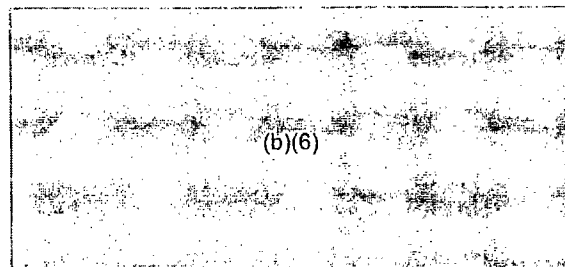
Wendy Wertheimer, Senior Adviser of the Office of AIDS Research

William R. Duncan, M.D., Associate Director of the Therapeutics Research Program

MEMO:

I am forwarding to you a copy of the letter the Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trials Group, Community Constituency Group wrote to Anthony Fauci M.D. and copied to Neal Nathanson, M.D. and Ruth Kirshstein, M.D. the week of August 7th. We have not received a response at this time but felt that the continued delay of the Research Funding Application (RFA) is of great concern to us and our communities. We would appreciate you taking the time to read our letter and responding to us as to why this "hold" has not been lifted. Your immediate response by phone, e-mail, FAX or mail would be appreciated. Thank you for your time and interest in our concern.

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Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trials Group

Pediatric Community Constituency Group

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July 31, 2000

Anthony S. Fauci, M.D.
National Institutes of Health
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20892

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Dear Dr. Fauci:

The Pediatric Community Constituency Group (CCG) is concerned about the current hold on the Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trials Group's (PACTG) Research Funding Application (RFA). We are opposed to any possible move to cut funds for these research efforts. In fact, we strongly urge NIAID to increase funding for the current research efforts of the PACTG.

We represent a diverse cross-section of community representatives: parents, grandparents, and youth. We are HIV-infected and affected consumers and caregivers from across the United States. We come from major cities, rural areas, and Puerto Rico.

Our mission is to improve the value of clinical research to children and families with HIV/AIDS, and to be a permanent reminder of its impact on the minds and hearts of physicians and researchers. To accomplish this, we focus on three main areas: 1) the nature of the research process; 2) the relationships within the research process and; 3) the focus of research on the real-life problems of children/adolescents with HIV/AIDS.

The perception that "AIDS is over" in our country is simply not true. It continues to be a threat to lives of our infants, children, and youth. New children are being born infected. Adolescents are infected in this country at an alarming rate. Your past research has given longer lives to children born more than 10 years ago. These children, our children, are reaching puberty/adulthood. There are no other research organizations to respond to their special needs. And the epidemic continues to spread.

As you review your plans to release the RFA, prior to sending it out, we would like you to consider the epidemic through our eyes:

- *The epidemic is not over.*
Infected women are willing and able to have children. Many of them have developed drug-resistance and are now seeking alternative medications to prevent transmission to their unborn.
- *Our children are still alive.*
The children once predicted to die are alive. We believe you cannot now abandon them.
- *The epidemic will continue to move into new areas.*
Heterosexual transmission is moving into poor, rural areas of the United States. There are few services, little expert care, and no other way to bring the benefits of leading edge clinical research to these families.

Finally, we want to raise our concern about the market forces at work in the development, delivery and labeling of medications for our children. The pharmaceutical companies do not see our children as a viable market for their new anti-virals.

That is precisely why the NIH must assure the continued and even expanded research for our children and adolescents.

Thank you for the time you are taking in this important work. Please send your response to the PCCG in care of:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 8, 2000

Brenda McCardell Bell
1613 Winter Street
Houston, TX 77007

Dear Ms. Bell:

Thank you for your recent letter, in which you explained the McCardell family's wish for a meeting with President Clinton to discuss a cure for AIDS.

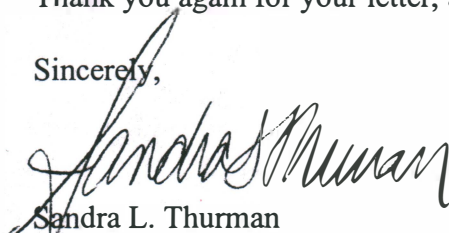
AIDS has grown into a disease of epic proportions, and it does seem at times that despite the large numbers of people worldwide fighting for a cure, little progress is being made. It is difficult to comprehend the scope and complexity of the challenge at hand. A successful treatment for AIDS requires innovative and creative approaches. It necessitates cooperation and collaboration across borders and boundaries.

While the Office of National AIDS policy recognizes and values the significance of every new theory, we are unfortunately unable to advocate on behalf of specific projects and programs.

The sheer enormity of the AIDS pandemic urges us to share with and listen to one another, and be assured that the Clinton administration understands this well. No tested, proven, and well-researched theories will be overlooked in our battle to put an end to AIDS.

Thank you again for your letter, and I wish you all the best in bringing your project to fruition.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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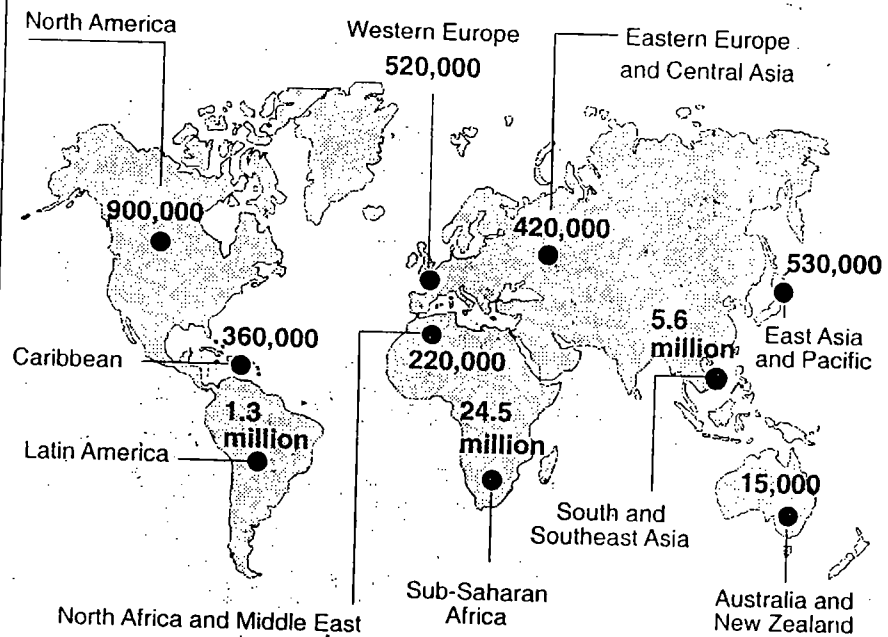
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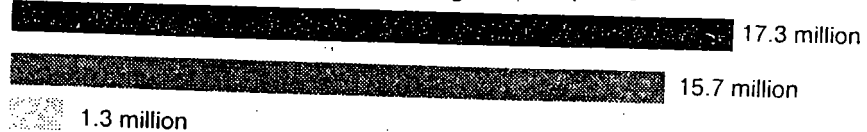
A global epidemic

AIDS has already caused 18.8 million deaths and orphaned 13.2 million children. In 1999, 2.8 million people died of AIDS. Currently, it is estimated that 34.3 million people are living with HIV/AIDS around the world.

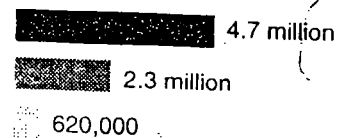
Global distribution of people living with HIV/AIDS



Gender, age of people currently living with HIV/AIDS



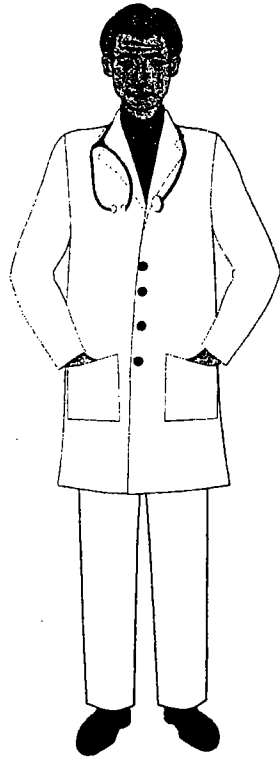
Newly infected in 1999



■ Men
■ Women
■ Children

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GREAT NEWS!!!



A CURE FOR AIDS

The McCardell Family Can be
Contacted at: Brenda McCardell Bell
1613 Winter St.
Houston, Texas 77007
Phone # (713) 222-6926

Has Been Revealed To The McCardell
Family Of Houston, Texas

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May 18, 2000
314 Revere Street
Winthrop, MA
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The Honorable Maxine Waters
House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20509

RE: African AIDS Initiatives

Dear Congresswoman Waters:

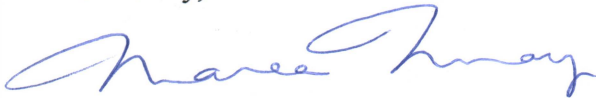
I have been following yours and others' efforts to push colleagues to put their money where their mouths are (or haven't been!) in terms of AIDS in Africa.

As the provider Co-Chair of the Massachusetts HIV Community Prevention Planning Group (MPPG), the founder of MPPG's Advocacy and Activism committee and, most importantly of all, as someone who spent several of my very early childhood years in Zambia, I applaud your efforts. Several African leaders have pointed out that, even if they can access cost-reduced HIV medications for their citizens, protocols for administration and adherence are unfamiliar to many health care providers in their countries. Who better than consumers and providers with experience in the HIV prevention field to help train and counsel peers on how to do this?! Community Planning Groups are CDC-mandated and exist in many configurations across the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Many of us feel compelled to help in any way we can to stem the epidemic abroad as well as at home. Please contact me if I may be of some service. I have little doubt that some of those men and women I knew way back when have died with, are infected by or are at tremendous risk for HIV and related maladies. My email is marea@quik.com. Phone: (617) 504-3313. I will be away from 25 May until 9 June.

Keep up your fabulous work!

Sincerely,



Marea Murray (LICSW)

P.S. Maybe pharmaceutical
companies could be
persuaded to fund
this effort!

Cc: Senators Edward M. Kennedy, John Kerry; Sandra Thurman, Office of AIDS Policy; Excellencies Thabo Mbeki, Republic of South Africa and Frederick Chiluba, Republic of Zambia

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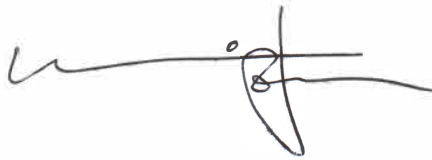
February 5, 2000

When I was young and single, long before the Age of AIDs, I spent a number of years in Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico, Haiti and The Dominican Republic. It was customary for the woman to wash the man's organ after (and often before) sex, using a basin, whether or not a condom had been used. The lower down the social, economic and educational level, the more prevalent it was: among prostitutes it was a given. It's still the practice in the Caribbean and I'm sure in Zambia, Kenya or South Africa. The woman would then use the same basin, often the same water, squatting over it to "clean" herself, exposing not only her vagina but also her anal area to the contaminated water. A rub or two with a well-used towel, all in a matter of minutes, could only facilitate infection despite the short period of time the virus lives in the open air. Surely this should be considered in any AIDs prevention program. Otherwise the band will still play on....

I first observed this over fifty years ago while stationed in New Caledonia and Hawaii. I've been told that it's still done in low-cost cribs in poorer immigrant areas of Queens. They say that all you need to start is a bed and a basin.... I'm surprised this hasn't been noticed before. I call it the Palangana Factor. May I hear from you?

Marvin Rosen
patriciarosen@worldnet.att.net

PERHAPS THIS WILL BE OF SOME INTEREST
AND USE TO YOU —



MARVIN ROSEN

253 WEST 72ND STREET, APT. 2108
NEW YORK, NY 10023

(212) 595-3434

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 17, 2000

Mr. Marvin Rosen
253 West 72ND Street, Apt. 2108
New York, NY 10023

Dear Mr. Rosen,

Thank you for your letter of February 5, 2000, in which you highlight these cultural practices. I am well aware of the preventive measures and appreciate your concern as we take into account cultural nuances. I applaud your effort to increase understanding of this epidemic and wish you much success in your future endeavors to prevent AIDS transmission.

Sincerely,

Sandra Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Darlene Sullivan and I lost a brother to AIDS on April 18, 2000. He was 29 years old. His name was John Armstrong.

John spent the last nine months of his life in Sydney, Australia. He never told his family of his HIV status. We noticed a change in behavior approximately three years ago. We lost touch with him for over a year. He had been living in San Francisco, California for the last six years. He was enrolled in law school there but dropped out during this time. He reunited with his family a year before his death, but still never disclosed his medical condition even if asked if he had been tested. John was openly homosexual and we were always fearful of his risk to HIV. He was very educated and had lost friends to this disease.

We believe he went to Australia because he chose not to seek any treatment for his HIV, and did not want his family to witness his death. We received a call from St. George Hospital in Sydney, Australia on March 25, 2000. He had been on a ventilator with pneumocystic pneumonia for over a week, and was not expected to survive. Due to many circumstances, his family was not able to be with him in his final days. St. George Hospital doctors and nurses were wonderful to keep us informed of his deteriorating condition over the next 24 days. They were in contact with us almost daily. John even had his final birthday while in the hospital on April 2, 2000. The social workers there handled the transport of his remains to a funeral home there. and later returned his ashes home to Alabama.

I am telling you this story because St. George Hospital has never asked for any payment for the services they provided for my brother. He was not a citizen there and had no health insurance.

I would appreciate consideration of any donation your foundation could make to St. George Hospital. It is my hope that a place like this hospital can remain open to deliver care to others like they did for my brother. If you know of any other foundations I could write, please forward this information to me. The address is St. George Hospital, Sydney, Belgrave Street, Kogarah, NSW 2217.

The phone number is 02 9350 1111.

Sincerely,

Darlene Sullivan

*Darlene Sullivan
104 Greystone Drive
Oneonta, Alabama 35121
(205) 625-6098*

Stephen Heller

nikto2@earthlink.net

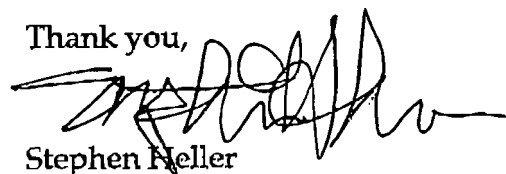
Sandra Thurmon
ONAP
736 Jackson Place
Washington, DC 20503
(202) 456-2438 (fax)

Hello, Sandra Thurmon.

I enjoyed your appearance on the Today Show.

My name is Stephen Heller. I used to work for Ogilvy & Mather Advertising in Atlanta. A few years ago, working with Dr. Koop, the CDC, and about a thousand other people (including, possibly, yourself), I wrote *Understanding AIDS*, the brochure that was distributed to 170,000,000 American households. I have carefully watched the metamorphosis of the disease as well as peoples' attitudes over the years. I see that my worst nightmares are coming to fruition. Please. I would love a job helping to put the facts back into perspective. I lost too many friends to this disease. I worked too hard to stop it. I have just moved back to this area so I don't have a phone number, but you can reach me at nikto2@earthlink.net. I'm very serious about this. What can I do? I await your answer.

Thank you,



Stephen Heller

Stephen Heller

nikto2@earthlink.net

August, 1999 to present

Thompson & Company, Memphis, TN
copy chief

I worked on First Tennessee, one of the largest banks in the state, which is expanding to become a national financial institution. I also worked on the Cotton Council, International Resorts International and a variety of other accounts, while overseeing the work of three other writers.

August, 1996 to August, 1999

Washington DC & area
freelance writer & producer

I wrote a little of just about everything, from television to teaching videos, print ads to direct marketing promotions. Clients have included: the Direct Marketing Association, the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions, Time Life books, Air Line Pilots Association, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida and the US Department of Agriculture.

1995 to August, 1997

Freelance writer, producer.

Clients include Time Life Books, MCI, Washington Gas, Mobil, Marriott, Precision Tune, Novartis Pharmaceutical and others found in the Washington area and around the United States.

1993 to July, 1995

Demaine, Vickers & Associates, Alexandria, Virginia
Creative Director

Local dealer advertising for Chevrolet dealers in the Philadelphia area, Wisconsin, DC, and southern Virginia. Campaign proved to be one of the most successful local dealer campaigns in the country. Washington Gas: won the account in 1994; finished entire revitalization of look and image for the company which is still being implemented, involving collateral, print, radio and television advertising. Television spots for Springfield Mall won several awards at this year's DC advertising awards. Also: Realty World, TeleSec Staffing Services, Delaware Valley HMO.

1990 to 1993

Schenkein Advertising, Public Relations, Denver, Colorado
Vice President Creative Director

Vail, Teledyne Water Pik, the Colorado Lottery, Manville Corporation. A library bond issue campaign, themed "a Library Says A Lot About A City," won by the highest margin in Denver's memory.

1981 to 1990

Ogilvy & Mather Advertising, Atlanta, Georgia

Vice President Creative Director

Copy Chief

While continuing to write, I supervised a creative group responsible for work on the **U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Aids Awareness Campaign**, American Express, C&S Bank(now a part of NationsBank), Martha White Pet Products Division, Kimberly Clark, American Medical International (AMI), Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), Harris/3M copiers and fax machines, Faucett Peruvian Airlines and more.

My work with the CDC included authoring *Understanding AIDS*, a publication distributed to 170 million American households, making it one of the largest direct mail efforts in American history.

1979 to 1981

Leslie Advertising, Greenville, South Carolina

Senior Writer

Wild Dunes Beach and Racquet Club, a development on the Isle of Palms, and Clinomint, a smoker's toothpaste.

1978 to 1979

William Cook Advertising, Jacksonville, Florida

Senior Writer

Lacsa, the Airline of Costa Rica, The Honduras Tourist Board, and the Guatemala Tourist Board.

activities & honors

Experience with some of the country's most respected agencies, including Young & Rubicam, Bozell and Ogilvy & Mather

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Winner of the David Ogilvy Award for creative effectiveness, as well as recognition in David Ogilvy's book, *Ogilvy on Advertising*

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Writer of *Understanding AIDS*, a publication of the U. S. Centers for Disease Control that was distributed to 170 million American households, making it one of the largest direct mail efforts in U.S. history.

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The U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention AIDS Awareness Campaign

I was creative head on the CDC's AIDS campaign, one of the largest public service campaigns ever put together. It included a mailer I wrote, *Understanding AIDS*, sent to every household in the United States (170 million copies), a full range of smaller brochures to a variety of audiences, as well as a total of over 100 television and radio PSA's produced in English and Spanish, and for white, Black and Hispanic audiences.

American Medical International (AMI)

I was instrumental in creating a series of information-based campaign used by 35 different AMI hospitals across the country, as well as for their system of Single-Day Surgical Centers. This was some of the earliest marketing-based hospital advertising done.

Hospital Corporation of America (HCA)

Partly on the basis of the strength of the AMI campaign, we were hired by HCA, the largest hospital chain in the country, to do a similar campaign for their hospitals. The campaign was based on the line I developed, "Consider For A Moment A Miracle. You."

Lutheran Medical Center, Denver, CO

Worked on all forms of communication for this large hospital, including an extensive nurse recruitment program, fund raising materials used by their endowment program, community education programs, an annual report, and a physician referral program credited with increasing the number of phone calls received by 400%.

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Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida

Worked on the marketing and development of all communications materials involving PPO, HMO and standard insurance plans. This included everything from their statewide advertising campaign, to editing and reformatting of insurance proposals, to major Florida companies, and the preparation of hurricane emergency materials.

Kimberly-Clark

Worked with the non woven fabric division in Roswell (Atlanta), Georgia. A large part of what they were expected to do was to find new uses for the roll goods they produced. This included everything from car covers, dairy filters to camouflage hunter accessories.

It also involved the development and introduction of Appleway's Concentrated Nutrition food products, an entire line of geriatric foods to be used in nursing homes, as a diet supplement. Involvement went all the way from the name, to packaging to introduction collateral.

July 6, 1999

Cynthia English-Britt
36 Beaufort Street
Rochester, NY
14620

Dear Ms. English-Britt:

Thank you for your letter and for the work you do to fight the spread of HIV/AIDS. You not only possess the vision to recognize the need to stem the HIV/AIDS epidemic among African-American women, you have translated your vision into action and I applaud your efforts. Minority and women-centered policy is at the top of my agenda because I share your belief about the need for action in these communities.

The Office of National AIDS Policy cannot offer direct financial assistance, but I have several suggestions about contacts for grant information. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides many funding opportunities for prevention efforts such as yours. The CDC website contains very thorough information on available grants and can be accessed at www.cdc.gov.

There are also offices at the CDC devoted specifically to minority and women's health. You can request information from the Office of the Associate Director for Minority Health by contacting Corlis Voltz at cav2@cdc.gov. Because your organization focuses on HIV prevention specifically among women, it might be helpful for you to contact the Office of Women's Health at the CDC. Their contact information is below:

The Office of Women's Health
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road, MS: D-51
Atlanta, GA 30033
Phone: (404) 639-7230 Fax: (404) 639-7331

You can also contact the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention by email at nchstp@cdc.gov. If this is not helpful, I suggest that you contact the Procurement and Grants Office of the CDC at tlr1@cdc.gov. I hope that this information proves fruitful in your search for funding sources.

Please be persistent in seeking funding for your work. Your dedication and commitment serve as an inspiration to all of us who know the dangers of complacency and passivity. It is my hope that the advocacy I do in Washington, D.C. and around the world will lead to greater awareness of HIV/AIDS, increased research, and more funding for important work like yours. I am confident that together we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

(770) 488-2736

* Maggie Ivanov

Procurement and Grants Office, CDC

Natl Division of HIV/AIDS CDC

* Samuel Taveras (404) 639-5241

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Pls. have
intern draft
response.

May 26, 1999



To: Ms. Sandra Thurman
Director White House Office
of National Aids Policy
808 19th Street N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Ms. Thurman,

I was so overwhelmed with mixed emotions after reading the Aids Epicenter article in the USA Today paper which featured you and the great compassionate work you are doing to combat the spread of HIV/Aids in America & Africa. I also share your vision about HIV and how everyone needs to take a stand in the fight against Aids. As a African American female I've really taken HIV/Aids issues very seriously; so much so that I started a grassroot organization for black women and the organization's mission is very clear. We as black women have to come to terms with this issue of HIV infection amongst our men and find ways to combat this monster virus that has ravaged our families, communities and ancestral homeland Africa. I've been spreading the word about the HIV epidemic that has gripped the black female in my community. Many black women still believe that "Aids" is a gay male disease and they have little or no knowledge that the virus can be





transmitted to a newborn baby by means of breast milk. How did I obtain this information? My sister-in-law and I conducted a survey amongst 150 black women in our community - we were also able to do A.D.O. (African American Outreach) regarding HIV prevention & education. The problem in which my organization is presently facing is funding. There have been many doors shut before our faces. Why? That's what we are still trying to figure out and ponder on on a daily basis. The local health dept. director Out Doniger has been very helpful indeed. He has obtained aids/HIV related materials, surveys, use of copier machine from the health dept. Much more is needed if we are to win this war on aids. We are seeking your advice and assistance in this area of funding for newly formed organizations that meet the needs of people who are in high risk groups. Black women deserve attention, direction, funding, technical support and a opportunity to be heard on all fronts. Your input will really make a difference in my community and I know many lives can be saved with effective culture appropriate HIV education/prevention seminars, materials and outreach services. How are we surviving? We are striving, surviving and standing firm on our personal monies, faith & assistance from Out Doniger who truly reminds me a lot of you Ms. Sharma. We hope to hear from you soon.



Keep up the good work and your efforts will not be in vain.

The name of my organization is The Black Women's Health Awareness Project of Rochester, N.Y. I can be reached at: (716) 271-6842 if you have any questions or concerns. My mailing address is: 36 Beaufort Street
Rochester, New York 14620.

Ms. Thurman, I apologize for the letter being a little off centered - but I'm trying to write and hold a 18 month baby (busy one) at the same time.

Sincerely yours,
Cynthia English-Bratt

FACTS ABOUT STDs AND HIV/AIDS

There are hundreds of people in Rochester who have STDs (sexually transmitted diseases) and/or HIV/AIDS and don't know it!

STDs

- are passed between people during vaginal, anal or oral sex.
- can be passed from a pregnant woman to her unborn baby
- if untreated, can cause serious complications and even death
- often can be cured, IF YOU KNOW YOU HAVE IT.
- can be **prevented** IF YOU KNOW HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF.

HIV/AIDS

- is passed between people during sex
- is passed by sharing needles or other equipment used for injecting drugs
- can be passed from a pregnant woman to her unborn baby
- is often fatal
- can be treated if you know you have it
- can be **prevented** IF YOU KNOW HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

PREVENT STDs & HIV!

Protect Yourself and Those You Care About!

A. SEX

Most people with STDs or HIV/AIDS have no symptoms and don't even know that they are infected. Since you can't tell if someone has STDs or HIV/AIDS by looking at them, you must protect yourself. There are three ways to prevent getting STDs and HIV through sex:

- Avoid or delay having sex. This is especially important for teenagers; the younger you are when you first start having sex, the higher your chances of getting an STD or HIV.
- Have sex with only one partner who is only having sex with you (mutual monogamy) **AFTER** you both have tested negative for STDs and HIV.
- Practice safer sex every time with every partner.

Please talk to your nurse/counselor today about which choice is best for you.

B. PREGNANCY

- Babies get HIV/AIDS from their mothers during pregnancy, or at the time of delivery, or even after delivery through breastfeeding. STDs and HIV cause serious complications during pregnancy and can be fatal to your baby. Have STD and HIV testing to see if you're infected **before** you get pregnant
- If you are pregnant many STDs can be cured and there is some medicine you can take to reduce the chances of passing HIV/AIDS to your baby.
- Get Tested
- Talk to your nurse/counselor about your concerns.

PREVENT STDs & HIV!

Protect Yourself and Those You Care About!

C. DRUG USE:

Many people get AIDS by sharing needles or using someone else's works for injecting drugs or by having sex with someone who uses drugs. People who use cocaine, even if they don't inject it, are also much more likely to have HIV/AIDS. There are 3 ways to avoid getting HIV/AIDS from drug use:

1. Don't start using drugs. Drugs are addictive and most people who start using drugs are not able to stop on their own. You can avoid a lot of risk of STDs and HIV by never starting to use drugs and not having sex with people who do.
2. If you have started to use drugs, get into a treatment program so you can stop. Most people who use drugs think they can stop anytime—but most of the time they can't unless they get into a treatment program. Ask your nurse/counselor about getting into treatment.
3. If you continue to use drugs, **DO NOT SHARE** your needles or works. Ask you nurse/counselor about the needle exchange programs in Rochester or call 442-2220 for information. If you do share, clean your works first with bleach and water.

Talk to your nurse/counselor about your concerns.

R SOURCES

FOR STD/HIV TESTING AND TREATMENT:

Monroe County Department of Health
STD Clinic-Walk-in/FREE
855 West Main Street – Bullshead Plaza
Rochester, New York 14611
Hours: Monday & Thursday: 9:30-3:30
Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30-3:30
Friday: 8:30-11:30 am

Phone #: 464-5928

FOR ANONYMOUS

HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING:

NYS Alternate Test Site

Call: 423-8081 for appointment

HEALTH CARE

Pregnancy, STD and HIV Testing and other services:

Planned Parenthood
114 University Ave.
Phone: 546-2595

Woodward Health Ctr.
480 Genesee Street
Phone: 436-3040

Threshold
80 St. Paul Street
Phone: 454-7530

Brown Sq. Health Ctr.
175 Lyell Avenue
Phone: 254-6480

A. Jordan Health Ctr.
82 Holland Street
Phone: 423-5800

Downtown Health Care
288 E. Main Street
Phone: 423-1880

RESOURCES *Continued*

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

Restart
55 Troup Street
Phone: 546-3046

MainQuest
774 W. Main Street
Phone: 464-8870

Discovery-Huther Doyle
360 East Avenue
Phone: 325-5100

Baden St. Settlement
152 Baden Street
Phone: 325-4910

Park Ridge Chemical Dependency
1565 Long Pond Road
Phone: 723-7723

AIDS INFORMATION

Action Front Center	546-6180
Monroe County Coord. Project	274-6114
AIDS Rochester Hotline	442-2200
AIDS Rochester Office	442-2200
Gay & Lesbian Health Network	244-8640
Baden Street AIDS Project Helpline	262-3168
ABC/A. Jordan AIDS Project	423-5862
CDC National HIV/AIDS Hotline	1-800-342-2437
CDC National STD Hotline	1-800-227-8922

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STDs OPEN the DOOR To HIV/AIDS

Rochester has a
major problem with
STDs and HIV/AIDS



There is a connection between STDs and AIDS! STDs "open the door" for HIV infection to occur. If a person has an STD, it is much easier for them to become infected with HIV/AIDS. This is because STDs reduce a person's resistance in the genital area.

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July 6, 1999

Ajibola Tanimola
No. 4, Olayiwola Street
Near Jim-Arrow
New Oko-Oba
Abule-Egba
Agege-Lagos
Nigeria

Dear Mr. Tanimola:

Thank you for your letter. I am sorry to hear about the death of your second son, your unemployment, and your struggle to support your family. I want to take this opportunity to commend you on how you have faced the hardships in your life with strength and courage.

I am sorry to inform you that the Office of National AIDS Policy cannot offer direct financial assistance to individuals for any reason. Although I can offer you no monetary support, I suggest that you contact the Public Inquiries Division of Visa Services to check on the status of your visa application. Their contact information is below:

Public Inquiries Division
Visa Services
U.S. Department of State
2401 E Street NW
Washington, DC
20522-0106

I hope that this information proves useful and I wish you the best of luck in your efforts to secure employment to support your family.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

• Send visa inquiries to:

Public Inquiries Division
Visa Services
US Department of State
2401 E St NW
Washington, DC 20522-0106

Phone: 202-663-1225
Fax: 202-663-3899

Or contact the US Embassy in Lagos

2 Lewis Ferakan Victoria Allen
PO Box 554
Lagois, Nigeria

Phone: 011-234-1-261-0097

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Nigeria	AF	

Let's talk about a response -
thanks!

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NO. 4, OLAJIWOLA STREET,
NEAR TIM-ARROW,
NEW OKO- OBA,
ABULE-EGBA
AGGE-LAGOS,
NIGERIA.

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Dear Madam (Madam Sandra Thurman),

Yes, the unexpected receipt of this strange letter, may no doubt, come to you as a rude shock, however, spare me a few minutes of your golden and ever positively busy time to glance through this short note that I am about to make. But pole for some sort of interruption, never mind maa.

For all who are there - some I say good morning, others good afternoon while others good evening - according to the time you read this letter maa.

Madam, with all sincerity but in total distressed state of mind, I confess to you my present ordeal as an unemployed and aged Nigerian (Thirty five years old) (35 years old.)

Madam, finding myself in this show of shame (Begging), I find it very difficult and uncontrollable, the profuse tears that rushed down my eyes at this hour of writing. I am very ashamed to inform you, maa, that I am a hungry man. I find it very uneasy to set

a daily meal even though we're living in the midst of plenty—here in Nigeria (An African Nation—full of Milk and Honey.)

Maa, is it not surprising to hear or learn that one is hungry and dying in a land that is full of milk and honey? Gone are those days when our wicked rulers (Dictatorship Government) used to say—“Nigerians have not started eating from the Dust Bins”. Nigerians have for sometimes now, been dining, wining and living therein on garbage.

Madam, one other thing that made me weep for myself, our young ones and the future of this country, is also as a result of what happened while writing this letter. My only and inquisitive young son, came around and asked me thus:

Daddy, what are you writing? I replied to him → [Ife (Love)] ^{His Name} ←
I am writing a letter. And he asked further—To whom are you writing? And I said to him—You did asked me about an hour ago this same question and I told you that I was writing to—Father of Children

i.e. the American President. But now,
I am writing to the Mother of Children.
He asked again — Daddy, will she
give you another work too, so that
your works will be many? Now
I said to him — I fe ← his name, pray
for me that I might find favour in
the eye of the Good Mother of
Children — and he did in his
own little way.

His reasons for asking these questions
like he did when I was writing the
American President's letter (His —
Excellency — President Bill Clinton)
is due to the fact that he knows that
his father has no work. He is often
found of troubling me thus: Daddy
pray very well so that Jesus can
give you money and you will send
me to school — especially anytime
he sees his mates going to school or
in possession of something which
he believes should not elude him or
something that should be his entitlement
and which he is being denied.

Maa, like in the case of the President,
(Bill Clinton) he ↔ my son asked me to tell him
to give me some works. Now, he asked

me concerning you — Daddy will
shew i.e. you maa, give you
another work so that you can
have many works (level of his —
understanding.)

At his very tender age — six
years plus, he has lost confidence
in the Government of this country
because he always listen and
hear people call our rulers
(Dictatorship Government) ~~serious~~
series of bad names since they
cannot provide for their citizens.
Our rulers are commonly referred to
as wicked and thieves by old
and young. In that case I have
to conclude that this young boy
of mine must be right when at
his age, he believes nothing could
be achieved from ^{this} continuous
corrupt government. He has heard
people say this — which ^{is} almost
a daily slogan and so he too
is informed concerning the type
of leaders we have in this country.

Though I tried all I could in life - to educate myself, but I was only able to sponsor myself up to the level of an Ordinary National Diploma (OND) Holder i.e. in Accountancy and since then (1986), I have not been able to continue to a logical conclusion.

Though after some years of my partial graduation i.e. as an OND Holder, I managed to secure a job that was nothing to write home about. This I did for almost four years when finally the worst occurred in 1997. I was affected by the retrenchment exercise that engulfed nearly the whole of 1997 as a result of the very poor economic condition - due to the bad governance of our most deceitful and forceful era of military administration in this country.

Madam, if it was so difficult to feed, pay house rent, pay school fees and Hospital Bills while I

was still working, what will one say - now that I don't even have a job. It is a disaster.

I lost my second 2nd son because I could not afford the very expensive Hospital Bill i.e. Private Hospital - Since government hospitals are in shambles - due to non-funding by the corrupt military government ever experienced in this country.

No doubt, God knows that I am not a lazy man because I am always on the road - looking for a job almost everyday of my life, but up till now, I have not succeeded in getting one. ^{maa,} ~~maa,~~ getting a job depends largely on whom you know and usually through the Back-Door and in some cases by paying some money through someone's nose. The situation has become so terrible that no matter what is someone's qualification, field of specialization and academic per excellence,

the moment one is not from a particular section of the country (usually from the North), getting a job is a forgotten issue.

In my efforts to getting a job, there is no single day of ~~of~~ the week that I do not trek hundreds of Kilometres since I cannot afford the cut-throat transport fare.

The worst thing happening now, are:

- ① Cost of food items are not within the reach of the poor.
- ② Cost of house-rent is Killing and in fact, the last house-rent I paid was made possible by a church member.
- ③ Hospital Bill is no go area.
- ④ Transport fare not affordable.

Madam, at thirty-five years plus (35 years plus), it is very glaring that I still cannot find my bearing in life - not to talk of where my son will start from.

Though hope is not yet lost in as much as I have not relented on my frantic efforts to climbing up in life - but at this very critical stage maam, I humbly and respectfully solicit for your motherly and Kind widows mite i.e. to liberating me from this my prolonged problems maam.

No doubt, I am not in any position to dictate to you, maam, i.e. as to what role you may wish to help me out please. But all I am soliciting for, is for you to please, please and please assist me - maybe financially and in whatever capacity maam. At least to be able to feed and move around for survivorship.

Madam, no assistance will be too small - no matter how, especially at this crucial period of my life maam. Please, please and please I am dying of unnecessary, unwanted and an UnGodly starvation because of the wicked attitude of

our age-long and continuous Dictatorship Military Government. A government known for deceit. It is the general belief here in Nigeria that when Government says 'Good morning', one needs to look outside to really confirm if it is day-break truly.

Me and my family i.e. me, my wife and my only surviving-son, fervently pray that the God whom you're serving, will not depart from you and your family at large maa-amen.

It is also our request through God — that you will not be a beggar for the rest of your lifetime — Amen.

God Almighty will glorify you and continue to exalt your name among names maa. You shall not want. You're a Head and a Head you will ever remain. You will not be a Tail in the sanctified name of our Heavenly Father — amen.

Madam, the poverty level to which the citizenry of this

Supposed to be Great African Nation, are being wickedly and brutally subjected to, is so much that some Non-God-Fearing people, who have the privilege of working in our various post offices and other Communication Agencies such as: DHL, UPS and etc, are sometimes found pilfering, tampering, intercepting and or stealing vital content items, of letters, goods or documents sent through them. Maa, it is in this regard, that I strongly advise that in case your goodself wish to send anything, maa, such should be done with utmost care and security.

Maa, in case of monetary assistance → (which is - advisable through the use of Western Union Money Transfer), maa, please, instruct the Western Union Agent here to demand

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th the name - AJIBOLA TANIMOLA
efore releasing such gift maa. [004]
e have heard of instances where
inscrupulous elements collude
ith the receiving Agents to
impersonate the Genuine -
Beneficiary at the slightest
interception of telephone/any
other message - meant to
reveal information about the
Western Union, to the Rightful
Recipient.

With the adherent use of the
Passport no. therefore, i.e.
[redacted] (b)(6) the chances of
intercepting and stealing, is
almost ~~over~~ completely
averted.

Maa, in case of any other
gifts that requires posting,
please, maa, make sure it is
through DHL or UPS postal

Services and such items should be declared so that there will not be any denial in case they are in anyway tampered with.

Better still, maa, you may as well send anything you so wish, maa, through your Embassy here in Nigeria!

Madam, this letter was specially sent through somebody i.e. for postage via COTONOU (Republic of Benin) i.e. a nearby Neighbouring Country - because of their reputation for transparent postal services. Otherwise, it may not get to the WHITE-HOUSE and even if it does, they might have recopied it - word for word and changed the name and address of the real-writer to suite their UnGodly purpose.

This shows the extent of insincerity and UnGodly attitude of some of our people i.e. apart from the biting effects of ABJECT-POVERTY in this part of the world.

Dear Madam, maa, in case of any emergency message, please, make use of these phone nos. (a) 921164 i.e. c/o my Landlord (same building with me.) or (b) 4922965 i.e. c/o our Church. ↗ Here, maa, please, demand to speak with MRS. TANIMOLA (my wife) or Mama (Mummy) IFE. She is commonly called by my son's name i.e. MUMMY IFE. IFE means LOVE.

Maa, she is more available at home than myself i.e. because of the fact that I am always on the road - struggling for a means of livelihood - which seldom come. In case she is

not available in the church, ma, all messages could be dropped i.e. with an instruction that such messages should be written down for an immediate onwards delivery to her or the husband i.e. me (the writer) - at no. 4, Olayiwola street - near Jim-Arrow.

Madam, if non-of the phone nos. gets through, especially when sending monetary assistance - through the WESTERN UNION MONEY TRANSFER, ma, you can make use of DHL, UPS, REGISTERED-EXPRESS MAIL or much more preferable → your most reputable Embassy in Lagos ma.

Once again, I pray that you will never in your lifetime be a beggar and that God-Almighty will not put you to Shame - Amen.

Madam, maa, I am right down on my knees awaiting your whatever gift. No dictation as to what or nature and or quantity of your widows-mite please! But pardon me maa, I still have the intention of updating my education, getting a job and or having money to start a petty (small scale) business. Any of these choices could do maa.

At this stage, I will like to thank you - madam, for receiving, accepting, reading, listening and more importantly, considering my stance.

God Almighty will surely consider you in a million folds - Amen.

My very high and unreserved regards are meant for your entire and cherished family maa.

Bye for now.

Your weeping - child.

AJIBOLA TANIMOLA T.

PTO.

I have participated at least four times in the American Visa Lottery but all without luck. However, there is the likelihood that one might have won, but the success letter sent, intercepted by some unscrupulous and UnGodly people. Especially during the First Visa-Lottery. As at that time, the Organiser (American Government) never expected that letters could be intercepted and people impersonate successful winners' name — because the use of signature was not required at the very initial stages of the lottery programme.

Maddam, please, is there anyway by which you can help detect maybe somebody has intercepted my success letter and bearing my name over there in the USA? Honestly, I will be very grateful. (Name: AJIBOLA TANIMOLA TAJUADEEN.