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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Neil Nathanson, NIH/OAR
Dr. Helene Gayle, CDC
Dr. Debbie Birx, DOD/WR

From: Sandra Thurman 
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

Date: June 1, 1999

Subject: **Need for Briefing Information**

On June 9th, the President will be participating in the dedication of the new Dale and Betty Bumpers Vaccine Research Center on the campus of the National Institutes of Health. In preparation for this event, we will be providing the President with private briefing information. We would like your assistance in developing that information.

Specifically, we would like two things by Friday, June 4, 1999:

1. A summary of activities of your agency that support the development of a vaccine or vaccines against HIV infection; and
2. Responses to the "Eight Years and Counting" report prepared by the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition (if you need a copy, it is available through their web site at www.avac.org or we can provide you with a copy). We need from you a response only to those sections that specifically pertain to your agency, although of course any additional comments would be appreciated. We also welcome any suggestions you have on how we can better support the President's vaccine research goal.

I certainly appreciate that this will require substantial truncation of complicated issues, but the briefing materials must be concise.

Should you have any questions, or expect any delay in providing these materials, please contact Todd Summers at (202) 456-2444.

I apologize for the short notice but this event was just confirmed last week. Thank you very much for your assistance!

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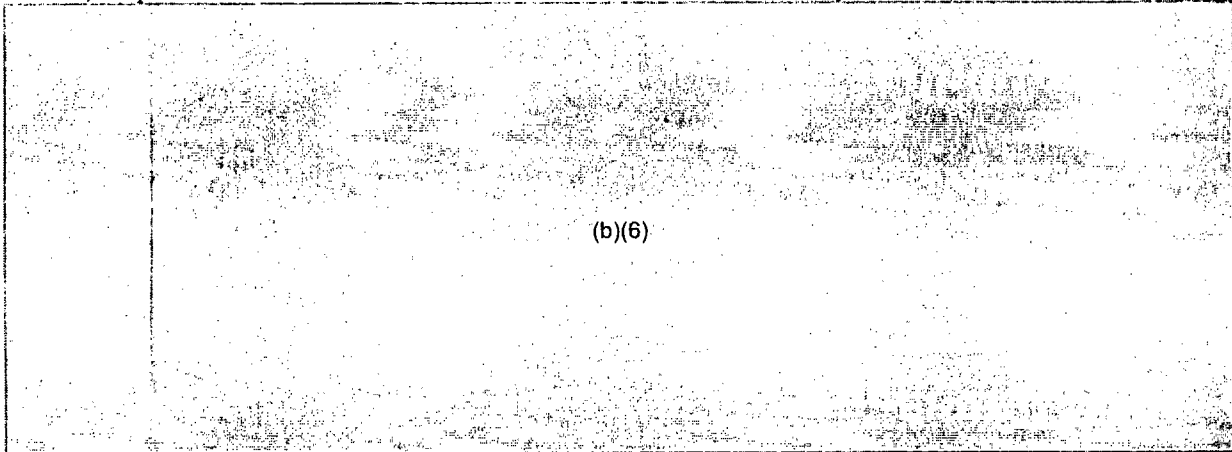
June 28, 1999

Ms. Sandy Thurman
Director
White House Office of
National AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Sandy:

I am in the early stages of recovery from the ride. It was stunningly successful in every dimension and as always, we were so glad to have you with us. You went to a lot of trouble to participate and we are very appreciative. I hope that our friendship and your involvement with Food & Friends continues long after you conclude your present duties.

I would very much appreciate your help with a matter of some importance to Food & Friends. Next month, 12 positions will become available on the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. (b)(6)



Thanks so much for everything you do and for being one of America's foremost cyclists. My best regards and thanks to Sarah as well.

Sincere regards,

Craig M. Shniderman
Executive Director

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Please call me if we can be of further assistance.

Many thanks-

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Executive Director: Oswaldo Fiorro
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*New Jersey Project Officer
Yukiko Tani
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* Tell Elizabeth to follow up

Yukiko Cheryl needs by tomorrow
301-443-9066 A.M.

Will call with faxed
names.

Bundy Productions
A Communications Agency

May 27, 1999

Cheryl Bauerle
Assistant to the Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

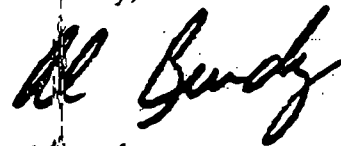
Yukiko Tanaka
301-443-7061

Dear Ms. Bauerle:

As I mentioned in our conversation today, Bundy Productions is working on a half-hour video funded by the Tony Cox Foundation. I would appreciate if your office could, within the next 10 days, provide me with some statistical information on African-Americans affected by HIV/AIDS in the Greater Newark, New Jersey, vicinity. Also, can you provide me with some contact names of families living with AIDS in the Newark community? If possible, I would like to interview two to three choices.

Thank you for your cooperation. I can be reached at 973-761-9648 or 973-648-0561.

Sincerely,



Al Bundy

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• Comments:

Here is a copy of the rough transcript of the portion of your appearance with Steve Roberts on The Diane Rehm Show which Stephen Rockwell of the Brookings Institution proposes to use in his publication.

Our normal practice in such cases, when the organization proposing the use is a reputable one, is to grant permission for use of show transcripts. We see this as extending the public service which the initial program was intended to provide. However, as this is a relatively extensive segment in which you clearly have a personal interest, I thought you should have a chance to see it and react to it before we grant permission for publication.

FYI, this publication will anthologize writings and speeches from quite an interesting variety of sources, including, in part, James Madison, Elliot Richardson, David Stockman, Walter Lippman, James Fallows, David Broder, James Q. Wilson, Robert G. McCloskey, Earl Warren, Mario Cuomo, Laurence Tribe, etc. etc. etc. If you wish, I could send you the draft Table of Contents, but it's quite a number of additional pages.

I am waiting to respond to Brookings until I hear from you, so let me know how you would like me to proceed.



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GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES PROGRAM

May 27, 1999

Kim Hodgson
General Manager
WAMU 88.5 FM
4000 Brandywine Street, NW
Washington, DC 20016-8082

Dear Kim Hodgson,

Enclosed please find a request for permission to publish a transcript of an interview broadcast on *The Diane Rehm Show* on June 5, 1998. The interview is between guest host Steve Roberts and Sandra Thurman, head of the White House Office on National AIDS Policy.

I would like to reprint the interview in a new anthology I am co-editing with Peter Woll of Brandeis University, titled *American Political Ideals and Realities*. Our aim is to use selections from top scholars and from leading public officials to illustrate the difficulties and dilemmas of decisionmaking in government. The Thurman interview is a wonderful complement to the selection that will precede it, "The Day After the AIDS Vaccine is Discovered: Management Matters", written by Martin A. Levin.

I have enclosed our edited transcript of the interview so you can see how we will use the piece (although minor changes may still be made), as well as a copy of the Levin piece. I have also enclosed a copy of our Table of Contents and our Preface, which outline the book's contents and theme. The book is scheduled to be published by Longman's in late summer or early fall, and the Thurman interview will strengthen our presentation of the complex issues facing public officials.

I would appreciate it if you would return the enclosed Permissions Form to me at your earliest convenience, so I can forward it to the publisher. Please call me at the above number if you have any questions, or e-mail me at srockwell@brook.edu. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Rockwell
Senior Research Analyst

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(Introduction to —)

In the preceding selection, Martin A. Levin argues that management decisions and the behavior of diverse interests affect the implementation of what seem to be even the best, and simplest, of public policy initiatives. In this selection, Sandra Thurman, head of the White House office on national AIDS policy, discusses how politics and the availability of numerous options complicate policymaking on AIDS. The selection is taken from an interview with Thurman, conducted by Steve Roberts on National Public Radio's *The Diane Rehm Show*. A key feature of this interview is Thurman's politic discussion of the different goals and reasoning that can bring AIDS policy and national drug control policy into conflict, emblematic of the factors that need to be considered by government officials when they design and implement policies. Also interesting is Thurman's discussion of how her career and beliefs relate to her role in government. While our ideals encourage us to believe that good ideas solve difficult problems, Levin and Thurman illustrate the reality of how competing viewpoints and interests can complicate implementation of even the brightest ideas. The selection was transcribed by Eric J. Broxmeyer ^{adapted and} ~~and has been slightly modified from its original~~ ^{from} ~~skt~~

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Above seems sufficient as intro, and consistent w/ other intros — this gets long w/ "major points" below

The major points of this interview are:

1. Government officials face heavy pressure when they are at the head of an office involved with contentious issues.
2. Political compromises and the differing interests of government agencies and officials complicate the effort to establish and implement policy.
3. Thurman's background in politics has helped her promote and implement public policy in the highly political environment of the White House. Good ideas are not enough: they must be shepherded through the system by people with astute political sensibilities.
4. Echoing the point made in the previous selection by Martin A. Levin, Thurman notes that managing AIDS policy was in many ways easier in the past when there were fewer policy options available.

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THE POLITICS OF AIDS

NPR STEVE ROBERTS/SANDRA THURMAN

from The Diane Rehm Show

transcribed by Eric Broxmeyer

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STEVE ROBERTS: From WAMU in Washington, I'm Steve Roberts, sitting in today for Diana Rehm. When AIDS patient and activist Steve Michael died last week, he left behind instructions for an unusual funeral. He wanted to keep working for the cause even after his death from AIDS, so yesterday 200 protesters marched to the White House with Steve Michael's casket to demand action from President Clinton's administration. The open casket on Pennsylvania Avenue was yet another reminder that the deadly virus is still making its way through the American population. Sandy Thurman doesn't get much chance to forget about the problem, it's her job. Sandy Thurman is head of the White House Office on national AIDS policy and faces the complex medical, social and political problems of AIDS everyday. She's here with me in the studio to talk about her work, she's our guest in Diane's regular series, of women at work. This is our June installment and, Sandy Thurman, thanks so much for being with us.

SANDRA THURMAN: Thanks for having me.

STEVE ROBERTS: Uh, you can talk to Sandy Thurman, give us a call at 1-800-433-8850, from around the country, as well as in Washington. We now have just one number for all you folks out there, so give us a call and join our conversation with Sandy Thurman. And let me start with a simple question: what's the hardest thing about your job?

SANDRA THURMAN: I think the hardest thing about the job is the complexity and the size of this issue and how fast it's growing. I mean the harder we work, the bigger the issue gets.

STEVE ROBERTS: In what sense?

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SANDRA THURMAN: Well, we have increasing numbers of people living with AIDS around the world, increasing numbers of people becoming infected every day. In fact, just last December, we found out from the ~~UN~~ AIDS program that the epidemic was moving about twice as fast as we had originally thought. So we have almost thirty million people infected worldwide and, here, in the United States, the epidemic is moving into increasingly difficult to reach populations: women, people of color, young people. Over 50% of our new infections in this country are in people under 25 years of age. So, as hard as we work, you know, we're still way behind.

STEVE ROBERTS: But there has been news in recent months that the rate of infection has slowed down. Is that right?

SANDRA THURMAN: The rate of infection hasn't slowed down. There's some, you know, maybe, small drop in rates of infection. The rates of AIDS cases have declined dramatically and the rates of AIDS deaths have declined dramatically, but the rates of HIV infection, in fact, have not, so that's an area of great concern to us.

STEVE ROBERTS: And what explains the drop in the development of full blown AIDS cases or in death? Is this largely attributable to the new medications that are on the market?

SANDRA THURMAN: Yes, absolutely, largely attributable, because of the new medications that people are able to access in this country, which, of course, they can't in other parts of the world.

STEVE ROBERTS: As I mentioned in the introduction Sandy Thurman, you're at the epicenter of a very emotional issue.

SANDY THURMAN: Oh, Yes.

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STEVE ROBERTS: Yesterday, just one more example of that. I must say we scheduled this interview long before we knew... (Both laugh)

SANDRA THURMAN: Like, oops.

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STEVE ROBERTS: ...that we were going to have a demonstration in front of the White House, but it does highlight that point. And, at that funeral, or that demonstration, one of the speakers called Bill Clinton a "murdering liar." You're sitting there in the White House in charge of his policy on this issue. What's your reaction when someone says that?

SANDRA THURMAN: Well, I mean, the reaction is...is what it's always been around this issue. People are very, very frustrated by the fact that we're looking at a life-threatening disease that we can't do anything about, ^{ooo?} [and we've been working,] or very much about. And, in seventeen years, we've made a lot of progress in treatment. We have very little progress toward cure, we're hoping to make some progress toward a vaccine, but this has always been an emotional issue for people and it continues to be. And, you know, the President has been very committed to this issue since the beginnings, since his first campaigns, and, has ~~has~~ really helped us develop a real policy that has increased funding dramatically. We've tripled funding since 1993 for care and treatment of people with AIDS in this country. We've increased the budget for drugs that are helping people live longer and better lives by over 450% just since 1996. We've increased the budget for research by over 50%. So, we've done a lot, but, no matter how much we do in an epidemic like this, it's never going to be enough. And, Steve Michael's funeral, I think, points out to us that while we have great news, on the one hand, with people living better and longer lives as a result of these great new therapies, people are still dying of this disease and we can't forget that. And that's why it's so important, why Steve's message is so important.

STEVE ROBERTS: And there also is a counter argument. There are people who would look at the figures that you just recited and say that this is too much. That, that this is to some

exten^y a zero sum game, that money spent on AIDS is not spent on breast cancer, or diabetes, or Parkinson's, or many other diseases. We've had programs...shows on the Diane Rehm ^{capital} show, on this issue...how do you answer that point of view, that because of the kind of ^[?] demonstrations we saw yesterday, that AIDS actually gets more attention than it deserves?

SANDRA THURMAN: Well, I don't think that it gets more attention than it deserves. In fact, I think that it's comparing apples and oranges. Certainly, we don't want to take money away from cancer research or Alzheimer's research to put into AIDS research. I think the trick for us in this country where we have resources to bring to bear to fight all kinds of diseases is that we have to do that. And, we're seeing support from Congress and from the administration to dramatically increase the spending on the National Institutes of Health to do this very kind of research. You know, AIDS is a new disease, cancer is not new, Alzheimer's is not new, AIDS is fairly new, seventeen years old. And, it's ~~it's~~ it's a contagious disease, and it's spreading not only here in the United States but around the world at dramatic rates. So, I think we have to look at this as a crisis and ~~and~~ put the resources into HIV and AIDS research that not only will help us stop this epidemic and this disease, but will also help us ~~in other~~ ^{fighting} other diseases.

STEVE ROBERTS: In terms of this emotional swirl that comes, that seems to be swirling around your office and the whole debate...the other issue, public policy, which of course has been in the news in recent weeks, was the decision by the administration on the issue of federal funding for needle exchange programs, widely anticipated in the AIDS community, widely anticipated that Secretary Shalala would announce that as a result of the scientific findings, that federal money would go into these programs. The last ^{minute} decision change announced that, ^{the} yes, the ~~President~~ ^{President} agreed that the science was on the side of needle exchange programs but did not provide the funding: a political compromise, obviously. What was your reaction to that pullback?

SANDRA THURMAN: Well, obviously, I think that all of my colleagues know I was greatly

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disappointed with that decision. I have, as a person who ran a community based AIDS service organization for years, and have worked on the frontlines of this epidemic, have always been a supporter of needle exchange programs. And, so, certainly I would have liked to have seen the federal government provide funding. But, on the other hand, I realize that this is a very hot political issue for people and, what the President and ~~and~~ many of his advisors didn't want to do, was politicize this issue any more than it was already politicized. So, I think it was sort of a 50% win for us that we were able to say that the science does indeed work and give the local communities across the country who have needle exchange programs the opportunity to use the imprimatur of the science of the federal government to say, yes, these programs do work and advocate, help them advocate at the state level, the local level, to get these programs supported there. This dialogue will continue. [^] This is certainly not the end of our discussion about needle exchange, particularly when we look at the fact that 50% of all new infections, more than 50%, are a result of IV drug use.

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STEVE ROBERTS: Why did you lose that battle?

SANDRA THURMAN: Why did I lose that battle? Well, you know, I fought as hard as I could, and I lost. I think that ~~that~~ there was a lot of concern in Congress, a lot of pressure brought to bear by very conservative members of Congress. I think there was ~~was~~ some concern inside other parts of the administration regarding...

STEVE ROBERTS: Mainly the Office of Drug Policy?

SANDRA THURMAN: Sure, well, the Office of Drug Policy, and other offices as well. You know, people who are responsible for explaining to the American public, you know, why it is that we are going to ~~to, you-know~~ spend money on giving clean needles to people who are ~~who are~~ injecting drugs. And it's not, ~~it's not~~ easy to explain to people why needle exchange programs work. It's not an easy sell, it's hard to put in a sound bite that helps people understand it readily. And, I think, one of the things that we don't do in this country is

I understand drug use, ~~I think that~~, or addiction in general. I think we understand a little bit about alcoholism, but we have a long way to go with our understanding of addiction, in particular with injection drugs. So, I think it just points to several places where we have some real educating to do.

STEVE ROBERTS: ^{7,000 [I]t} [But you..] it is a tough thing to explain. And within the White House Council, Barry McCaffrey, former general Barry McCaffrey, heads the Drug Policy Office, was very outspoken in saying this is the wrong message for this administration to be sending. Whatever the science says, if you put federal money behind needle exchange programs, you are not only, in effect, saying we approve of drug use, but even encouraging it in some ways. And this was the wrong public health message. How did you argue with that argument within the ~~within the~~ White House?

SANDRA THURMAN: Well, I mean, we talked about it at ~~at~~ length. I mean, again, I think the science speaks for itself. What we do know is that we can take the opportunity of a needle exchange program to take a dirty needle off the streets, away from the addict, and to give them a clean needle. And, in that process, make contact with some of our hardest to reach populations in this country, ~~hardcore~~ drug addicts--most of whom are not young people, most of whom are middle-aged, in fact--and use that exchange as an opportunity to build a relationship that helps us get these people into drug treatment. I mean, the bottom line here, and Barry McCaffrey and I happen to ~~to~~ agree on this, that we have to get people off of drugs in this country. Certainly, ~~that is--~~ that's our goal. ~~And we share that goal.~~ But you ~~det~~ can't get people into treatment unless you build relationships of trust and these folks, who are using injection drugs, for the most part are some of the most disenfranchised people in this country. So, you know, I regret that we've missed an opportunity to ~~to~~ build those relationships and get people into the treatment they need. On the other hand, I mean, there is a real challenge about drug treatment. We only have one slot available, one drug treatment slot available, for every ten addicts, or people who are using drugs, who need treatment. So we've got to advocate on that side of the fence, too.

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STEVE ROBERTS: I'm ~~Steve Roberts, sitting in today for Diana Reene, and I'm talking with Sandy Thurman, she is the head of the AIDS policy office in the White House. This is part of Diane's monthly women at work series. We're delighted to have you with us, Sandy. You can join our conversation with Sandy Thurman at 1-800-433-8850 around the country.~~ You were quoted recently in the Washington Post Profile of you, saying that no one likes to see you coming. No, I find that hard to believe. (laughter)

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SANDRA THURMAN: Well, thank you.

STEVE ROBERTS: You seem like a very nice person. But, why...and you said in fact that the issues that you deal with, and the choices that you force people to make and confront, make your colleagues very cranky, I think you were quoted. Now, why is that, why doesn't anybody want to see you coming?

SANDRA THURMAN: Well, because I talk about the things that no one wants to talk about. I talk about sex, sometimes sex--kinds of sex that people don't want to talk about--and I talk about money, and I talk about drugs, and I talk about death, you know, all the kinds of things that make people really uncomfortable. And then if we want to push it to the dinner table conversation, I can talk about religion and the reason we haven't had the kind of response that we need to in this country from the religious community in this epidemic. [So, if I]. of all the subjects that people try to avoid in polite conversations, they all fall in my bailiwick. So, that's why they hate to see me coming.

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STEVE ROBERTS: And do you find that your perch within the White House, as mentioned earlier, was created by President Clinton, in part to have a place where these subjects were discussed, and to have an advocate like you, but it's been...there's been a high turnover there-- I think you're the fourth. Is it partly because it is such a tough job and you are (laugh) you are so unpopular with your colleagues that people don't stay in this job very long?

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SANDRA THURMAN: Well, I think a couple of things. I think that, that it depends on the personality of the person who holds this job. One of the advantages I think I have over my predecessors, who were very capable and very smart, is that I grew up in politics. It's not that I've done public health, but I've also done politics. The White House is a political machine, certainly we do policy there, but if you don't understand how to move the policy inside a political system, it's very, very hard to be heard and very hard to be effective. So I think one of the reasons that, that there was such high turnover is, number one, because it is a very difficult job. But, number two, is because people who didn't have political experience couldn't get done what they felt like they needed to get done. So everybody was unhappy. They were unhappy and our colleagues were, were unhappy as well. I think I'm in a little different position this time.

STEVE ROBERTS: Well, you in fact boast that you're a fourth generation political activist, and we were talking in the first hour, actually, about some of the ~~primary results in California~~ ~~and other~~ places where it seems that there's a resurgent confidence in professional politicians, as opposed to amateurs, in elected office. Talk a bit about your background and how you, you had this political background you mentioned to me, that your mother, and my mother-in-law, Lindy Boggs, are old, old friends from Democratic politics...

SANDRA THURMAN: Right, that's correct, yes.

STEVE ROBERTS: ...And let's talk about how you came to this--I know there are two strains in your background, this political strain and the public health strain--talk first about the political background.

SANDRA THURMAN: Well, I have sort of an interesting background. I am a fourth generation advocate. My grandmother worked very hard to get prisoners out of balls and chains and out of the cages that they were kept in on roadside gangs in Georgia many years ago. My great-grandmother was a big advocate of education for children of all races, equal

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education, which is kind of unusual for a woman at the turn of the century. And my mother was an activist on behalf of women, and was chairman of the Democratic Party in Georgia for many years and on the Democratic National Committee, and actually headed...my first political campaign as a child was the Kennedy Campaign, John Kennedy's campaign, that Mother chaired in Georgia. And so I grew up watching how politics worked and watching how you can use your relationships and you can use your access to get things done that mattered. So, in between doing public health, I would take time off, as I did in the Clinton Campaign in 1992, to work in political campaigns. Because again, while I prefer to do the work on the front lines, having done that, I understand that if policies don't reflect the needs of those on the front lines, and there's a gap in between, then nothing really happens. So then I sort of seized on that experience to move into this arena, the policy arena, to get some ~~some~~ work done.

STEVE ROBERTS: But, also, there's an interesting set of experiences that brought you to this particular issue. As you mentioned, there's a long strain of different things that the women in your family, and it's striking that all of your forebears in politics were women, ~~does that...is that...~~ was that a reinforcement, that is ^{an} unusual lineage, particularly in the South?

SANDRA THURMAN: Well, yes, it was a great reinforcement. I mean, what great role models to have. And to sort of grow up in the South during the time of the Civil Rights Movement. And to have people in my house like Martin Luther King, Jr. and like Daddy King, his father, ~~who was~~ ⁰⁰⁰ who I always admired so, to watch how people could really ^e affect change, particularly in the South and with women, was kind of unusual and I think that has given me the confidence and the ability, and probably the sense of humor, to take a job like this and really find great opportunities for fun and ~~and~~ growth in this.

STEVE ROBERTS: As I said, there's also a fascinating story about how you came to focus on the AIDS epidemic and AIDS issues as the core of your interest as an advocate, as a political advocate. It all started with your former husband, who was, I think, a lawyer in Atlanta,

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taking a turn in his career and ~~and~~ talk about what happened.

SANDRA THURMAN: Well, it was interesting, he was practicing law. In fact, we had met when he was living in Washington, clerking at the US Supreme Court, and then went on to practice law...trial law, and was getting bored. The travel schedule was ~~was~~ very difficult and he started investing in bars. And, one of the bars that he invested in, and built, was a gay bar in Atlanta. And we hired a wonderful man to run ^{the} bar for us, who was one of our first friends, and one of the earliest people in Atlanta to die of AIDS. And we were both devastated. As a result of that, I started working in the AIDS community. I had background in hospice, I had kept my father at home when he died when I was in my twenties, and learned ^{Kubler-} about hospice and studied with Elizabeth ~~Hoobler~~ ^{Ross}, so I had some understanding about issues relative to death and dying and taking care of people at home. And, in those early days, you couldn't find anyone to ~~to~~ help you care for someone at home. There was no one to give respite care. People were very, very afraid in the early ^{fix} 80s of AIDS, and so I started volunteering and taking care of my friends and then teaching friends how to take care of their loved ones who were sick. One thing led to another and I wound up in the AIDS business.

STEVE ROBERTS: And it...and it...and it really started through the...through the bar...

SANDRA THURMAN: It did.

STEVE ROBERTS: ~~and the friends that you learned...~~

2000 SANDRA THURMAN: ~~It did.~~ And it was hard, because during those early years my husband and I lost probably ten of our closest friends. I mean, these were the people that we were working with, you know, my husband's employees. And it was very, very difficult for us both, and so we wanted to find a way to respond. And so it changed my career.

STEVE ROBERTS: I was really struck in this profile that was done of you in the Washington

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Post-where-you-said-that-you-got-so drawn into this community and were so surrounded by this devastation that you were giving a eulogy a week. This has to be a, for all professionals who deal with death and dying in the hospice movement, whether it's AIDS related or...

SANDRA THURMAN: Sure, sure.

STEVE ROBERTS: ...in general, it takes enormous resiliency and resources to keep going in that world, doesn't it?

SANDRA THURMAN: It does. It does. It was very, very difficult and that's one of the reasons why I came off of the front lines of ~~of~~ HIV and AIDS some five years ago to go to work at the Carter Center and work on policy issues for awhile. Because I began to ~~to~~ see myself, and many professionals who work in the helping professions find this, began to see myself showing ^[symptoms] ~~[systems]~~ of burnout that I was monitoring in all of our staff. But when I looked in the mirror and saw that there was symptoms in myself, I thought...hmm...I need to take a break, which isn't unusual. But it is hard and, in those early days, we had no therapies, so there was nothing we could do for people except to help them die with dignity and grace. And that was the only thing we had. The unusual, I think, or the odd thing about that, from where I sit today, is that managing the epidemic was much easier in the days when we could almost do nothing than it is today. I mean, the issues and the policies and ~~and the~~ the challenges that we face today are much more complex, and in many ways, much more difficult to deal with than plain old death and dying, which is what we had to do in the early days. You know, we had no choices. ^{ooo} [we had no, you know] there wasn't really anything we could do back then. And ~~and~~ life, in many ways, was simpler, although ² [although] extraordinarily painful.

STEVE ROBERTS: One of the choices, one of the policy issues is clearly research in medicine and, just recently, there's been a story about a field test for a new vaccine. And, if I read the literature right, this is the largest test that's ever been done.

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DRAFT AGENDA (May 27, 1999)

Monday, June 7
National Gallery A&B

- 8:30 a.m. Welcome
 R. Scott Hitt, M.D., Chair
 Update of Interim Activities
- 9:00 a.m. Office of National AIDS Policy Update
 Sandra Thurman and Todd Summers, Office of National AIDS
 Policy
- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee meetings:
 Research Subcommittee
 Update and Discussion on Applied Behavioral Research
 Dr. Judith Auerbach, Office of AIDS Research (NIH)
- Prevention Subcommittee**
 Update and Discussion on HIV/AIDS Prevention Issues
- Services Subcommittee**
 Discussion on Interim Council Activities
- 12:30 p.m. **LUNCH** (on your own)
- 2:00 p.m. Full Council Presentation “Planning Access to Care”
 Mike Hash, Health Care Finance Administration
 Daniel Mendelson, Office of Management and Budget (T)
 Kevin Thurm, Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human
 Services (T)
- 4:00 p.m. **Appropriations Subcommittee**
 Update on HIV/AIDS Appropriations
- International Issues Subcommittee**
 Informational Session: “Perspectives on Parallel Importing and
 Compulsory Licensing”
- Racial/Ethnic Populations Subcommittee**
 Update on HIV/AIDS and Racial and Ethnic Populations
- 6:00 p.m. **ADJOURN**

Tuesday, June 8

8:30 a.m. **All Subcommittee Meetings Begin:**

Appropriations Subcommittee

Update on HIV/AIDS Appropriations

International Issues Subcommittee

Update on HIV/AIDS International Issues

Racial/Ethnic Populations Subcommittee

Update on HIV/AIDS and Racial and Ethnic Populations

9:30 a.m. **Prevention Subcommittee**

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Update on HIV/AIDS

Prevention Issues

Eva Seiler, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Research Subcommittee

Hirshhorn

Update and Discussion on HIV/AIDS Research Issues

11:00 a.m. **Services Subcommittee**

Renwick

“Discussion on HIV/AIDS Housing and the
HOPWA Appropriation”

Randy Russell, The AIDS Task Force of Alabama

Nan Roman, National Alliance to End Homelessness

Valerie Reyes-Jimenez, Housing Works

12:00 noon **LUNCH** (on your own)

2:00 p.m. Public Comment

National Gallery A&B

3:00 p.m. Subcommittee Reports

5:00 p.m. Other Business

6:00 p.m. **ADJOURN**

Guidance on HIV/AIDS Crisis in Africa and U.S. Response

The U.S. is accused by Ralph Nader and others of preventing access to medicines to combat HIV/AIDS in Africa. Mr. Nader states that U.S. - and specifically the Vice President's - support for pharmaceutical companies' complaints against the South African Government's efforts to make drugs more affordable has deprived thousands of needed treatments. What is your response to this?

- The United States government, particularly the President, the First Lady and the Vice President, have taken an active role in publicizing the AIDS crisis in Africa, and in ensuring that the U.S. strongly supports African efforts to combat the disease.
- This Administration has done more than any previous Administration to fight the scourge of HIV/AIDS both here at home and abroad. We have accomplished much, but much more still needs to be done.
- This is especially important as nearly 70% of the 34 million people living with HIV/AIDS live in Africa, and 11.5 million out of the 14 million deaths caused by HIV/AIDS have occurred in Africa.
- Since 1986 the United States government has contributed over \$1 billion to the global fight against HIV/AIDS. More than 50% of those funds have been dedicated to sub-Saharan Africa. Since the early 1990s, the U.S. has been the lead donor to the UNAIDS Programme, contributing more than 25% of the budget, and 48% of overall development assistance devoted to HIV care and prevention in the developing world.
- This year the United States will spend \$76 million to combat HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa, including \$7 million alone for children orphaned and affected by AIDS.
- The United States has been a leading donor in the fight against HIV/AIDS in some of the worst hit countries on the continent. For example, from 1986-1998, through USAID funding, the U.S. government contributed over \$46 million to fund counseling, testing, education, prevention, destigmatization, and treatment programs in Uganda. This is more than ¼ of the total donor contributions to Uganda's aggressive and

successful effort – the only example outside of Thailand in the developing world – to halt the increase in HIV infection rates.

- In South Africa, the United States, through USAID recently committed to fund a \$10 million five year program to support the South African government and local NGOs efforts to fight HIV/AIDS. We are seeking private funding to double these resources by encouraging Public/Private Partnerships.
- We applaud recent efforts by many of Africa's leaders, including those of President Mandela, South Africa's Deputy President Mbeki, Ghana's President Rawlings, Zambia's President Chiluba, Namibia's President Nujoma, and many others to publicize the dangers of HIV/AIDS and the need for a united and concerted effort by communities to prevent its further spread and support those already infected.
- That said, we do have concerns with provisions of South Africa's Medicines Act, which may grant the Minister of Health broad discretion to authorize parallel importing of pharmaceutical products in a manner inconsistent with international trade agreements. The lack of definition provided in the Act may also grant authority to undermine other patent rights with respect to pharmaceuticals.
- We believe that commercial incentives to market pharmaceutical products are necessary, if we expect private industry to support continued research and the introduction of new, more effective pharmaceuticals. We will continue to work with the AIDS community and people living with AIDS both here and abroad to find ways to expand access to treatment. We will also continue to work in a sense of partnership with the South African government to resolve our outstanding differences related to intellectual property rights protections and the Medicines Act.

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June 18, 1999

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Dear Mr. Pope: *Randy*

I recently heard of your plans to retire from Michigan Department of Community Health. I would like to offer my personal best wishes and sincere thanks for your valuable contributions to HIV/AIDS prevention and care.

Since the beginning, you have tirelessly served as an advocate for those living with HIV/AIDS. You have built bridges between community concerns and government policy, making Michigan a successful example of what can come from such a partnership. And you have dedicated so much of your time and energy, year after year, to fighting the epidemic on the frontlines. It has not been an easy 13 years, but know that your work will continue to be an inspiration for those following in your footsteps - giving voice to the voiceless, and giving hope to those who have lost so much.

You have my fondest wishes of farewell and best of luck in your retirement.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Thurman
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Director

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National Religious AIDS Networks**

Ms. Sandra Thurman
White House Office on AIDS Policy
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HARRY L. SIMPSON
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Dear Ms. Thurman:

We've met on several occasions, most recently at the Convocation on AIDS and Religion in America. You might also remember me as a friend of Randy Pope and as chair of the Ryan White CARE Act consortia chair for Michigan. I also co-chair with the Rev. Bill Frampton from NEAC the Council of National Religious AIDS Networks.

Introductions done, I'd like to alert you to my strong interest in creating and sustaining a global focus on the AIDS pandemic among the public and among our religious communities. Over the last 15 years I have been a frequent visitor and AIDS educator in Harare, Zimbabwe and have strong relationships there with AIDS service organizations and with several of the churches. I have plans to be in Zimbabwe in both June and November of this year. I know of your interest through your statements and through recent conversations with Betty Gittens of the United Methodist Church. I would like you to keep me in mind as relationships and conversations develop, especially with an African emphasis. I believe that among the Council partner ministries there are many AIDS-related efforts underway in Africa, but that a global focus has been lacking. Betty and I have dedicated ourselves within the Council to keeping the focus before our members and where possible, before the public as well, including government.

A second item is a calendar item related to the Global pandemic, but also to the "next steps" of the Convocation. In Atlanta ANIN and the Council heard from both you and Paul DeLay of the Agency for International Development, a willingness to enter into a more intense discussion of the role of faith communities in the continuing HIV/AIDS pandemic. A planning team will soon be at work on such a process. I would like to know of your availability to participate in a dialogue with us when we meet in Washington in early August (August 2 or 3). You are key to the process and so I will need an indication from you or your staff at your earliest convenience.

Finally, because I know of your interest in Zimbabwe, I am wondering if it would be at all possible for you to meet an Anglican priest who currently serves as President of the Anglican provincial seminary at the University of Zimbabwe, Fr. Chad Gandiya. He's been active in AIDS work here in the US with me and at home, where he was the organizing chairperson of the AIDS Counseling Trust in Harare. He will be in Washington from about April 10-17. I would be able to accompany him and our visit would not need to be long. Networking and establishing a working knowledge of each other would be the agenda—especially important given the Agency for International Development's expanding counseling and testing centers. If there is a time possible on your busy schedule, early notice of it would make our planning eas-

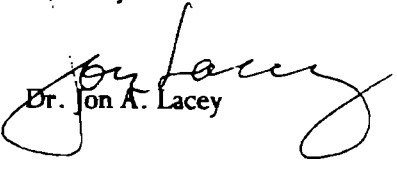
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ier.

Finally, I'd like to let you know that Randy will be leaving the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Intervention Section of the Michigan Department of Community Health at the end of June. He's been a mainstay of our AIDS community since the beginnings. We will deeply miss him, as I am sure NASTAD will too. I'll let you know details of events celebrating his retirement and maybe we can have you work up a letter or proclamation, or something.

Looking forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Sincerely,


Dr. Jon A. Lacey

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Thanks for offering to write a personal letter congratulating Randy on his retirement and recognizing his contributions to HIV/AIDS prevention and care. I am faxing relevant background information for your review. Please feel free to use it as you see fit.

I am also very excited at the possibility of presenting Randy with a personal letter from the President. Thank you for offering to facilitate this happening. I look forward to seeing you on your next visit to Detroit. Are you still interested in visiting one of the best run needle exchange program in the country?

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Randy has been the head of the Michigan's AIDS prevention program since the office was started in 1986. The office was originally known as the Special Office on AIDS Prevention (SOAP). The name of the office was changed to the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Intervention Section (HAPIS) under a reorganization in the early 1990s.

Michigan's response to the AIDS epidemic grew out of a cry of need from the organized gay community. In response to this cry, then Michigan Governor Blanchard called for an expert committee to develop a plan over a 6 month period of time. In April of 1986, the expert committee issued a report to the governor. This document, with 55 recommendations, formed the basis for the state's response to the epidemic.

When the office first started, there were three people in the office – Randy, a secretary, and a public health educator. There are now there are close to 40 employees within the Section, organized under 3 Units – Prevention, Training and Continuum of Care.

Michigan serves as a role model for other states, and has been in the forefront in many areas since its program began in 1986. Michigan is especially noted for its community prevention planning efforts, use of OraSure in HIV/AIDS counseling and testing especially in outreach settings, its prisoner peer education program, aggressive partner notification program (now known as partner counseling and referral services), its HIV counselor training and certification program, its case management and Uniform Reporting System, its AIDS Drug Assistance Program, and its use of the new detuned assay for measuring incidence of HIV infection, to name just a few noteworthy program areas.

In his position, Randy has been a staunch advocate for the rights of the those infected and affected by HIV. His vision and leadership have been instrumental in keeping Michigan ahead of other states, not only in the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS, but also in the treatment and continued care of those already infected. Randy has also been actively involved on the national level, serving as the recent chair of the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors.

On June 18, 1999, Randy will retire from his position as Manager of the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Intervention within the Michigan Department of Community Health, a position that he has held for the past thirteen (13) years.

RANDALL S. POPE
Manager
HIV/AIDS Prevention & Intervention Section
Michigan Department of Community Health

- Has 33 years of public health experience with CDC and the state of Michigan
- Has directed diverse program efforts including control of sexually transmitted diseases, diabetes and smallpox eradication
- Has been the Director of Michigan's HIV/AIDS prevention efforts since the program was initiated in 1986
- Has expanded the Michigan HIV/AIDS program from a small staff of three, dedicated to policy development and limited health education/health communications efforts, to a staff of over 40 who address all areas of HIV/AIDS prevention and care
- Is a tireless advocate for HIV infected and affected communities
- Under his leadership, Michigan's HIV/AIDS program has often been at the forefront of many program and policy areas, and has consistently served as a model to other states
- His vision in all areas of HIV/AIDS issues and his dedication to his work have made Randy a nationally recognized leader in HIV/AIDS. He is a founding member and former chair of National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors; he is a member of the External Review team for CDC's comprehensive HIV prevention programs; and he is frequently invited as an expert consultant to HRSA and CDC on a variety of policy and program issues.

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June 15, 1999

Sandra Thurman
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Dear Sandy:

On behalf of the National Association of People with AIDS, thank you for participating in the video news release for National HIV Testing Day 1999 (and thanks to Cheryl for making the shoot happen).

Your soundbites convey clear and powerful messages that add significantly to the piece. We will be sure to provide copies of news coverage that results from its distribution.

As discussed, we'd appreciate it if you could sign the attached release form for our records and fax it back to us at 212-679-7695 at your convenience.

Look forward to seeing you at the Testing Day/Life Awards luncheon next Monday!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liz Panos', is written above the typed name.

Liz Panos
Medisphere Communications
212-213-4211

cc: D. Stroup

ROUTING SLIP

DATE: 6 / 2 / 99

FROM: Stephanie Streett
Assistant to the President and Director of Presidential Scheduling

SUBJECT: Mtg w/ Rev. Dr. Leon Sullivan

Virginia Apuzzo	___	Thurgood Marshall Jr.	___
Lisa Berg	___	Minyon Moore	___
Samuel Berger	___	Bob Nash	___
Sidney Blumenthal	___	Jennifer Palmieri	___
Mary Beth Cahill	___	John Podesta	___
Phil Caplan	___	Clark Ray	___
Davis/Redington	✓	Steve Ricchetti	___
Maria Echaveste	✓	Bruce Reed	___
Tim Emrich	✓	Dan Rosenthal	___
George Frampton	___	Charles Ruff	___
Nancy Hernreich	___	Patti Solis-Doyle	___
Mickey Ibarra	___	Doug Sosnik	___
Ron Klain	___	Gene Sperling	___
Neal Lane	___	Larry Stein	___
Lisa Levin	___	Aviva Steinberg	___
Ann Lewis	___	Todd Stern	___
Bruce Lindsey	___	Loretta Ucelli	✓
Joe Lockhart	✓	Melanne Verveer	___
Capricia Marshall	___	Michael Waldman	✓
		Sandra Thurman	✓
		Todd Summers	✓

FILE: Accept

COMMENTS: _____

SCHEDULING PROPOSAL

Date: 5/25/99

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☐ **ACCEPT**

☐ **REJECT**

☐ **PENDING**

TO: Stephanie Street
Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Scheduling

FROM: Maria Echaveste, Deputy Chief of Staff
Sandra Thurman, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

REQUEST: Meeting with the Reverend Dr. Leon Sullivan

PURPOSE: The President would meet with Reverend Sullivan to hear a report on the recently concluded African African-American Summit in Ghana, including a plenary session on the AIDS pandemic.

BACKGROUND: Reverend Sullivan chaired the recently concluded African African-American Summit in Ghana. This was an important opportunity for African-American and African community and political leaders to develop an agenda for responding to a broad range of issues of mutual interest. Rev. Sullivan has asked for the opportunity to provide a report on the results of the summit.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: Rev. Sullivan authored the "Sullivan principles," a code of ethics for businesses operating in South Africa during apartheid. His many activities with this Administration include participation in the President's delegation to the third Africa African-American Summit in Dakar, Senegal (the delegation was led by Secretary Ron Brown).

DATE AND TIME: Rev. Sullivan is available on May 31 or June 1-11, 1999.

DURATION: Thirty minutes.

LOCATION: Oval Office.

PARTICIPANTS: Maria Echaveste, Deputy Chief of Staff
Sandra Thurman, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy
Ben Johnson, Assistant to the President
Gail Smith, NSC

**OUTLINE OF
EVENTS:**

The President will welcome Rev. Dr. Sullivan, followed by an informal dialogue between meeting participants.

REMARKS:

None.

MEDIA:

White House Photo or still photos at beginning of the meeting.

FIRST LADY:

No.

VICE PRESIDENT:

No.

SECOND LADY:

No.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Maria Echaveste, Sandra Thurman

CONTACT:

Todd Summers, Deputy Director, Office of National AIDS Policy,
6-2444

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 22, 1999

Shaheid Summons
#321-090
Marion Correctional Institution
Marion, OH 43302

Dear Shaheid,

Thank you for your kind letter and generous words. It was good to hear from you. I am glad to know the articles from *USA Today* about my Presidential Mission to Zambia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, and South Africa reached you and affected you like they did. It was a remarkable, life-altering experience seeing all those families devastated by this pandemic, and I am working to convey the magnitude of the HIV/AIDS crisis, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa, to President Clinton.

I truly believe we can make a difference in this epidemic. We can save lives. We can stop AIDS both here in the United States and across the globe. We will do this by getting the word out about how to stay protected from the disease and by advocating on behalf of those already infected or affected by HIV/AIDS for better care, treatment, and increased research. I have the opportunity to do this every day, and so do you. You have the power to become an AIDS educator and make a difference in the fight against this killer.

As you stated, AIDS is particularly devastating among African-Americans. Likewise, incarcerated individuals are at a high risk for infection. Shaheid, you have a unique opportunity to educate those around you about how to protect themselves from HIV/AIDS. I am enclosing some HIV/AIDS information here, as well as some suggestions for further study as you requested.

Congratulations on obtaining your G.E.D. and working for those business management certificates. It sounds like you are using your time well. I hope educating yourself and others about HIV/AIDS will be your next project. Good luck! Thanks again for your letter.

Sincerely,



Sandra Thurman

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

June 4, 1999

Dear Sandra,

After reading the article in the (USA TODAY, Monday, May 24, 1999, page 2.D.) I felt Compelled to write you. I know by now you are wondering who I am, please allow me to tell you. My name is Shahied Summons. I am a young black man who is repaying a debt to society. I have been incarcerated for 3 and a half years. Since I've been here I've obtained a G.E.D. and am now working on my Second year certificate in business management.

Sandra, the reason I felt compelled to write you is because I was mesmerized by your dedication and dilligence. We need more people like you in positions of power. I was really touched when I read about how you went to africa to see for your self the destruction the aids epidemic has caused. [Tell me Sandra, what was going through your mind when you were sitting with Willard and Cloud Tinet in Zimbabwe?] I can't imagine what that experience must have been like. Seeing all those people whose lives and families have been torn apart by aids must have been devastating. I appreciate what you are doing Sandra. You deserve the utmost respect for your efforts. I want to Congradulate you on your accomplishments and to encourage you to continue your plight.

I understand that aids is one of the factors contributing to the demise of african americans. I would like to increase my knowledge of the disease. If you could send me the titles of some good books to read I would highly appreciate it.

Sandra, I know that you are a extremely busy woman, so I hope that you find time to read this letter. The article in the paper says that you are 46; however, you have the vibrance of a 25 year old. I don't know where you get the energy and patience to deal with a job that's so demanding, I just hope you continue to do the great job you have been.

In closing I would like to leave you with some words of encouragement. Whenever you embark upon a journey you are almost always guaranteed to come across bumps in the road, and your outlook on them will determine how they affect you. Look at them as stepping stones instead of stumbling blocks and you'll always come out on top. Millions of AIDS patients around the world need you. Thanks again.

Cordially,

Shahied Summons

Shahied Summons # 321-090

Marion Correctional Institution

Marion, OH 43302

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 28, 1999

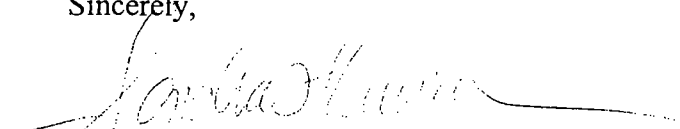
Roger D. Anderson, M.D.
Anderson Clinical Research, Inc.
3339 Ward Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
15213-4330

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I appreciate your strong interest in becoming a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. I have forwarded your curriculum vitae to Daniel Montoya, the Executive Director of the Council.

I commend you for your long-term involvement in a wide range of HIV/AIDS related issues in the Pittsburgh area. I hope that you will continue your important work in fighting this epidemic. I wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

sent
6/3/99
for
Montoya

COMPLETED

Sent June 18, 1999

June 16, 1999

William F. Courtney
725 Blueberry Hill Drive
Canfield, Ohio 44406

Dear Mr. Courtney,

Thank you for your letter. It was good to hear from you. I am glad to know that you want to make a difference in the lives of those being devastated by HIV/AIDS. There are a number of organizations in Sub-Saharan Africa serving those infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS that would be worthy of your support, and I have included some background and contact information for them here.

TASO (The AIDS Support Organization) Uganda

TASO is a voluntary organization founded in 1987 by Ugandans to provide psychosocial support to people living with HIV/AIDS. They now provide counseling, medical care, and social support to over 22,000 people in seven districts.

Contact: The Director, TASO
P.O. Box 10443
Kampala,
Uganda

UWESO (Uganda Women's Effort to Save Orphans)

UWESO was founded in 1986 by the first lady of Uganda, to help the children left orphan by the wars. By now over 7,500 women have joined UWESO, and are mobilized into 35 districts across the country. These women volunteer their time to foster orphans, encourage others to foster infants, manage school sponsorship programs, and implement income generating activities to benefit orphans. In recent years, the phenomenon of children left orphan by AIDS has swept through Uganda, and UWESO is responding in kind and will be for years to come as the number of these children is increasing by the day.

Contact: UWESO
P.O. Box 8419
Kampala, Uganda
Telephone: 00256 41 532 394/5

E-mail: UWESO@IMUL.COM

I visited with representatives from both of these organizations during the Presidential Mission to Uganda, and I know that they are doing great work. Please contact these organizations for further information. Also, let me know if I can be of further assistance. Thank you again for your letter and continued support.

Sincerely,

Sandra Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

June 16, 1999

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Canfield, Ohio 44406

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Sandra Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

WILLIAM F. COURTNEY

725 BLUEBERRY HILL DRIVE

CANFIELD, OHIO 44406

May 24, 1990

Miss Sandra Thurman
Director of Procedure Clinton Office
National Aids Policy,
Washington DC

Dear Ms Thurman

I read the article on Soweto, South Africa
telling of the heavy Aids virus affecting three
million persons. I am prepared to send to the persons
name and address that I ask you to send to me.
I will send up to \$100.00 American dollars per month,
to that person directly for at least 12 months.

Any additional suggestions to me that you would
include, I will consider contributing to that person
or cause.

I appreciate the work that you carried out in traveling
to those countries.

Sincerely
William Courtney

WILLIAM F. COURTNEY

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 9, 1999

The Honorable
Arlene Render
American Ambassador
The corner of Independence and United Nations Avenue
Lusaka, Zambia

Dear Madame Ambassador Render,

Thank you for your hospitality during my recent visit to Zambia with the Presidential Mission. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your support. Your mobilization of your community and resources was truly invaluable.

You have been a wonderful resource to us, an important link to Zambia's government, culture, and HIV/AIDS information, and so generous with your time and energy. I am most grateful, and look forward to seeing you during your next visit to Washington, D.C.

In addition, I have attached a letter to President Chiluba about my visit. I would appreciate your forwarding it to his attention as soon as possible. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter and for your continued support.

Best wishes to you and your wonderful staff.

Sincerely,

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Sandra Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 9, 1999

The Honorable
Nancy Powell
American Ambassador
Kampala
10/12 Parliament Avenue
Kampala, Uganda

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In addition, I have attached a letter to President Museveni about my visit. I would appreciate your forwarding it to his attention as soon as possible. Thank you for time and attention to this matter and for your continued support.

Best wishes to you and your wonderful staff.

Sincerely,

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Sandra Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 1, 1999

Mr. Shawn Decker
Ms. Gwenn Barringer
23 Woodlake Drive
Charlottesville, Virginia 22901

Dear Mr. Decker and Ms. Barringer:

It was so wonderful to hear from you again! I wanted to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your tireless efforts on behalf of all those living with HIV and AIDS.

As you well know, we are in tremendous danger of losing our nation's future, our youth, to this disease. Your dedication and commitment to AIDS education serves as an inspiration to all of us who see very clearly the dangers in complacency. It is particularly encouraging to hear of your ongoing advocacy with young people through the media, local AIDS service organizations and high schools, where prevention messages have become increasingly important. The impact of such outreach cannot be overemphasized.

Again, thank you both for your passion and continued commitment. I wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors, and do keep me posted!

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

P.S. Congratulations, Gwen, on your recent honor of being crowned Miss Powhatan! I am confident that your AIDS prevention platform will be well served. Good luck in the upcoming Miss Virginia competition!

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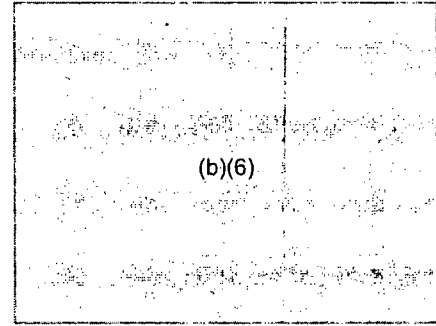
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Record Type: Record

To: Cheryl S. Bauerle/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: the information (411!)

Hey Cheryl!

Nice catching up with you on the phone... here's my contact info followed by some brief information about me and Gwenn.



[002]

A little about me.....

Born with hemophilia in 1975, acquiring such notable viruses as hepatitis B (in 1980) and hepatitis C (in 1994) through the use of blood product treatments, in addition to HIV of course (diagnosed in 87 and kicked out of elementary school as a result).

Have been educating through speaking and writing (authoring the column "Positoid" in POZ magazine) for the last three years. Appeared on MTV News Unfiltered in October of 1997, produced a CD featuring HIV positive musicians which was played nationwide on World AIDS Day of the same year. Also got to meet Sandra Thurman and Al Gore at the White House.

Met Gwenn Barringer late in 1998. Gwenn is a two year graduate student (studying psychology, her master's thesis is on HIV Prevention among adolescents) at James Madison University in Harrisonburg where she also works for their local ASO, Valley AIDS Network.

In her home state of Ohio she implemented a program at her former high school in which students could seek information about HIV/AIDS privately and discreetly.

And recently Gwenn was crowned Miss Powhatan, which is undoubtedly a victory for HIV prevention (her platform). She looks forward to competing at Miss Virginia at the end of June in the hopes of being able to broaden her HIV/AIDS message.

Let me know if you need more info!