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TO: Sandy Rurman

FAX NUMBER: 202-456-2438

FROM: Jacki Bennett

DATE: 12/20

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COMMENTS: I am currently assisting Sen. Harkin's Ag Comm
reorganize its staff. It can be reached during the day
@ 202-224-0006

December 20, 1999

Sandra Thurman
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington, DC 20503

-VIA FAX- (202) 456-2438

Dear Ms. Thurman:

I am faxing my resume, at the suggestion of Paul Yandura, in the hope that you will forward it to Cornelius Baker at the Whitman-Walker Clinic.

Unable to relocate to Nashville with the Gore 2000 campaign, I am currently seeking employment. Since 1991, I have served in increasingly responsible capacities in the area of office administration and operations. I have a strong background in planning office structures, organizing procedures and guidelines and supervising the administrative staffing requirements of a fast-paced, super charged high-energy operation. I am very interested in lending my skills to the Clinic's re-organizational efforts currently underway with Mr. Baker's appointment as Executive Director.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in bringing my qualifications to Mr. Baker's attention. If you or Mr. Baker have questions regarding my qualifications, please feel free to contact me at my home (703) 683-0187, or e-mail at bennetowne@sprynet.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a horizontal line that extends to the right and then curves back down to the baseline.

Jacquelyn J. Bennett

cc: Daniel Montoya

Jacquelyn J. Bennett

110 East Nelson Avenue Alexandria, Virginia 22301
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WORK EXPERIENCE

Director of Operations - Gore 2000, Inc.

1999-Present
Washington, D.C.

- Oversee day to day administrative activities of the Vice President's presidential campaign
- Supervise administrative support to National Headquarters and regional field offices
- Serve as Committee liaison to vendors and businesses
- Manage department's \$2.2 million budget and staffing needs
- Administer equipment and furniture procurement actions on behalf of the Committee

Finance Manager - The White House

1997-1999
Washington, D.C.

- Directed Presidential and First Lady travel program
- Managed and monitored fiscal year budget for White House Office
- Authorized expenditures on behalf of the White House Office

Director of Administration - Oldaker, Ryan, Phillips & Utrecht

1993-1997
Washington, D.C.

- Oversaw and maintained financial and accounting operations of 6.5 million annual budget
- Assisted in the establishment and achievement of successful legal/Congressional lobbying firm
- Supervised and managed staff of 25
- Operated firm's human resource department, computer network
- Conducted initial screening of potential employees
- Developed, implemented and oversaw general office procedures and policies

Office Manager - U.S. Senator Tom Harkin

1991-1993
Washington, D.C.

- Managed annual budget of over \$1.4 million
- Supervised fifteen front office staff and intern program
- Conducted initial screening of potential employees
- Developed, implemented and oversaw general office procedures and policies
- Assisted Chief of Staff in day-to-day office operation and senatorial correspondence

Assistant to Deputy Campaign Manager, Americans for Harkin

Washington, D.C.

- Consultant to post-campaign Finance/Debt Retirement Committee

Legislative Correspondent - U.S. Senator Tom Harkin

1989-1991
Washington, D.C.

- Researched, prepared position papers for legislative issues including civil rights and judiciary matters
- Corresponded with constituents, agencies and associations on behalf of the Senator
- Represented the Senator during Congressional hearings and briefings

Technical Assistant - Chubb Group of Insurance Companies

1987-1988
Boston, MA

- Supervised clerical personnel
- Provided technical expertise to underwriters in preparing insurance policies
- Managed workflow and productivity of five underwriters
- Pre-underwrote and maintained policies

EDUCATION

Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
Bachelor of Science Degree, 1986

P.O. Box 158
Livingston, New York 12541
November 4, 1999

Ms. Sandra Thurman, Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place N.W.
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Madam:

I am presently a senior at Germantown Central School. As part of my graduation requirements, I am enrolled in Participation Government. For the past ten weeks I have been studying legalization of the use of marijuana for medical purposes.

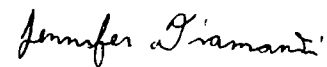
In your role as Director, you can play a major part in influencing legalization of the use of marijuana for medical purposes. I would like Congress legalize marijuana for medical purposes.

I have been doing research and completing a survey on medical legalization of marijuana. I have enclosed opinions from experts, numerical data, a summary of my survey and a bibliography for your perusal.

Please read the enclosed material and respond to me your opinions on this matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Diamanti".

Jennifer Diamanti

Quotes

1. Lester Grinspoon and James B. Bakalar

“Cannabis is a safe and versatile medicine that has many possible medical uses. Anecdotal evidence the source of much medical knowledge suggest that it can relieve vomiting in cancer chemotherapy, restore appetite in AIDS patients, and help people suffer from glaucoma, epilepsy, Crohn’s disease, mood disorders, and other diseases. Marijuana is less toxic or dangerous most prescription medicines. Physicians have the obligation to provide information answer to patients’ questions about marijuana and to challenge government policies preventing its uses.”

Marihuana, the Forbidden Medicine, page 34.

2. Lester Grinspoon and James B. Bakalar

“In November 1996 the people of California approved Proposition 215, an initiative that could, in effect, make marihuana legally available as a medicine in the United States for the first time in many years. Under the new law, patients or their primary caregivers who possess or cultivate marihuana for medical treatment recommended by a physician are exempt from criminal prosecution. The treatment may be for cancer, anorexia, AIDS, chronic pain, glaucoma, arthritis, migraine, or any other illness for which marihuana provides relief. Physicians may not be panelized in any way for making the recommendation which may be either written or oral. The passage of this law is only the beginning of a trend that presents new challenges for physicians, who will be asked to assume responsibilities for which many have not prepared themselves. As more and more patients approach them with have to provide answers and make recommendations. That means they must not only listen more carefully to their patients, but educate themselves and one another. They will have to learn with symptoms and disorder may be treated better with marihuana than with conventional medication, and they need to explain how to use marihuana.”

Marhuana, the Forbidden Medicine, page 34.

3. Anonymous

“California, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska have legalized medical marijuana. Four other states may follow, and marijuana advocates will cite the report to advance their cause elsewhere. Until the controversy is settled, patients in place that approved medical marijuana risk federal arrest.”

U.S. News and World Report, page 16.

4. John Benson

“The report which was commissioned in January 1997 by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, looked at the effects of smoked marijuana on all the diseases for which some consensus exists that it might be beneficial. In cases of chemotherapy induced nausea and vomiting in cancer patients, and the wasting that accompanies AIDS, the author John Benson of Oregon Health Sciences University of Michigan agreed that the drug was effective, and might sometimes be better than existing treatments. That was also true for its use in treating the muscle spasms that are associated with multiple sclerosis.”

Issue in Science and Technology, page 27.

5. John Benson

“Moving beyond strictly therapeutic matters, the report also noted that there was no evidence to suggest marijuana was a “gateway” to other, more dangerous recreational drugs. Most hard-drugs users had, indeed, tried it before they moved on to other substances. But they had experimented with legal drug-ie, tobacco and alcohol before that (though usually at illegal ages). If any drugs are gateways, therefore, it is these. Try selling that idea to the distiller and cigarette companies.”

Issue in Science and Technology, page 27.

6. Mary Lynn Mathre

“Many of the chemotherapeutic drugs used to treat cancer are highly lethal agents with intense and potentially overwhelming side effects. The goal of chemotherapy is to kill cancer cells. Some commonly used chemotherapy drugs are so strong that some individuals vomit for hours or days, followed by days or weeks of nausea.”

Cannabis in Medical Practice, page 70-71.

7. Mary Lynn Mathre

“Although many more patients participated in the study, data analysis was done for 169 patients. The average baseline measure was in the moderate to severe range of difficulty. The typical improvement was about 30 percent to 40 percent. But there were some differences, descending on the severity of chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting. Patients on mild and moderate emetogenic chemotherapy showed more improvement than those on chemotherapy rated as severe. This is consistent with the results for nausea and vomiting.”

Cannabis in Medical Practice, page 80.

8. William Dudley

Richard Brookhiser said, “The author ingested marijuana to obtain relief from nausea caused by chemotherapy treatments. Based on his experience, Brookhiser contends that marijuana should be made legally available to cancer victims like himself and other patients who could benefit from it. Arguments raised against medical marijuana are flawed, the pill form of marijuana’s active ingredient is an inadequate substitute for smoked marijuana, and legalizing medical marijuana does not glamorize or encourage casual drug use. Regardless of the general merits of the government’s war on drugs, sick people should not be forced to become law breakers in order to relieve their suffering.”

Marijuana, page 38.

9. Lester Grinspoon and James B. Bakalar

“Patients with AIDS need to maintain their appetite and body weight because they may be in danger of wasting away. Recreational users know that marihuana is an appetite stimulant; it not only makes them hungrier, but enhances the flavor of food and the pleasure of eating.”

Marihuana, the Forbidden Medicine, page 101.

10. Mary Lynn Mathre

“In 1994 Dr. Jack E. Henningfield of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and Dr. Nil L. Benowitz of the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) ranked six commonly used drugs by five criteria: withdrawal symptoms, reinforcement (craving), tolerance, dependence (addiction potential), and intoxication. They ranked these drug from 1 as most serious to 6 as least serious. Marijuana was ranked lowest for withdrawal symptoms, tolerance, and dependence (addiction) potential; it ranked close to caffeine in the degree of reinforcement and higher than nicotine only in the degree of intoxication.”

Cannabis in Medical Practice, page 179.

11. William Dudley

“Cannabis smoked several times a day is often as effective as NSAIDS or acetaminophen in osteoarthritis, and there have been no report of death from cannabis.”

Marijuana, page 35.

12. William Dudley

Brookhiser said, “It is safer, with fever serious side effects, than most prescription medicines, and far less addictive or subject to abuse than many drugs now used as muscle relaxants, hypnotic, and analgesics.”

Marijuana, page 36.

Statistics

	Nausea Mean Score	Vomiting Mean Score
Baseline (most recent chemotherapy)	4.53	4.26
Pre-Marijuana Dosing	2.26	1.67
4 Hours Post-Dosing	2.03	1.73
Table 2. Overall Patient Self-ratings of Nausea and Vomiting Severity		

Chemotherapy:	Oral			Inhaled		
	Mild	Moderate	Severe	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Baseline Nausea	4.25	4.56	4.58	4.76	4.33	4.60
Post-Marijuana Nausea	2.38	1.67	2.44	1.42	1.69	2.45
Baseline Vomiting	2.88	4.25	4.43	4.46	4.21	4.38
Post-Marijuana Vomiting	1.50	1.35	2.32	1.06	1.40	2.05
Table 3. Group (oral vs. inhaled marijuana) vs. Chemotherapy Severity						

Nausea/vomiting rating scale:

1 = not a problem; 2 = slight; 3 = mild; 4 = moderate; 5 = severe

Statistics

	Withdrawal		Reinforcement		Tolerance		Dependence		Intoxication	
	NIDA	UCSF	NIDA	UCSF	NIDA	UCSF	NIDA	UCSF	NIDA	UCSF
Nicotine	3	3	4	4	2	4	1	1	5	6
Heroin	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
Cocaine	4	3	1	1	4	1	3	3	3	3
Alcohol	1	1	3	3	3	4	4	4	1	1
Caffeine	5	4	6	5	5	3	5	5	6	6
Marijuana	6	5	5	6	6	5	6	6	4	4

Ranking scale: 1 = Most serious 6 = Least serious

Explanation of terms

Withdrawal—Presence and severity of characteristic withdrawal symptoms.

Reinforcement—Substance's ability, in human and animal tests, to get users to take it repeatedly, and instead of other substances.

Tolerance—Amount of substance needed to satisfy increasing cravings, and level of plateau that is eventually reached.

Dependence (Addiction)—Difficulty in ending use of substance, relapse rate, percentage of people who become addicted, addicts self-reporting of degree of need for substance, and continued use in face of evidence that it causes harm.

Intoxication—Level of intoxication associated with addiction, personal, and social damage that substance causes.

Table 1. Ranking of Risks of 6 Commonly Used Drugs

By Dr. Jack E. Henningfield of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and Dr. Neal L. Benowitz of the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF), from an article in the *New York Times* (August 2, 1994, p. C3).

1. Target population is paramedics.
2. Sample is ten surveys to paramedics.
3. Sample size is ten completed surveys from paramedics.
4. Method of contact was by mail.

Please take a few moments to complete this survey on medical legalization of marijuana.
Please return it to me by the envelope which I provided.

Thank you

Jennifer Lisman

Have you ever smoked marijuana? yes _____ no _____

What is your age? 21-30 _____ 41-50 _____
31-40 _____ 51 or older _____

Should marijuana be legalized for medical purpose only? yes _____ no _____

Do you know a terminally ill person? yes _____ no _____

How do you think marijuana would be beneficial for terminally ill people?

Do you think any abuse would happen if the government legalized marijuana ?
yes _____ no _____

If your answer yes, what abuse do you think will occur?

If you answer no, why won't any abuse occur?

Thank you

Please take a few moments to complete this survey on medical legalization of marijuana.
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Thank you

Jennifer A. Diamond

Have you ever smoked marijuana? yes 60% no 40%

What is your age? 21-30 60% 41-50 10%
31-40 20% 51 or older 10%

Should marijuana be legalized for medical purpose only? yes 70% no 30%

Do you know a terminally ill person? yes 70% no 30%

How do you think marijuana would be beneficial for terminally ill people?

Twenty percent of the responses said, "They don't think marijuana would be terminally ill people."

Twenty percent of the responses said, "Marijuana would decrease vomiting and nausea."

Sixty percent of the responses said, "Marijuana would decrease the pain and make the patient comfortable."

Do you think any abuse would happen if the government legalized marijuana
yes 90% no 10%

If your answer yes, what abuse do you think will occur?

Thirty percent of the responses said, "Marijuana would be over prescribed."

Thirty percent of the responses said, "Marijuana would be used to much."

Thirty percent of the responses said, "Marijuana would have the abuses like alcohol and cigarettes."

If you answer no, why won't any abuse occur?

Ten percent of the responses said, "You could get marijuana through a doctor."

Thank you

Sixty percent of the paramedics smoked marijuana. Forty percent of the paramedics have not smoked marijuana. Sixty percent of the paramedic ages range between 21-30 years old. Twenty percent of the paramedics range in ages between 31-40 years old. Ten percent of the paramedics range in ages between 41-50 years old. Ten percent of the paramedic ranges in ages between 51 or older. Seventy percent of the paramedics said marijuana should be legalizes for medical purposes only. Thirty percent of the paramedics said marijuana should not be legalized for medical purposes only. Seventy percent of the paramedics knew terminally ill people. Thirty percent of the paramedics don't know a terminally ill person. The results of how do you think marijuana would be beneficial for terminally ill people was twenty percent said, "They don't think marijuana would help terminally ill people," twenty percent said, "Marijuana would decrease vomiting and nausea," and sixty percent of the paramedic said, "Marijuana would decrease the pain and make the patient comfortable." Ninety percent of the paramedics think abuses would occur if the government legalized marijuana. Ten percent of the paramedics don't think any abuses would occur if the government legalized marijuana. Thirty percent said, "Marijuana would be over prescribed." Thirty percent said, "Marijuana would be used to much." Thirty percent said, "Marijuana would have the abuses like alcohol and cigarettes." Ten percent said, "You could get marijuana through a doctor and that would eliminate the abuses."

The survey was very successful. Many of the paramedics agreed with me. I think

marijuana should be legalized because it can help the terminally ill people. Many of the paramedics know a terminally ill person. Paramedics and I saw my grandfather live through cancer and he lived with a lot of pain until he died. We saw him vomit and suffer with the pain from the treatments. We both agreed if he smoked marijuana his hunger would increase and the pain would decrease. The only problem we agreed on is how could the government eliminate the abuse that might occur. We think if Congress funds caregivers who give out marijuana would cut down on the problem. I feel like I learned a lot through the survey because many people help me educate myself on the problem and good things would come out if the government legalized marijuana for medical use. Thirty percent of the paramedics said marijuana should not be legalized for medical purposes only.

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HIS EMINENCE CHIEF(DR.) FRANCIS ANIRINSOLA

L.L.B. Hons, IFE, D. C. L. California

MELCHIZEDEK OF NO. 38 TEMIDIRE STREET, ILE-OLUJI, NIGERIA.
(Gen. 14 Vs 18)

Date: 28/9/99

President BILL CLINTON,
The President of the
United States of America,
The White House,
WASHINGTON D.C.,
U. S. A.

[001]

Your Excellency,

RE: MATTER OF CRUSADE AGAINST AIDS IN NIGERIA (CAAD).

I am a Nigerian Graduate in Law. I attended University of IFE Now Obafemi Awolowo University in ILE - IFE, Nigeria. I have been enrolled as a Barrister - at - Law and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria since June 1968.

Since I have been enrolled as a Barrister - at - Law, I have worked under the Customs and Excise Department in Nigeria. I have also worked as a Chief Magistrate and Later I was appointed as an External Solicitor to First Bank of Nigeria PLC, in Lagos. I am 67 years old. I was born on (b)(6) in (b)(6) Nigeria. I am married with children, I have Two sons who are qualified Barristers and a Daughter who is also a qualified Barrister. The Two sons work for the Nigeria Government. My Daughter studied LAW too at Obafemi Awolowo University and she likes Barrister HILARY CLINTON - the Lady of Honour and the first Lady of the United States of America.

I am saddened with the scourge of HIV/AIDS in Nigeria, According to United Nations Organisation Reports - the UNAIDS has reported that in our sub-Saharan Region - African - more than 60% of the total world population living in the Africa region are living with HIV/AIDS. The world bank in NEW YORK also states that out of a total of 34 million people now living with the infection in the world, 22 millions live in the sub-Saharan Africa and that about 18 million Africans have died of HIV/AIDS, life expectancy has also been reduced after independence. It was higher immediately after gaining independence from the Colonial Masters but recently AIDS/HIV

is endemic and has caused sorrows and death to many families in Nigeria.

I am ready to spend the rest days of my life to fight the dreadful HIV/AIDS by talking about the scourge to University Students, Grammar School Students and also the masses in the Towns and Villages of Nigeria. Nigeria has a population of about 100 million. Those who are highly literate will probably be about 20%, I mean those with University Education and Polytechnics Education; another 40% can read English very well.

I can do this by writing in the Daily News Papers, by showing portable cinemas in the Villages and in the rural areas. Television will also carry the message against AIDS. Debates will also be Organised. Radio Talks will also carry the message against AIDS.

I have travelled extensively to Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, England, Italy and Germany. I have also travelled to Japan with a stop over in Anchorage in U.S.A. Most of the overseas tours were in connection with my work as a Barrister. I used to go for Law Conferences and sometimes as a Legal Adviser to reputable Business Executives.

I will need your financial assistance in order to embark on the CRUSADE against HIV/AIDS although your Excellency and I are only Barristers. But we can still help millions of people in Nigeria whose 90% of the population live in abject poverty.

I am familiar with your Embassy in Lagos. If you graciously write me a letter to see the Ambassador, I shall gladly go to Lagos because I was at one time the Valuation Officer under Customs Department for the Diplomats wishing to sell their cars during the Nigerian Civil War of 1967 to 1970.

My kind regards to Her Excellency Lady HILARY CLINTON and to your Daughter Chelsea. I wish Lady Hilary Clinton success in her coming Elections to the senate of the U.S.A.

I am quite aware of the great work that the United States Government is trying to do to wage wars against AIDS. I know U.S.A is planning hard to be a Frontliner in combating AIDS. I am soliciting for your financial assistance as my own Crusade against AIDS is a Non Government Organisation. But any financial Assistance given to me will be used judiciously and legally as General Yakubu Gowon, our former Head of State is carrying on successfully the Crusade Against Guinea Worm in Nigeria.

According to Lady SANDRA THURMAN the white House Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy, both Government and Non Government Agencies should work together to take care of the AIDS Victims, the widows and the Orphans. I shall try hard to see that the Crusade against AIDS succeeds in Nigeria, please.

Yours sincerely,

Chief (Dr.) F. B. O. AKINRINSOLA
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Chief (Dr.) F. B. O. AKINRINSOLA
LEGAL PRACTITIONER

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Sandra Thurman
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Dear Ms. Thurman,

I am writing to follow up on a brief conversation we had at the Women's Policy Inc. event on Capitol Hill earlier this year. I had mentioned that I was interested in speaking further with you about the possibility of becoming my mentor and left you my business card. I would like to discuss further the option of your mentorship.

While a Pedro Zamora Fellow at AIDS Action I had the opportunity to meet you on numerous occasions and appreciated the manner in which you conducted yourself and the openness and honesty you brought to each meeting. I was personally touched when you spoke of sitting at the bedside of a close friend who had died, and how that event had driven you to do pursue influencing services and public policy in HIV/AIDS. I too lost someone close, my fiancée, whom I cared for until the day he died of cancer. This event more than anything else has shaped my professional and personal pursuits.

During our graduation ceremony when I received my Masters in Health Advocacy, the commencement speaker emphasized again and again the importance of finding a good mentor who shared your ideals, goals and experiences. After contemplating the women that I have personal and professional relationships with in this town, I believe that having you as a mentor would be a good match. I am interested in learning about how you have achieved your success, any barriers you have overcome because of your gender, how you have balanced your professional and personal life, and how you stay true to your goals. I envision a once or twice a quarter meeting or call to bounce around ideas and questions, along with any stewardship you may offer.

I believe it is important to put a hand out to the next woman in line to help them succeed as you are receiving a hand up from the women above you. I practice this in my own life and have found being a mentor very rewarding. I look forward to speaking to with you further about the possibility of a mentoring relationship.

Sincerely,

Sara Collins
Manager, Federal Government Relations
National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Facsimile

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DATE: February 28, 2000
TO: CHERYL BAUERLE
FROM: PATRICIA FORNER
SUBJECT: VIDEO ON HIV/AIDS IN AFRICA
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FACSIMILE #: (202) 456 2439

Dear Cheryl:

Thank you for returning my call. World Vision would like to have two copies of the video "AIDS in Africa."

I attended the seminar sponsored by the International Center for Research on Women, The Global AIDS Action Network and Church World Service/National Council of Churches last Thursday. We saw the video film by Rory Kennedy "ADIS in Africa" and had the opportunity to listen to the excellent presentation by Alex Ross, Africa Bureau, USAID.

Thank you for making the videos available to us.

Sincerely,
Patricia Forner
(202) 608 1840

Sandy Thurman: This is the possible cure for AIDS. ^{5/1/2000}

Donald Kent Smith

1/1/2000

THE CURE FOR COLDS, FLU, PNEUMONIA AND POSSIBLY ALL DISEASES CAUSED BY VIRUSES

At the first sign of a sore throat or in the case of the flu the sudden feeling that you are going to pass out do the following:

Take spruce Christmas Tree branches and put them in a metal bucket. Fill the bucket with water and put on stove and boil at high heat for one hour.

Stay in the kitchen and from time to time put your head over the bucket and breathe in the vapors. Close your eyes when you do this to avoid irritation.

After one hour stop and throw the stuff out. Then you will get rid of the cold sore throat or in the case of the flu the flu high temperature within 6 hours.

The next day even though you feel well repeat the process to kill off the remaining viruses.

If you do not repeat the process the second day the third day you will come down with the disease so bad that this method can't cure it. Every time you breathe in the vapors you kill millions of viruses. However, if a critical number of viruses are allowed to grow in your body it will take daily treatments for several weeks to kill off enough of them to cure the disease. By that time you will be well without any help.

You must start treatment within hours of feeling sick.

You must use new Christmas tree branches each time. Use only spruce short needles Christmas tree branches. Do not use pine Christmas tree branches because they cause eye irritation and possible kidney damage. Use of pine tree branches will cause eye irritation and blood in your urine which will scare the hell out of you.

Spruce branches are safe. The American Indians used them to make tea to prevent scurvy. None of my test subjects have experienced any difficulty using them.

This only kills viruses. It does not kill bacteria or the diseases caused by them. I have only tested it against colds, flu, and pneumonia, and chicken pox. It cures all of them.

With daily treatment for several months it probably cures AIDS. Every time you breathe in the vapors it kills millions of viruses and it stands to reason that you should be able to kill off AIDS viruses faster than they can multiply with months of treatment but I just don't know.

Donald Kent Smith

Donald Kent Smith
222 East Water Street
Muncy, Pa 17756

I got the idea for this discovery from a book on WWI. In WWI it was noted that soldiers living in trenches in pine tree forests did not get colds, flu, or pneumonia as long as they stayed in the woods. There must be a factor X in pine and spruce Christmas trees which kills viruses when it is inhaled. I know that Pine is used as a disinfectant to kill viruses on contact. You must be able to breathe in the vapors which kill the viruses.

May 1, 2000

Ms. Sandra Thurman
The White House
Office Of National AIDS Policy
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Ms. Thurman:

Enclosed is my attached document on solving AIDS. I HAVE SOLVED IT from a metaphysical journalist's perspective. It really works. I solved it last week.

Sincerely,

Menachem Mendel Lerner
Menachem-Mendel Lerner

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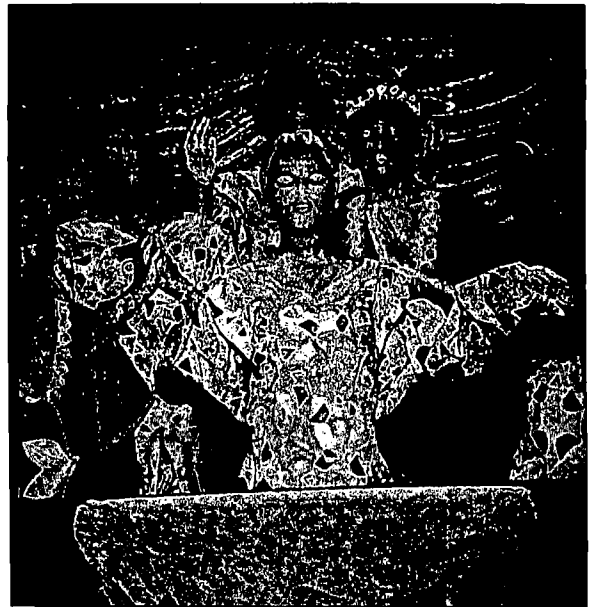
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Photograph of oil on linen-
painting. August 1999



Photograph by Mr. Jay Hare

Marie Ehlman
Route 2 Box 359D
Geneva, Alabama

August, 1999
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Dear Ms. Sandra Thurman,

My name is Marie Ehlman.

Everyday love, light, peace, and
grace come from Heaven to the
earth through the majesty
of Jesus Christ. On May 24,
1999 USA Today newspaper had
printed a story on the
epicenter of AIDS. In that
story Mr. Steve Sternberg

had written about The work ②
you do helping to heal the
people who are ill with
The AIDS virus. That is
special how you love The
children through your career.
I am an artist. A while back
The African Children's Choir
had come to perform at The
Grandview Baptist Church in
Dothan Alabama. The Dothan
Eagle's chief photographer captured

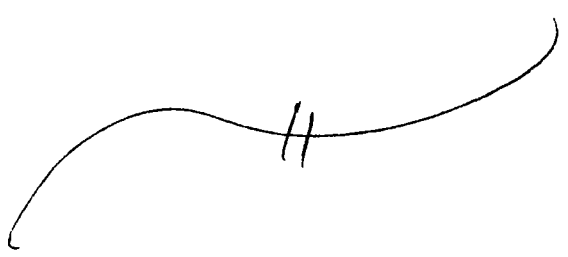
the moment in a beautiful photograph. Mr. Jay Hare granted me permission to paint from his photograph and so I did. It is an oil on linen about four feet by five feet in size. Here is a photograph of the painting. I would like to send it to you and the White House Office of National AIDS Policy as a gift. Maybe someday it

Can help to fund needed
medicine or help find a
Cure for the AIDS virus. (4)

Because of the painting's size,
I thought I should mail you
this letter and photograph
first before I send the gift.
I want to make sure it
would be a welcome sight. So
please write to me and let
me know if you and the
White House Office of National AIDS

Police would enjoy having ⑤
this fine art. Due to
delivery costs it may take
time to arrive.

May God
bless you with
his many ways
of love,
Marie S. Ehlman



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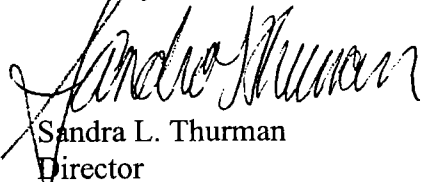
Dear Mr. Chan:

Thank you for your letter of June 7th, 2000, in which you included sections of your project entitled *An Introduction to AIDS and HIV for the lay public*.

It is indeed important to make information regarding HIV/AIDS accessible to those beyond the scientific and medical communities. In our efforts to promote education on HIV/AIDS, we must strive to reach the largest possible audience. Your project recognizes and addresses this need, and your dedication and creativity are much appreciated.

Thank you again for your letter, and I wish you all the best with your project.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

sent 6/23

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June 7, 2000

Ms. Sandra L. Thurman, Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
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Washington, DC 20503
U.S.A.

Dear Ms. Thurman,

Collaboration on a project entitled *An introduction to AIDS and HIV for the lay public*

The spread of HIV is rampant in parts of Africa while the spread has been alarming in some other parts of the world. As most of the infected persons worldwide are lay people, the spread of HIV cannot be suppressed without prevention efforts of all individuals at risk worldwide. A concise and comprehensive introduction to AIDS and HIV in lay language is therefore needed. Understanding of the basics about the AIDS disease can help the lay public take common sense precautions that can protect themselves or others from HIV.

I am a science writer and multimedia author who lives in Hong Kong (a former university teacher there). As a member of the global community, I have just written a booklet entitled *An introduction to AIDS and HIV for the lay public*. The booklet explains AIDS and HIV in lay language. It is intended for use by teenagers and adults, including some heads of state and a large population of illiterate and little-educated people. Several biological terms (e.g., immune system, CD4 T cells, opportunistic infections, bacteria, virus and antibodies) are inevitably used in this booklet, but they are explained systematically in the main text or in the glossary. The author hopes this booklet will encourage more lay people to discuss their concerns about HIV and AIDS with local health department, AIDS organization or doctor, that provides counseling and medical advice. The author would like to contribute the booklet to the lay public on the front line of HIV prevention worldwide, where a comprehensive understanding could be translated into common sense precautions.

The booklet is now available in [pre-print] paper form, i.e., text plus pencil drawings. Electronic and conventional media versions will be available in the near future. Tentatively, a Web version (consisting of an HTML document and several GIF graphics) will be available in two months; other versions (such as picture book, audio cassette, video, CD-ROM) available in one year.

More rapid progress could be made though. The project began in 1997. During its incubation period, the author alone had to do almost all of the work (e.g., poring through medical journals; studying software tools for electronic publishing and animation). An English-language version and a Chinese-language version of the booklet have been completed so far. However, progress has been very slow compared with the rate at which HIV spreads. To make the booklet available to the lay public as soon as possible, the author is writing to ask non-profit organizations to collaborate. Areas of collaboration include translation and narration (e.g., various African languages, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Khmer, Bangla, etc.), illustrations, localization (e.g., modifying the contents according to local cultures).

The booklet has been written from the standpoint of a science teacher. The author would appreciate if your organization could comment on the booklet from the standpoint of a specialist.

Enclosed please find two sections from the booklet, Introduction and Summary, and some information about the author and the project. Should you like to see the whole booklet (of 7,700 words), the author shall be glad to send a copy promptly.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SiuKau Chan', written in a cursive style.

SiuKau CHAN

Enclosure

An introduction to AIDS and HIV for the lay public
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1 INTRODUCTION

This booklet explains AIDS and HIV in lay language with the aid of multimedia (such as animation, narration, caption, etc.) It is intended for use by teenagers and adults only. (A children edition is being prepared, which omits general information about the spread of the disease through risky sexual activities and through sharing drug needles.) Several biological terms are inevitably used in this booklet, but they are explained in the main text or in the glossary. The text also includes a handy reference tool called "hot word" and all hot words are underlined. When you select a hot word, you get an explanation or a footnote. (That is, when you move the mouse pointer over any underlined word, its explanation or footnote appears; it disappears when the pointer is moved off the underlined word.) We hope this booklet will encourage more lay people to discuss their concerns about HIV and AIDS with local health department, AIDS organization or doctor, that provides counseling and medical advice.

Although the latest advances in medicine can extend life in many AIDS patients, no cure is available yet. New treatments are expensive and only a small fraction of AIDS patients can afford them. For example, the new combination therapies cost a patient thousands of dollars U.S. a year. Side effects like nausea and cramping can be intolerable and have caused some patients to drop out from therapy. On the other hand, new AIDS cases keep arising. If this spread goes unchecked, especially in many developing countries, it will have great social and economic impacts. (For examples, many AIDS patients have to stop working and lose income; AIDS depletes many families of young adults and makes orphans of many children; the health-care, child-care and elderly-care systems can be overburdened.) As a preventive vaccine is not available yet, an effective alternative that can stop the spread of the disease is prevention. However, prevention requires the lay public to understand the basics about the AIDS disease. The purpose of this animated booklet is to give a concise and comprehensive introduction in lay terms: What is AIDS? What is HIV? How to avoid catching HIV? What is HIV antibody test? Does a positive test result mean AIDS? Can combination therapy eradicate HIV? Can humans catch HIV from other animals? After reading this booklet, you will know the answers.

This booklet is an oversimplified summary of some invaluable literature on AIDS and HIV, including journal papers, books, respectable Internet articles, etc. They are listed in the bibliography. In writing the concise and comprehensive booklet for lay people, leaving out some very details is inevitable. However, we have ensured that the information presented here was accurate at the time it was written. Interested readers who would want more details may find the bibliography useful. Because scientists' understanding of AIDS and HIV continues to improve, new information that may have appeared since this booklet was written can be obtained from local health department, AIDS organization, or found in more recent literature.

Hot word: Combination therapies

Combination therapy is also called drug "cocktails" or highly active anti-retroviral therapy (HAART). It is described briefly in Section 2 and is explained in Section 6.

8 SUMMARY

This multimedia booklet presents a comprehensive introduction to HIV and AIDS in layman terms: What is AIDS? What is HIV? How to avoid catching HIV? What is HIV antibody test? Does a positive test result mean AIDS? Can combination therapy eradicate HIV? Can humans catch HIV from other animals? If more people have a comprehensive understanding of the basics about AIDS and take common-sense precautions, fewer people will unknowingly catch HIV (the virus that can lead to AIDS in humans). Evidence indicates that prevention is effective in reducing HIV transmission and saving lives and money. The spread of HIV cannot be suppressed without prevention efforts of all individuals at risk worldwide. This booklet is available on CD-ROM and on the Internet. Free downloads (electronic copies) can be obtained from several AIDS organizations. (To display their addresses, please move the mouse cursor over the hot word "organizations".) Because a large audience worldwide (including a large population of illiterate and little-educated people) do not have access to computers, the booklet will be available separately in several language versions on conventional media (including video, audio cassette and picture book). If you find the booklet useful, you might want to share it with uninformed friends. We hope this basic information about AIDS will reach more uninformed people before the virus ever has a chance.

Hot word: Organizations

This entry will list the Internet addresses of several AIDS organizations from which free electronic copies of this booklet can be obtained (downloaded).

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

SIUKAU CHAN is a science writer and multimedia author. He received his Ph.D. in physics from the University of Massachusetts in 1991, M.S. in electrical engineering from the same university in 1986, and B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Texas in 1983. He was born and reared in Hong Kong, where he received primary and secondary education. His opportunity of going to university did not come until 1980, when the University of Texas enrolled him and his father generously paid for his education there by working over 100 hours a week. He had post-doctoral training at the Michigan State University in 1991 and 1992; he was a laboratory instructor at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in 1995 and 1996. The author now lives in Hong Kong and can be reached by e-mail at siukau@hk.super.net, or by postal mail at P.O. Box 54378, North Point Post Office, Hong Kong. Comments, questions, and suggestions are always welcome.

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Several people have actually helped with this animated booklet in a variety of ways although only the author's name appears on its cover-page.

I would like to especially thank the following two persons for their help in my secondary school days that facilitated the library research for this work: the late Fr. Martin Cryan, S.J., who gave me a solid first course in biology; my brother SiuKi who recommended useful chemistry books that helped me learn the basics.

Many thanks to Dr. Lydia Y. L. Cheng, a lecturer of biochemistry at the University of Hong Kong. Her answer to my question about proteins facilitated the preparation of the glossary. She also borrowed HIV/AIDS books for me from the university library.

Thanks to the Internet for allowing the flexibility to access many HIV/AIDS articles online; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for posting useful HIV/AIDS articles on the World Wide Web; the Yahoo! Inc. for updating news of AIDS research on their Web site. I appreciate the open-to-the-public policy of the library at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, where I was able to read several useful journals and magazines.

Finally, I want to thank my family. Special thanks to my sister WaiFong. She patiently reviewed the text and suggested useful changes to make it more readable, often at midnight when her very young children were sleeping. Many thanks to my parents for providing me a quiet place to write. A special thank-you to my sister WaiFun and my brother-in-law KwokKui, who cooked me many meals while I was busy completing this work. Thanks to my brother-in-law ChiuKin for pointing out copyright registration to me.

Although the above have contributed in their different ways, I am the one to blame for whatever errors and omissions you may find in this animated booklet.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 13, 2000

John "JR" Daniel Robey
9209 Seminole Blvd. #26
Seminole, FL 33772

Dear Mr. Robey:

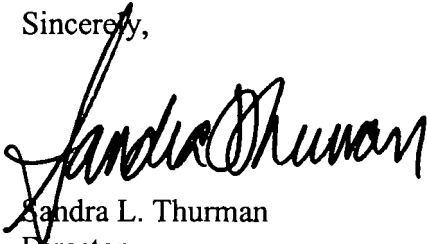
President Clinton asked that I respond to your letter regarding the establishment of an HIV/AIDS Medicine Fund by the Microsoft Corporation.

It is indeed the sad truth that AIDS continues to devastate communities both here in the United States and around the world. As you well know, the numbers are staggering. We have made tremendous progress in our fight against AIDS, not only in obtaining additional funding for prevention, care and treatment and research, but also in terms of addressing AIDS from a global perspective.

I assure you that the Clinton Administration remains committed to doing everything it can to effectively address the issues surrounding AIDS, including working with the private sector to create a multi-sectoral response. It will take a concerted effort from all sectors to help turn the tide on this pandemic, and I admire your dedication to helping to make that happen.

Though we at the White House Office of National AIDS Policy are unable to provide direct assistance for potential programs and projects, I wish you every success in your endeavor. Thank you for your letter and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

sent 6/13/00

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 23, 2000

Cory Conway
2530 Bohler Road
Atlanta, GA 30327

Dear Mr. Conway,

Thank you for your letter, in which you expressed your concern regarding the rising prevalence of AIDS in the African American community.

The staggering numbers do indeed show that AIDS is disproportionately impacting minority communities. Innovative and diverse education and awareness programs are crucial for the success of our prevention efforts.

Though the Office of National AIDS Policy is unfortunately unable to directly fund or support specific programs, please know that we are doing all that we can to ensure that national education and prevention policy is designed to address the complex challenges of responding to AIDS in diverse populations.

Thank you again for your letter, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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Draft response

The Honorable Sandra Thurman
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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Atlanta, Georgia

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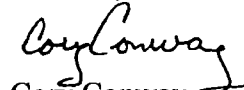
Dear National AIDS Director Sandra Thurman,

I am writing to you about the rising number of African Americans with AIDS. In the September 13, 99 issue of Time Magazine there was an article called "Misjudged Threat." In the article it shows percentages of African Americans with AIDS. African Americans have about **50%** of new cases of AIDS. African Americans are "no longer afraid of AIDS", a quote from the article. Now that some African Americans are thinking this, it is very dangerous. The numbers could increase heavily now that this is what they are thinking. The article also said that African Americans see pro-basketball star Magic Johnson, continue his glitzy lifestyle without any obvious ill effects.

Right now The CDC is reaching out to African American church leaders in the hope that they will use their powers to spread the word about AIDS. Also, David Satcher a Surgeon General is reaching out to Black Medical Colleges to help inform African Americans about this pandemic.

In conclusion I am asking if you could help start a program or fundraiser to collect money to help educate African Americans. The effect would be tremendous. I would love to hear from you on your opinion about this issue. Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,


Cory Conway

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 4, 2000

Maurice Chambers
1600 Walters Mill Road
Somerset, PA 15510

Dear Mr. Chambers,

I am writing in reference to your request for a U.S. Constitution Pocket Booklet. I'm so sorry that I am unable to help you -- it seems that the office that used this building prior to our arrival may have had copies of the book you are seeking, but we unfortunately do not carry that publication. The National Archives, though, may hold copies of the U.S. Constitution for sale to the public.

I wish you all the best in your search!

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman
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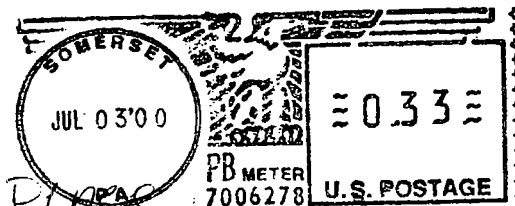
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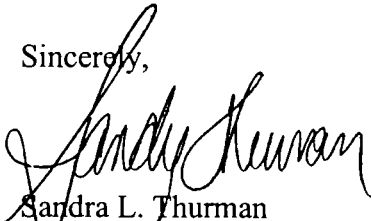
Dear Ms. Conrad:

Thank you for your letter on July 6, 2000, in which you requested materials from our office for your upcoming project.

AIDS is indeed a very serious global epidemic. Education and awareness are crucial in our struggle against the devastation being caused by HIV/AIDS. I truly appreciate the interest you have demonstrated in expanding your knowledge of HIV/AIDS, and I hope that you will continue to explore the multi-faceted and far-reaching issues surrounding this global pandemic throughout and beyond your academic career.

I hope that the information included here is useful to you, and I wish you the best of luck with your project!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra L. Thurman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "T".

Sandra L. Thurman
Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

July 6, 2000

Office of National AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Office of National AIDS Policy:

I am a high school sophomore doing a research paper and oral report on AIDS. I need some materials that I could use for visual aids during my presentation. I would appreciate any literature and other information that you could send me about this very serious global epidemic. Thank you in advance for any help you can provide me. If there is a charge for the information, e-mail me the amount due and I will mail it to you as soon as possible.

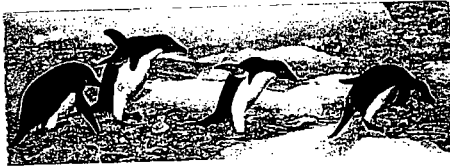
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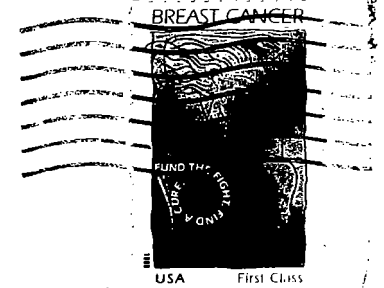
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Handwritten: Rando 12/1/99

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To whom it may concern:

I am a hispanic, 42 year's old, This August of 1999, It will be 14th year's since I have been H-I-V/A-I-Ds, The reason that I am writing is because (we) the people with this disease need your help, Let me tell you more about our situation. We are incarcerated, My release date is April 16, 2000. I've been incarcerated since April 16, 1992, During my incarceration it has been hard for me and other inmates, The reason being these institutions are not built to save life's. I have seen many inmates "DIE" under the care of these so call doctor's, up to this date it is still going on.

People on the out-side think that we are getting the right treatment, only if they know that we receive the worst treatment for this disease that is killing our friends and family's, the government is aware that we are not getting the right type's of treatment and out-side organization's, responsible to help us, are not doing they job The government has supplied grant's to help us in these condition's, and let me tell you something, The State medical Department is also aware too. You know how important it is to be educated in this field, and support group's that we need to help us to deal with this disease..People forget that we are human beings too. What does it take, so people can realize that we to have family's, That we are not animals. How many deaths does it take before people open their eye's to see the truth, what is really going on behind these walls.

Do you know that we don't have support group's, and counselor's or Medical staff, to help us out concerning this disease. Let me tell you about this situation that we are faced with. Do you know that these institution have sex-offender's and drug's and alcohol group's and support groups and counselors. But the people with this disease don't have any support groups. I have tried to get out-side help but got nothing Think about this , you have been paying your Tax Dollars to the State and Federal governments and what ever the I-R-S, takes out of your pay check every week from you and your family, where does it go. I know for sure that we are not getting it, some-body is taking your money.

I lost everything I had my women and my house you name it, But I have not lost respect for me and other's, My condition is not that good, I really need your help and other's here in these prison's, need help for ever information that you can provide to me and other's. I will appreciate very much, I thank you from the bottom of my heart Take care and have a nice day.

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cc/file.SM.

Dec- 6, 1999

Barbara Schwarz, 335 East Broadway, Apt. 401, Salt Lake City, Ut. 84111

Executive Office of the President
Office of National Aids Policy,
Director
736 Jackson Place, N.W.
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JUNE 18, 1999
REMAILED NOVEMBER 23,
1999.

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACT REQUEST.

This is a Freedom of Information and Privacy Act request pursuant to USC, Title 5, 552 and 552a. Please respond as soon as possible hereto:

I need a copy of all records that you are having on

1) Mark C. Rathbun, a wrongfully incarcerated man, whom's relief witness I am. However, I can't testify that he was framed by a Nazi-conspiracy in court and he has to suffer further wrongfully incarcerated behind bars, because I don't know his exact place of incarceration and can't get hold of his case. Therefore, please mail me enough information on Mark Rathbun, so that I know where to contact him or at least his representatives, with my wish to testify the truth in his case.

2) Check if you have any records on me, Barbara Schwarz or misspelled version Schwartz. Check if Mark C. Rathbun, members of his family, their attorneys or any Independent Counsel addressed your office to retrieve copies of my files within your office and mail me a copy of their requests and your response hereto. CHECK THE LAST 10 YEARS, AS TO 1+2 ABOVE.

Please note that you have my authority to provide the above mentioned with a copy of any records that you have on me.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this request as soon as possible.

Please also provide me with an affidavit by the person that did the search for the records that I requested in regards how the search was conducted and what records were found or not found.

Sincerely

Barbara Schwarz

Barbara Schwarz

P.S.

By ignoring the FOIA/PA request you are violating federal law and you are provoking a law suit.

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President Clinton asked me to respond to your letter to which expresses your concern about HIV/AIDS, especially in young people.

First, thank you for sharing your story about your personal experiences as a woman living with HIV. I know that at times it must be very difficult. But, as highlighted in your letter, you should be very proud of the work you are doing to help educate others about HIV/AIDS. I thank you for your contributions to help others.

Your letter appropriately spoke to the impact that HIV/AIDS was having on young people. I am pleased to say that just last week the White House Office of National AIDS Policy released a new report focusing on young Americans, entitled, "Youth and HIV/AIDS 2000: A New American Agenda." In this report, we highlight the impact that HIV/AIDS is having in young people, and offer action steps for the future. I have enclosed a copy for your use in your work.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts, and for giving of yourself to help others. It is because of people like you that I am certain that we will be able to end this pandemic.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman
Presidential Envoy for AIDS Cooperation
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

Enclosure

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OFFICE OF NATIONAL AIDS POLICY
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Hi Carol- hope this looks o.k. The letter should arrive by fed-ex tomorrow.

Thank you + I hope to see you soon!
Cheryl

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Friend:

I am pleased to enclose a message from the President.

Please be aware, however, that the White House has strict guidelines governing the use of Presidential messages. The enclosed message may be used solely for the specific purpose and the time for which you requested it. Under no circumstance is the message to be altered, reprinted in other media (including the Internet), used for recruiting, reproduced for fundraising solicitations or annual reports, represented as an endorsement, used for advertising, or used for any other purpose without the written consent of the White House.

Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines.

Sincerely,

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Delia A. Cohen
Special Assistant to the President
Director of Correspondence and
Presidential Messages

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 26, 2000

Mr. William C. Watson, Jr.
Director Emeritus
The Task Force for Child
Survival and Development
Suite 400
750 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030-2612

Dear Bill:

I am delighted to join your family, friends, colleagues, and many admirers in congratulating you as you retire from the Task Force for Child Survival and Development.

You can look back with pride on a truly remarkable career in public health that has spanned more than half a century. During your years at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, you helped to shape the CDC into one of the world's preeminent public health agencies, and your vision and commitment to social justice played a vital role in the eradication of smallpox. When you formed the Task Force for Child Survival and Development, you helped to create one of the most extraordinary coalitions in the history of public health -- a coalition that has succeeded in raising global immunization rates to unprecedented levels and has improved the lives of millions of children across the globe.

Throughout your life and career, you have reflected America's fundamental values of community, compassion, and responsibility, and your work has given countless families real hope for a brighter future. As you leave the Task Force after 16 years of distinguished service, I thank you for reminding us each day that we must accept nothing less than the best for the world's children.

Hillary joins me in extending warmest wishes for every happiness in the years to come.

Sincerely,

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February 10, 2000

Sandra L. Thurman, Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
The White House
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Ms. *Sandra* Thurman:

As the Chief Elected Official of the Atlanta Eligible Metropolitan Area for the purposes of Title I of the Ryan White CARE Act, I am writing to ask for your assistance in addressing an issue of grave concern to this office. In short, it is my belief that Mr. Harold Phillips, an employee of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has improperly and publicly stated his intent to "investigate" the practices of this office in relation to the allocation & re-allocation of Title I dollars.

Mr. Phillips has been reported in a local Atlanta newspaper as indicating that he has been contacted by an agency in the Atlanta EMA regarding said processes and is prepared to respond to that agency's concerns. While I have every confidence that our locally adopted and implemented processes will withstand any level of scrutiny, I am concerned that this agent of HRSA is attempting to intervene in a situation which is outside of his purview. As you are aware, all EMAs are required by legislation and regulation to have grievance processes in place by which alleged complaints may be resolved. It is not within HRSA's authority to set-aside this process and attempt to intervene into the particulars of a process for which HRSA has no standing.

While I have asked the Fulton County Attorney to solicit certain information, I believe that your assistance in this matter might prove to be invaluable. Specifically, I am seeking to determine:

- 1) what is HRSA's written standard operating procedures for responding to inquiries by an agency with which HRSA has no fiduciary or contractual relationship;
 - 2) what is HRSA's written standard operating procedures for responding to inquiries by members of the press regarding local processes and procedures;
 - 3) what processes exist within HHS for this EMA to lodge a formal complaint against HRSA;
- and,

Sandra Thurman
February 10, 2000
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- 4) if such a process does not exist within HHS, what remedies are appropriate for us to seek via members of Georgia's congressional delegation in terms of an investigation into the conduct of HRSA? I have scheduled meetings with certain Members of Congress while I am in Washington March 2, 2000 providing testimony before the Senate regarding the reauthorization of the CARE Act and could broach this issue with our delegation during that visit.

I thank you in advance for any assistance which you might be able to provide to us. My staff has been unsuccessful so far in its attempts to speak with anyone at HRSA (other than our Project Officer) regarding this issue and it is our hope that you will have greater success.

Sincerely,



Mike Kern

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Feds may resolve fight on AIDS money for local minority group

This year's batch of Ryan White AIDS funding is being handed out, but some say not enough is going to minority agencies, and the feds may step in to resolve the conflict

by PAIGE PARVIN

Money from the largest pot of government funding available for Atlanta area AIDS/HIV care is being doled out for 2000, and at least one local agency may be going away empty-handed—and unhappy.

Earlier this month, more than \$15.5 million in 2000 funding was awarded to the Atlanta area under the Ryan White CARE Act, nearly 13 percent more than last year, according to the office of Fulton County Commission Chairman Mike Kenn.

Twenty-one Atlanta AIDS service agencies have been identified as recipients of

this year's Ryan White funds, according to Jeff Cheek, associate to Kenn, who has oversight over Ryan White funding for the metro Atlanta area.

The Atlanta area Ryan White money includes \$900,176 in funding from the Congressional Black Caucus, which last year convinced the White House to declare a "state of emergency" in HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention among African-Americans.

But an agency targeted to blacks that has received Ryan White money since 1993 didn't make the list this year, and its director is crying foul.

Rudy Carr, executive director of AIDS Education & Services for Minorities, said he is taking his concerns to the next level, and has contacted the regional office of the Health Resources and Services Administration, which oversees Ryan White allocation.

"The process is so frustrating," Carr fumed.

Carr said he is particularly concerned that minority agencies be funded in light of the recent study released by the Centers for Disease Control, which revealed that in 1998, for the first time, minority gay men have surpassed white gay men in new AIDS cases.

AESM received \$84,000 in Ryan White funds last year.

Cheek said a review committee deemed AESM's grant application this year was "not strong enough" to receive funding. One

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Atlanta's AIDS Education & Services for Minorities, headed up by Rudy Carr, has asked federal officials to intervene after the agency was cut from Atlanta's Ryan White funding.

AESM challenges Ryan White funding distribution

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agency targeted just to blacks, Our Common Welfare, was approved for money this year.

"We are funding for services, not necessarily any particular service provider, and each applicant must address how they are providing services," he said. "A review committee said the application was not strong enough to ensure those services would be provided by that agency."

Nonetheless, Check said he, too, was concerned about AESM's funding cut, even if he apportioned the blame on the agency's application.

"I think it's fair to say... it's a disturbing issue that they were not funded. We never want to see clients not get services," said Check.

AIDS Education & Services for Minorities

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E-mail: aesm@metrospring.com

Ryan White Projects

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Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: 404 733-0191

Check also emphasized that although AESM wasn't funded, a significant portion of Ryan White funding went to AIDS organizations that work with African-American clientele.

"We have to look at whether or not we as a community are serving those populations that have been affected," Check said. "The most current information from fiscal year 1998 is that African Americans make up a little more than 70 percent of the cases in metro Atlanta, and we are funding 70 percent African American efforts."

Looks ready to resolve fight

Federal health officials will likely resolve the issue. After a conference call with Carr on Monday, Harold Phillips, deputy chief of the Eastern services branch of HRSA, said representatives from his office will be "following up" with Check and with the Metro Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council.

"It's not clearly defined how they are allocating dollars," Phillips said. "We also want to look at whether or not they are really making sure that dollars are following the need in the community, and that there are culturally competent minority

providers in a position to compete for dollars and provide services."

Phillips acknowledged he is concerned that AIDS service agencies targeted to minorities may not be receiving adequate Ryan White funding in Atlanta.

"They've gotten our attention," he said.

Under Title I of the Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act, which applies to metro areas hardest hit by the epidemic, Ryan White money is distributed each year to the chief elected official in the jurisdiction that provides health care to those most affected by AIDS. In Georgia, this means Title I money goes to Kean, the highest official in Fulton County.

The funds wind up in the care of Check, who is openly gay, and who oversees the HIV Health Services Planning Council. Made up of about 136 members, 65 of whom have voting privileges, the Council meets each year to assess the needs of Atlantans with HIV and AIDS and sets priority categories for the year's funding.

Once the Council is notified of the year's dollar award, an outside review committee decides which agencies should receive how much, to help eliminate conflicts of interest since many Council members are also grant applicants. The Council must then give

final approval to the plan.

Although agencies often apply and receive money year after year, there is no guarantee of continued funding, Check said. Each year all applications are scrutinized as if they are first-time applicants, he claimed.

All agencies funded for 2000 have received funds in the past, although not necessarily last year, Check said.

Funded Atlanta agencies can also request budget revisions throughout the year. Last month, AESM's Carr wrote a letter to the Council objecting because a request by AESM to redirect funds was denied.

The Council's refusal to allow AESM to redirect \$4,000 toward a staff member's salary is another example of the Council's unfair treatment of AESM, Carr insisted, and part of the reason he contacted the federal officials at HRSA.

Check said he is not aware of any Atlanta agencies complaining to HRSA in the past, and the allocation process has not come under fire from the federal agencies before.

He has requested and expects to receive technical assistance from HRSA regarding how to spend the nearly \$1 million in Congressional Black Caucus money, which is not yet spoken for, he said.