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Ms Sandra Thurman
ONAP Director
Whitehouse
U.S.A.

SPECTRUM THERAPY

RELATIVE TO THE DISEASE H.I.V.—A.I.D.S.

Spectrum Frequencies Equate Relative to Spectrum Frequencies (Translate
Electron Configuration of Spectrometry)

Comparative electron therapy, of equal electron spectrum frequency
(Electron wave relative to spectrum)

Response given, relative too spectrum frequency of the recognised spectrum
of the disease.

Translate comparative spectrum and (complete electron therapy A equal op-
posite wave cancels the frequencies of the spectrum)

Then cancel the disease spectrum relative to electron therapy(relative to the
sine wave therapy.)

Thursday, September 14, 2000,

Yours faithfully

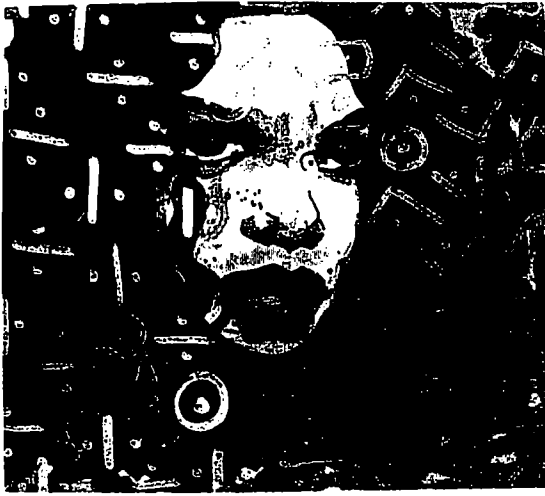
James Robert Charles Blades.

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I have contacted WHO. Geneva, fax (+4122)7914898 plus UNAIDS Newdeli
fax+91114649895

Email:unaids.in@undp.org (plus the Whitehouse email address.)

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MADISON

Ms. Sandy Thurman
Director of National Aids Policy
736 Jackson Place, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Ms. Thurman:

It was a pleasure and an honor meeting you at the aids reception Sunday night, October 1st at Atlanta's City Hall. What a fantastic event!

As I shared with you briefly at the close of the program, I am an artist who currently lives in both Washington, DC and Atlanta. Recently, I had the honor of being chosen as the official artist for United Way's African American Initiative. My paintings were used to express the United Way's growing concern for the African American community. The original five paintings can be seen on permanent display at their headquarters here in Atlanta.

In January 2001, my work will be featured in an international traveling exhibit -- "Outward Bound, American Art at the Brink of the 21st Century." I am humbled to be exhibiting among such great modern artist as Robert Roscherberg, Chuck Close, Jim Dine and other emerging American artist.

I would like to present my work to you for your consideration in your current social, political and global efforts. My representative, Floyd Nelson, who happens to be my father, will contact you next week to discuss your goals and your objectives further.

Sincerely,

Madison
a.k.a. Adam Nelson



MADISON

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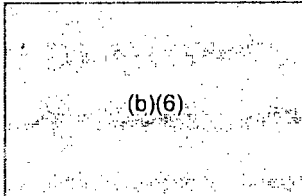
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 12, 1999



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Thank you for sending copies of your correspondence to the President regarding possible discriminatory actions. The federal government has no jurisdiction in responding to concerns with the administration of state laws and agencies (including the Massachusetts Commission on Discrimination).

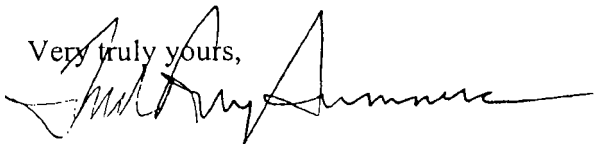
However, to the extent that an employer may have violated the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), we can offer you a toll-free information line operated by the U.S. Department of Justice. They can be reached at (800) 514-0301. In addition, a great deal of information is available on their web site at <http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm>.

The Americans with Disabilities Act provides strong protections for discrimination based on disability, including those related to HIV and AIDS. It may offer you some remedies in the issues related in your letter.

You may also wish to contact Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders or the AIDS Action Committee both located in Boston. They have legal support staff familiar with Massachusetts' laws and can offer you advice and counsel.

I hope that this has been helpful. If not, please feel free to send us another note and we will do our best to steer you in the right direction.

Very truly yours,



Todd A. Summers
Deputy Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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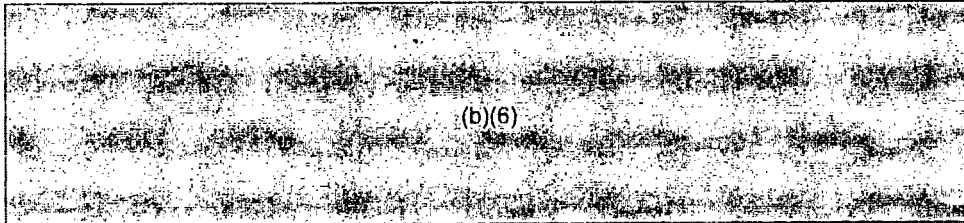
President William Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton,

As a citizen of the United States, I am contacting your office for assistance as both a citizen and a HIV+ resident of Massachusetts. I am a firm believer that the country rests on the beliefs that the laws and the policies to regulate the work environments should be enforced by our public officials and agencies designed for such enforcement.

With those concepts in mind, I am writing your office to seek assistance for the potential wrong-doing of my local state commission against discrimination. I believe that contacting public officials is my duty to seek aid, advice or assistance as a United States citizen. I am attaching a list of officials I sent letters to, as well as a copy of that letter for your consideration. I firmly believe, that if an employer violates the laws of the state to achieve their means, it clearly outrages the public and the HIV+ community at large. To allow this conduct defeats what the policy makers of the American with Disabilities Act intended and wanted preserved by our local agencies.

I thank you for your attention to these matters, and would greatly appreciate your correspondence regarding this matter.



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Mr. Charles E. Walker, Jr.
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cc: Ms. B Ward-Commission Counsel

Attorney General
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To:

[001c]

Dear Ms Sandra Thurman,

I am sending this letter to your attention, as you are both a public official and community leader in reforming and protecting public policies and laws that benefit and protect the residents of Massachusetts.

My name is (b)(6), and I reside in the South End neighborhood, of Boston. I am active in the community and volunteer for several organizations, including the MDCA, corridor clean-up staff. I recently started a local business and am very active in communicating with several business owners and neighborhood associations as a result. I was instructed by community leaders to contact you regarding an issue that concerns many of the residents of the South End.

I am involved with a appeal before the MCAD, (b)(6). (b)(6) Many members of the community, along with myself are very concerned with commission's failure to address the unlawful conduct of the employer in the workplace, that directly violates a state law, M.G.L.c. 149, §52C, in their decision to initially dismiss a cause of action for discrimination against a HIV+ positive employee in the state regulated workplace. What disturbs the community at large is that the employer (East Meets West/ Michele Belbin), could prevail after violating the law to achieve their means and avoiding sanctions and penalties as a result (see attached). Were this to happen it would send a message that employers are above the law and can violate the law putting the community in shock and distrust of the laws and policies designed to protect state employees in the workplace.

Therefore, I respectfully request and seek your advice, aid and assistance in urging the MCAD, to not allow this "obstruction of justice", to violate the community and my expectations of their mission to require employers to adhere and abide by the laws to protect and recognize the peace in state regulated workplaces against discrimination and unlawful conduct by Massachusetts employers.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

cc: B.Ward: MCAD

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Beverly Ward
Commission Counsel
MCAD
One Ashburton Place
Boston MA 02108

cc: Mrs. Sahatijian
Gadsby & Hannah
225 Franklin St
Boston MA
02110

Dear Ms Ward,

After our hearing on September 8th, I was approached by Ms. Belbin, in the witness of others while walking through Copley Square Mall. I forwarded a e-mail to her counsel to request that she advise Ms. Belbin, to avoid further contact at 10:48 am (see attached). Could you please advise on how to proceed should this happen again.

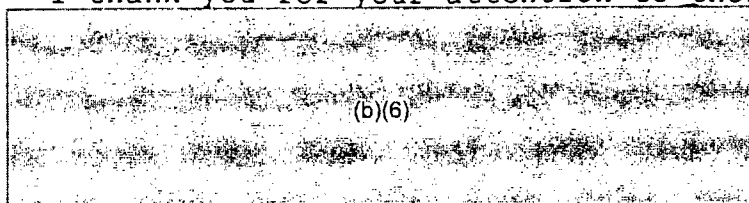
Secondly, I spoke with an attorney, after the hearing, and have been advised to request the following;

(1). That in the interest of "fairness", that the commission re-open the claim and have an investigator review the employee schedules and managerial comment forms. Since, the commission may not have the persuasion to seek them under discovery, they may investigate them in the workplace.

(2). The Complainant, respectfully requests the right to speak to the media (television or print) regarding the on-going investigation. Can you please advise.

(3). The legal source I consulted was disturbed by the commission's lack of concern over the violation of a state law concerning employee files. The counsel I spoke with felt that while Mrs. Sahatijian may represent Ms. Belbin, she has no legal right to "apologize", for her client's unlawful conduct. The fact is clear, her client a state employer, with access to the laws of the commonwealth knowingly and willingly violated the law. The counsel's "apology", is similar to a attorney "apology" for his client drinking while driving, regardless of representation, the criminal who committed the crime is responsible and should be held accountable. Therefore, the Complainant, requests that the commission, should disregard, Ms. Sahatijian's comments and seek a affidavit from Ms. Belbin, explaining her illegal conduct. While, a affidavit from Mr. Sikora, is worthwhile, the commission should focus on the laws broken and by whom to commit a discriminatory act in the workplace in violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

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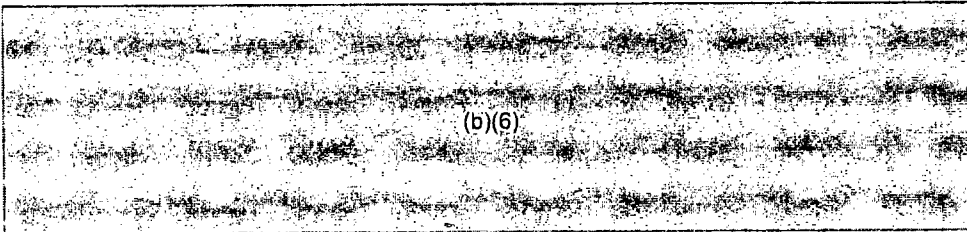
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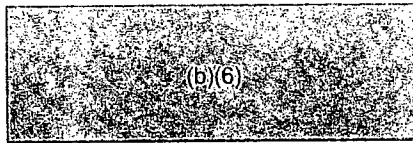
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To:

Dear Ms Sandra Thurman,

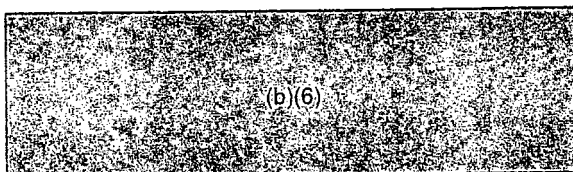
I am sending this letter to your attention, as you are both a public official and community leader in reforming and protecting public policies and laws that benefit and protect the residents of Massachusetts.

My name is [redacted (b)(6)], and I reside in the South End neighborhood, of Boston. I am active in the community and volunteer for several organizations, including the MDCA, corridor clean-up staff. I recently started a local business and am very active in communicating with several business owners and neighborhood associations as a result. I was instructed by community leaders to contact you regarding an issue that concerns many of the residents of the South End.

I am involved with a appeal before the MCAD, [redacted (b)(6)]. [redacted (b)(6)] Many members of the community, along with myself are very concerned with commission's failure to address the unlawful conduct of the employer in the workplace, that directly violates a state law, M.G.L.c. 149, §52C, in their decision to initially dismiss a cause of action for discrimination against a HIV+ positive employee in the state regulated workplace. What disturbs the community at large is that the employer (East Meets West/ Michele Belbin), could prevail after violating the law to achieve their means and avoiding sanctions and penalties as a result (see attached). Were this to happen it would send a message that employers are above the law and can violate the law putting the community in shock and distrust of the laws and policies designed to protect state employees in the workplace.

Therefore, I respectfully request and seek your advice, aid and assistance in urging the MCAD, to not allow this "obstruction of justice", to violate the community and my expectations of their mission to require employers to adhere and abide by the laws to protect and recognize the peace in state regulated workplaces against discrimination and unlawful conduct by Massachusetts employers.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,



cc: B.Ward: MCAD

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Beverly Ward
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cc: Mrs. Sahatijian
Gadsby & Hannah
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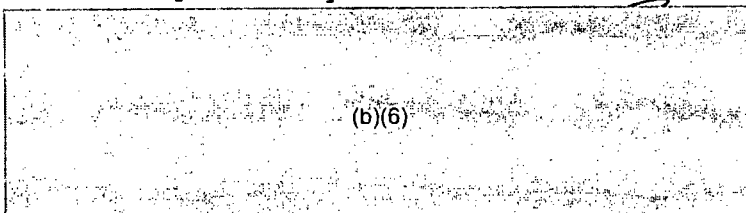
Dear Ms Ward,

After our hearing on September 8th, I was approached by Ms. Belbin, in the witness of others while walking through Copley Square Mall. I forwarded a e-mail to her counsel to request that she advise Ms. Belbin, to avoid further contact at 10:48 am (see attached). Could you please advise on how to proceed should this happen again.

Secondly, I spoke with an attorney, after the hearing, and have been advised to request the following;

- (1). That in the interest of "fairness", that the commission re-open the claim and have an investigator review the employee schedules and managerial comment forms. Since, the commission may not have the persuasion to seek them under discovery, they may investigate them in the workplace.
- (2). The Complainant, respectfully requests the right to speak to the media (television or print) regarding the on-going investigation. Can you please advise.
- (3). The legal source I consulted was disturbed by the commission's lack of concern over the violation of a state law concerning employee files. The counsel I spoke with felt that while Mrs. Sahatijian may represent Ms. Belbin, she has no legal right to "apologize", for her client's unlawful conduct. The fact is clear, her client a state employer, with access to the laws of the commonwealth knowingly and willingly violated the law. The counsel's "apology", is similar to a attorney "apology" for his client drinking while driving, regardless of representation, the criminal who committed the crime is responsible and should be held accountable. Therefore, the Complainant, requests that the commission, should disregard, Ms. Sahatijian's comments and seek a affidavit from Ms. Belbin, explaining her illegal conduct. While, a affidavit from Mr. Sikora, is worthwhile, the commission should focus on the laws broken and by whom to commit a discriminatory act in the workplace in violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

I thank you for your attention to these matters.



[001g]

July 10, 1999

Marion Correctional Institution

P.O. Box 51

Marion, OH 43007

Sandra Thurman

Director of National AIDS Policy

Building 750 17th

17th Street N.W. Washington D.C. 20503

Dear Sandra,

Thank you for responding to my correspondence as quickly as you did. I know that you are a very important person in your field and due to the volume of your work load you are a very busy woman. I hope you did not feel compelled to respond quickly.

I read over the materials you sent me. I learned a lot from going over it. Thank you. I really appreciate you sending me this information, It's very informative.

Sandra, I need to know, what can I do from behind these walls to help? It is very difficult getting through to these guys in here. I have tried to convey the seriousness of HIV/AIDS to some of the guys in my dorm and the responses I receive are sad.

My ability to educate is limited because of the rules concerning organizing or propagating. If the administration found out that I was trying to teach something, regardless of what was being taught, I would be put in Solitary Confinement to await a hearing. No attorneys are permitted to defend the accused, so I would be found guilty and sent to a Super maximum Correctional facility where my contact with other inmates would be cut off indefinitely. I can't afford to go through that. I still have to see the parole board in March and something like that would definitely diminish any chances I have at parole. The administration brings in all of the programs offered here. Anything not sponsored or advocated by the administration is against the rules.

In my opinion the administration doesn't care about curtailing the spread of HIV in this institution, if anything, they promote high risk activity. They do this by constantly showing movies with homosexual content and allowing homosexual inmates to carry on like women. e.g. wear lipstick, wear tight fitting clothing and to walk around holding hands.

I did a small study in my dorm. I wanted to get a few opinions from the inmates and the correctional officer. The answers I received were shocking. Some of the guys don't care, some believe that it's impossible to protect against HIV/AIDS, some believe that it's a government conspiracy,

and some don't know what HIV/AIDS is because they have been incarcerated since before HIV/AIDS was discovered.

Sandra, if we are to stop the spread of AIDS we have an enormous task ahead of us. I am willing to do everything in my power to help, but in here I am powerless. I expect to be released some time next year. After I am situated I need to know, how can I take an active role?

I feel that if we are going to make a difference we need to find a way to bring the people of America together and encourage them to promote community efforts. We also need to make a conscious effort to encourage the Justice Department to set up some kind of programs for people who are incarcerated.

Sandra, I am hoping that we can become allies. I believe we need each other if we are going to make a difference. My community needs me and I need you to help me help them. I can't do it alone. I want to thank you for the information and your time.

Sincerely,
Shahied Summons

495 Rocky Branch Rd.
Blountville, Tenn. 37617
JULY 6, 1999

I certainly like a President who has a lot of good ideas, so as I was reading about your fine AIDS policy director, Sandy Murman and the article in USA Weekend June 25-27 1999, I was struck with an idea which would, besides the one which says that the only way we can stop AIDS or prevent HIV is to get a Vaccine! Is - If you will excuse me I want to challenge that and say that there is still another way than the unrealistic way of practicing no sex at all which is unrealistic, because too many people are ignoring it and risking, unnecessarily risking, their lives! All people have to do Mr President is to practice INTIMATE FONDLING, and this is bound to give sexual satisfaction with "out endangering" the lives of those who practice it! (Sex is SAFER BECAUSE OF FONDLING OR IF). All I'm saying is that instead of practicing regular sex, and too often risking getting AIDS or HIV, they could still have sexual pleasure and satisfaction if they just restrain themselves and go no farther than INTIMATE FONDLING! SOMETHING LIKE THIS MUST BE DONE WHILE WAITING FOR A VACCINE, OR PRACTICING ALMOST SUICIDAL REGULAR SEX! I would abbreviate it by writing it just plain IF! IF SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS NOT PRACTICED AND PEOPLE REMAIN SEXUALLY ACTIVE, I'M AFRAID HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS WILL DIE!

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We have forwarded your letter
to the ONDCP
(Office of Noise Policy)

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March 9, 2000

The Honorable Director Sandy Thurman
Office of National AIDS Policy
The White House Staff
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Madam,

First of all, thank you for your dedication & hard work in doing all you can in keeping these United States UNITED, which brings me to my second point.

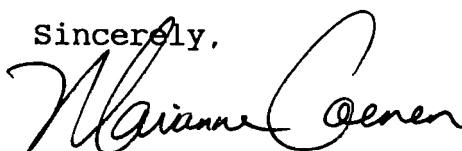
There is an industry out there who have it in their own self-interests & profit by way of their covert tactics, which makes this more a DIVIDED rather than a UNITED NATION.

Enclosed are true documentations which support my statements here.

I am truly interested in your own thoughts regarding this booklet, if you can take about a 1/2 hour to an hour of your time to read the information it contains & with your permission I'd like to forward your thoughts to the Citizens Commission on Human Rights who helped compile this booklet by Bruce Wiseman.

Thank you very much for taking the time to look over all this information & I am very much looking forward to your response in this matter and your OK in forwarding your statements to the Citizens Commission on Human Rights.

Sincerely,



Marianne Coenen
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Dear Sir or madam:

My Name is Angelakos Gus and my
DIN # is 85-A-5847, I'm a inmate at
Downstate Correctional Facility.

I Pray that when you Receive this
letter it will Find you in the Best of
health mind Body and Spirit.

Dear Reader I want to share a
secret with you, "Please Do not think
I'm crazy", or anything else Thank you"

First of all I Believe in God and
Believe it or not Through His Power
I can heal people. I Believe that
each one of us was Put in this earth
for a Reason and a mission, I'm
Taking this step Forward to let you
know that my mission is to help
and heal people "Through the power
of our Lord Jesus Christ." I'm going
home in -10-months and I'm willing to
help whoever needs to be helped and
healed, "with out ANY money".

I can tell you a True story
that happent a year ago, my
mother in law was on a life supporting
machine, me and my wife was very
far away at that time we knew
nothing about mom's, one night I
had a dream, in that dream some
how I knew that my mother in law

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was Dying we (me and my wife) got on the Phone and call'd Home only to Find my mother's in law's sister in the House crying Telling us that MOM'S was on a Life suport machine and only had hours left to live Before The Life suport machine was going to Be Removed Because her Sister and my Father in law Jinit want to see her Suffer, me and my wife got there very Fast even Do we was very Far somehow we manage to get there to see her Before she Died. When we got there I RememBar we walk in to The Hospital Room and there was Alot of People standing AROUND The Bed watching and crying over MOM'S, MOM'S Eyes was closed and the color of her Face looked xelow like a Lemon, I don't know what came over me But something push me Forward towards the Bed and next Thing I know I put my hand atop of her head and I start Praying a prayer I never had knew that I know, it was a PRayer that my Fathers mother had told me very very long time ago when I was still a Child, Half an Hour latter everyBody left, me and my wife went Home as soon we got in the House the Phone started to Ring only to Find out that The Doctor was very HAPPY to tell us that some

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How my mother in law was in the Recovery Room and she wanted us to go over there as soon as possible because mom's was asking about us (me and my wife).

Dear Reader yes, it was a miracle, my mother in law told me that, that was my call from God and to go ahead and help people, I did there was another old lady in that hospital and she had fever for five days very high fever and the medication that was giving to her didn't help her. I pray for her I put my hand on top of her head and I said the same prayer I had for my mother in law, and the fever left her and went home, that was also a miracle

Dear Reader, I know that there is a lot of people out there that have HIV or Aids and I'm willing for free to cure this people through the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, the only thing is that they have to be believers, if they believe and have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, I will do the rest, and believe me the next time they take the Aids or Hiv or what ever else (Test) they will be cure." Please feel free to write me and ask me what ever you want, I will

Be Glad to help.

God Bless us
All

Truly yours

Angelinos Gus

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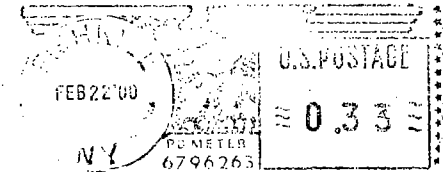
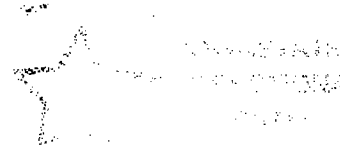
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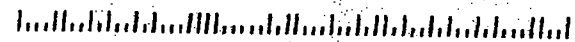
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May 5, 1999

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[002]

Dear President Clinton,

I'm sorry to bother you but I am deeply concerned about the care of our town's less fortunate residents. My name is (b)(6) I wrote a letter to the previous president in 1992. I am now in Seventh Grade and attending Bartlett Middle School in Porterville, California.

A family member of mine has been infected with the HIV virus and, with caution, I'm learning first-hand about the disease. I have been observing the systematic procedures in which certain individuals deal with HIV-infected people. It gives me grief that humanity in general treats fellow men in need so horrible! I ask that you help, not just us, but other AIDS organizations like HOPE, Inc.

HOPE, Inc. is the organization in Porterville. The people involved in it are wonderful people that do as much as they can to help. Unfortunately we do not have enough funding to keep it open. Neighboring cities were funded by Ryan White and HOPWA. The Elton John Foundation turned us down for funding. We may be a small town in the middle of wherever, but that doesn't mean we don't exist. We have about 25 known cases here, not counting the four that died just last year. I know that it doesn't sound like a lot but we don't even have enough money to cover this number. The little bit we have is helping, though. There would be no HIV care in Porterville at all! HOPE, Inc. gives food and gasoline vouchers, transportation to and from appointments, advice, help with medication (if they have the money) and lots of love and support. But its not enough to care for these people! Imagine the possibilities with just a little more money. We could actually have doctors that care and aren't in it for the money. Don't get me wrong, there are doctors somewhere out there that still care, just not around here.

The family member I brought up earlier is my StepDad, Greg. He's really nice and I love him alot. He has two years clean and sober. He developed neuropathy a year ago and it seems like no one besides HOPE, Inc. is willing to help. He cannot take the HIV medication because of his stomach problems. We don;t know where the stomach problems are coming from. Doctors think it is from the HIV but they refuse to go in and see what is wrong. It would be so much easier if the doctors would stop thinking about themselves and have a little faith, just go in and see what is wrong. Maybe it is something little like a twisted bowel. Then they could fix it so he could digest the medications. But until they look at it, he won;t be able to digest them or anything else.

The doctors won't even compromise to even get him hand crutches or a cane. The pain is getting so bad that I've heard him say stuff like, "I want to just go get a beer and end it all". It is hard to keep your faith when doctors are saying that there is nothing they can do when we know it's a lie. They could at least say something like, "we're doing all we can" not "There is nothing I can do". I really wish you knew what we are going through.

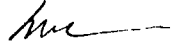
I know you have other things to do but please don't overlook this situation because we really need your help. It would be appreciated if you could do anything to help at all and if you have any fraction of a heart, you would have the decency to really care about your people, especially the ones who matter the most, not the richest or wealthiest or the most popular or the most beautiful but the ones who need your help. May God be with you when you make your decision to touch the hearts of not just HIV-infected people but their families also or to let us down like the others we have tried. Thank you very much for reading this letter and I hope this gets to the President, not just his advisors.

To contact HOPE, Inc. call Linda Missakian at 559-784-4673, or write to Linda at 260 West Grand, Porterville, CA 93257.

Yours truly,

(b)(6)

Note:

Breanna brought this letter to me to read and I volunteered to type and mail it for her. Every word is her own. I have known Breanna for two years and know her to be a sensitive and caring young lady. Greg is the only real father she has had and you can feel the frustration she feels about the possibility of losing him. It is true that the quality of care for HIV/AIDS patients in our area leads a lot to be desired. I understand that most rural areas are experiencing the same problems with the number of clients increasing with more and more people who are HIV-infected going back to their hometowns for support and find there is not much there. Thank you for treating this letter from Breanna in the serious manner in which it was written. Linda Missakian. 

HOPELINE

EDITORIAL: DOES ANYONE CARE?

We recently applied again for Ryan White Title Care II funds. We had high hopes this year that we would get a larger share of the pot. The "pot" this year amounted to \$225,000. to be disbursed to agencies in Tulare County to provide services to people with HIV/AIDS. When the decision was announced, we were informed of our award for the year.....\$8,500. We have to accept the decision because, as we have learned from the past, it does no good to try to appeal to this Consortium. Unfortunately, the process of disbursing funds becomes too political to be fair and intelligent. The consequences are that the competing organizations never seem to be able to work together and the persons who suffer are always the people we strive to help.

I have many concerns: one, that Porterville is not being served as it should be. I have complained throughout the year that the services that Ryan White is supposed to support is not coming here to Porterville. Now all the funds are staying in Visalia, (except for pediatric services in Fresno). Several times we have called Family Services to request counseling services and have never received a call back. Casemanagement has been very sporadic due to a constant turnover of case managers and, I suspect, an overload of clients in the County. Some of our Porterville
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ASK ME ANYTHING!

If you have a question about AIDS, I will be happy to answer them in our future issues of HOPELINE. You may send any question you have to HOPE, Inc, address above. If it is something that needs to be answered personally, call the office. Others will be answered here so that all of you can share in the information. To get us started, I will answer a couple of the most common inquiries.

Q: Where can I go here in Porterville for anonymous and free testing?

A: Porterville Health Clinic, 263 No 3rd, offers anonymous testing on Mon. evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m. You do not need an appointment. You will be given a number and this number will also be used when you go back to get your results. Expect three weeks to get the results. Counseling available.

Q: I just engaged in risky behavior by having unprotected sex with someone I did not know well. How long do I have to wait to be tested?

A: To get an accurate test result, you should wait 3-6 months. Six months is best to see the antibodies that form to fight the virus that causes AIDS. A shorter period of time, you should be retested. Think **before** you engage in risky behaviour.

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clients have not seen a case manager in months and in some cases, over a year. The same with counseling services. In the meantime, we have tried to fill in the gaps and keep offering services here but it is very difficult when the priority is trying to raise funds to keep going.

Another concern I have is for the public awareness. Our area needs to know that AIDS in our community is going to get a lot worse and we are not going to be prepared for it. The reason I know this is that the drug problem is not getting better and neither is teen pregnancy. These are two reasons to believe that AIDS is not going to go away here. I called the *Porterville Recorder* and asked if they would report the funding information and let Porterville know what a problem they could be facing. Mark Phillips came to the office with a photographer to talk to me and a client, who wanted to report what a person with AIDS in this area has to deal with. They did the interview and told us the article would be printed in two or three days. Two weeks later, I started calling to find out what happened to the story. Mark Phillips was not available to talk to us and would not return my calls. The person who is HIV+ in the story called the editor and was told that the story had never crossed his desk. I also made three telephone calls to Supervisor Jim Maples, each time talking to his assistant. I explained that I would like to sit down with Mr. Maples and talk about the issues we are going to be facing here in Porterville but I am yet to receive a call back.

DOES ANYONE CARE? There are so many things we could be doing to help all of us get through this epidemic but we can't do it on \$8,500. per year. I can tell you that there are so many people right here in our area who are infected and spreading the disease and not even getting tested! We are not reaching the hispanic community at all. There are people here who do not care to even hear about AIDS and they certainly do not want to deal with it. Unfortunately, these people will likely be affected by the disease in some way sooner or later.

There is a remittance envelope attached to this newsletter. Please let us know that you share in our concern and you **do** care about our future. It takes money to keep providing services such as transportation and food and also to maintain an office. Won't you make a decision to be a part of the solution so that we might start seeing results here in our own community? No donation is too small.

HOPE ACTIVITIES

We sold *See's Candy* during Christmas and again for Valentine's Day. Both were profitable events for us. There is something about our Candy Sales that brings out the rain but it does not seem to dampen the spirit. We expect to be doing this again next Christmas but we may have to find a new location. It seems the manager of Savemart on Henderson was worried about the competition! Thanks to everyone who supported these events.

At the recent Porterville Women's Day, HOPE had a booth with information about Women and AIDS. See's lollipops and condoms were available. One was received better than the other. It was an enjoyable day with lots of information given on various women's issues. Workshops were available and a delicious lunch was served. Our Elva Beltran received a special award for her dedicated work for the freeze victims. Nice going, Elva.

Much of our time has been spent on reorganization, going over piles of paper, making changes in our by-laws, creating a new mission statement, recruiting new Board members, etc. etc. These changes will help to make us a very organized, strong organization. Most important, our activities always include driving clients to the doctor, picking up and delivering prescriptions, helping with grocery shopping, and a lot of listening.

It's time to plan our new fundraising schedule for the year. Got some great ideas? Call us, please.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

WORLD

According to Positively Aware, a magazine about HIV and Health, there are two starkly different HIV epidemics in the world, marked not only by science or technology but by money and access. While the West complains about the complicated regimens, the rest of the world only dreams about such treatments. The powerful 3 and 4 drug cocktails that include protease inhibitors are out of reach for all but the upper classes. Even the older and cheaper drugs like AZT and ddI (nucleosides) are rarely available for poor people. So, while the epidemic is being tamed in the west, the global toll of the epidemic continued to rage on. 95% of the world's people with HIV/AIDS now live in Africa and Asia where funds are steadily declining to battle the epidemic. India has 4 million people with HIV. Although the disease has been slow to spread in China, it is now present in every province. This could lead to millions of infections. In some parts of Africa, 25% of the total population is HIV positive. It is reported in Uganda, with a population of two million and a public health budget that comes out to about \$8. per person per year, it can ill afford to treat all its 1.8 million HIV positive people. In South and Southeast Asia alone, 35 million people will become infected. As prevention programs are cut now, there will be more people infected who will require expensive care and treatment later.

New drugs are only available to 5% of the world's HIV positive people, those in the U.S. and Western Europe.

CALIFORNIA

Since the early 1980's, HIV and AIDS have disproportionately affected California. Over 109,000 Californians have been diagnosed with AIDS, representing 17% of all cases reported in the United States. While more than 68,000 people have died from AIDS in this state, it is estimated that over 40,000 Californians are living with AIDS and that up to 130,500 may be HIV infected.

In recent years, the number of cases of AIDS and deaths caused by the disease have been declining. The reasons for the decline include the success of HIV prevention efforts as well as new drug therapies and better access to medical care that allow some HIV-infected people to live longer and healthier lives. In California, AIDS deaths fell 38% from the first half of 1997 to the same period in 1998. Likewise, new AIDS cases declined 29%. However, while AIDS deaths are declining, the number of new HIV infections has not diminished. *For these reasons, the number of people living with AIDS in California has grown almost 200% in the last five years.* In California, AIDS-related deaths declined among all groups between 1996 and 1997, but dropped more significantly among some groups. Overall, deaths fell by a staggering 56%. The greatest reductions occurred among men who have sex with men and whites while heterosexuals, women and Latinos experienced the smallest declines in AIDS deaths. Since 1980, 62% of those diagnosed with AIDS in California have died of the disease.

In California, just as in the rest of the United States—women, people of color, injection drug users and young people comprise growing proportions of new AIDS cases. It is now #2 in cause of deaths among those aged 25-44, accidents #1.



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RURAL AMERICA

Surviving HIV in Small Town, U.S.A. can present some major challenges. As in Porterville, most rural towns are seeing a less than desirable health care system. In many areas where HIV medical care is over one hundred miles away, 1999 is 1983. While the overall number of AIDS cases has declined for the first time in the history of the epidemic, the numbers in small towns continue to rise. Some of the barriers to care are confidentiality, concern about the quality of care from local providers, stigmatization by the community, limited access to information about HIV services, lack of health insurance, and lack of experimental therapies.

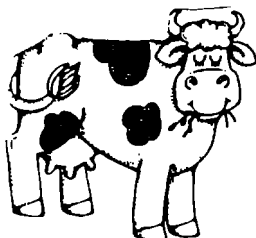
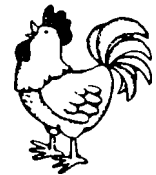
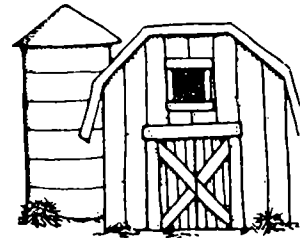
People with HIV often find their way home to family support, increasing the numbers of HIV+positive people in Rural America. As the number of people with HIV swells in rural communities, local governments are forced to establish support services for individuals and families affected by the virus. One hurdle to jump is *denial*, denial that AIDS exists in their picturesque postcard towns. The same people who sit on every governing counsel from the county board to the PTA wouldn't dare allocate funds that would benefit prostitutes, drug users, homosexuals, or anyone else in a high-risk category. Main Street in small town America is never the site of marches in protest of inadequate HIV care. In the absence of such advocacy, the concerns of the increasing rural population with HIV are rarely heard.

Smalltown, U.S.A. is getting slammed by HIV and little or nothing is being done. Rural persons living with HIV are a patient group rapidly increasing in size and one that will present America's healthcare system with daunting challenges. Rural areas, right now, are at about the same place that urban areas were 10 years ago. Rural America sees HIV as a big city disease, a gay disease. Some people in rural America have not yet recognized that there is a problem. The top 25 counties with the greatest increases in the number of AIDS cases are overwhelmingly rural.

The number of doctors treating HIV patients seem to be shrinking in rural areas. While part of the problem may be with Medical payments, it is also because HIV can be a time-consuming disease, too much for many doctors. There is still a shocking number of physicians and other health care professionals nationwide who are still refusing to care for AIDS patients. "It can no longer be acceptable for a physician or a dentist to offer as an excuse that they don't have the expertise in relation to this particular disease", a National AIDS Commission panel member told the *Washington Post*. They simply must acquire the expertise.

As in Porterville, rural areas are seeing more Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners handling the treatment of AIDS patients.

Rural America is becoming home to increasing numbers of people with HIV.



FUNDED RESOURCES IN TULARE COUNTY

TULARE COUNTY:

Offers Casemanagement to people with HIV/AIDS. They do referrals for medical care, counseling, and keeps updated files on each client. They work with the families to ensure the best care of each client , visit patients in hospitals, etc. They also provide vitamins, some emergency financial services such as food vouchers and transportation. Located in Tulare.

FAMILY SERVICES OF TULARE COUNTY

Offers psycho-social services in the forms of counseling, support groups, financial assistance. Manages HOPWA funds for housing assistance. Located in Visalia.

SOUTH VALLEY AIDS NETWORK

Funded for the first time through Ryan White. Recently joined with CVAT in Fresno. They were funded to hire a Director. According to Jana Slinde, Chairman of the Board, SVAN has pamphlets for AIDS education and have some Vitamin E to give out. The services provided will depend on their volunteer enlistment . Located in Visalia.

HOPE, INCORPORATED

Referral services to medical care, dental care; transportation services to medical services, help with errands such as prescription deliveries and pickups, grocery shopping, banking; emergency financial services for food and gasoline; support groups; emotional support. Located in Porterville.

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