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RESIDENCE LIGHT DIMMING/CANDLES

Time: 7:45pm-8:00pm

Notes: 10/28-Preliminary request for approval sent to Apuzzo and Capricia Marshall.

10/29-Apuzzo concurred and requested bcc on a memo to Gary Walker, Head Usher. Apuzzo will then follow up and weigh in.

Paul.

Gary Walters, Spec. Usher at
the White House called.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF USHER GARY WALTERS

FROM: SANDRA THURMAN
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NATIONAL AIDS POLICY

DATE: NOVEMBER 10, 1997

RE: WORLD AIDS DAY REQUESTS

World AIDS Day, which will be observed on December 1, 1997, provides an opportunity for persons across the globe to honor those living with HIV/AIDS, remember those who have died from AIDS, and renew our common commitment to end this terrible epidemic. The President himself has supported and participated in World AIDS Day events in the past and is expected to participate in various World AIDS Day events this year.

As the Residence is a reflection of the President and a subject of great public respect, I would like to request your assistance regarding two events commemorating World AIDS Day 1997 that would involve the Residence. The first involves dimming the exterior grounds lights for fifteen minutes, between 7:45 and 8:00 pm EST, as a tribute to those infected and affected by HIV and AIDS. This is an annual visual demonstration expressing the worldwide commitment to stop the spread of HIV and AIDS. As I understand, in years past we have actively participated in this event.

Secondly, I would like to display panels of the historic AIDS Quilt within the Residence to remind visitors of World AIDS Day and its significance. Since the Residence will be closed to tours for a brief time for Christmas decorating, one option may be to display two panels of the Quilt in the East Colonnade of the East Wing one week prior to and/or after the first of December. I am open to suggestions and would appreciate your guidance concerning this issue.

If you have any questions please contact Paul Yandura in my office at (202) 632-1090. Thank you so much for your time and assistance.

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N. PORCH
CHANGE
LIGHTS
CANDLES
QUEEN ADJACENT
FAMILY DINING ROOM

NO DISPLAY
SPACE



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Dear Sandy:

On behalf of the 1997 World AIDS Day Advisory Committee, I am writing to request a letter from President Clinton to include in the American Association for World Health's (AAWH) World AIDS Day Resource Booklet. The President's letter has been on the opening pages of the Resource Booklets since 1994 and has demonstrated the Clinton Administration's concern about the health risks posed to our citizens by the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

World AIDS Day is the only international endeavor of coordinated action against HIV/AIDS. World AIDS Day serves to strengthen global efforts in the fight against HIV/AIDS and enhances community support for HIV/AIDS programs. These programs assist in the development of sympathetic and respectful attitudes towards people with HIV and AIDS living in our communities.

The following points are important themes that the White House might consider when drafting the letter:

- 1997 marks the tenth observance of World AIDS Day (first observed on December 1, 1988). The focus of this year's theme, "Give Children Hope in a World with AIDS," challenges Americans to contemplate the long-term repercussions of the AIDS pandemic, without losing sight that AIDS affects everyone.
- The guiding principles for World AIDS Day 1997 include the definition of a child as a human being under 18 years of age. UNAIDS defines the overall aim of the initiative as "Increased understanding of the magnitude of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and its global dimensions, with an emphasis on promoting action and sound policies to prevent HIV transmission and to minimize the epidemic's impact on children, their families and their communities."
- Nearly one million children worldwide are living with HIV and suffer the physical and psychological consequences of infection. World AIDS Day serves as an opportunity for Americans to renew their commitment towards improved policies and increased action for preventing and treating HIV infection. In line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, all children living with HIV/AIDS must have access to treatment, counseling, education, recreation and social support, and be protected against any form of discrimination.

- The false perception that the United States will soon win the battle against AIDS, which has been fueled by new advances in protease inhibitor treatment, must be addressed through re-energized and re-invented local and national initiatives. The changing demographics of the pandemic require increased awareness of HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment in rural communities, among children, adolescents and young adults, within African American, Latino and Native American communities, among women, and within prison and correctional facilities.

The American Association for World Health would like to receive the President's letter no later than August 1, 1997, so that we could include it in the Resource Booklet.

In addition, AAWH would like to confirm, as we have in previous years, when the White House lights will be dimmed on World AIDS Day so that we can announce it in the booklet. The following language was used in last year's booklet:

Paul -

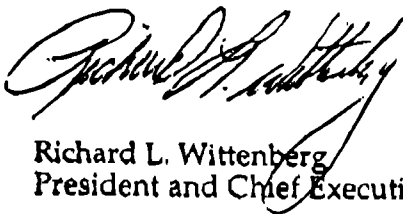
Join our nation's capital in a unified observance
of World AIDS Day
On December 1, as in years past, the White House is planning to dim its lights for fifteen minutes from 7:45 to 8:00 p.m. (eastern standard time) to commemorate World AIDS Day and to offer a tribute to those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Villages, towns and cities across the country are encouraged to join the White House in dimming their lights as a visual demonstration expressing the worldwide commitment to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Enclosed are a copy of President Clinton's letter from last year for reference and global statistics provided by UNAIDS.

I would like to meet with you to further discuss collaborative efforts between AAWH and the Office of National AIDS Policy for World AIDS Day. I will call you in the near future to schedule a meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation.

With warmest personal regards,



Richard L. Wittenberg
President and Chief Executive Officer

Enclosures

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