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December 1, 1997

Dear Colleague:

Today, on World AIDS Day, as we remember the nearly 400,000 Americans we have lost to AIDS, I want to reiterate the Social Security Administration's commitment to providing compassionate and efficient service to people living with HIV/AIDS. Although we are encouraged by the development of new drug therapies to treat HIV disease, we know that this epidemic is not over.

We recognize that for many of the thousands of men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS, your organization plays an invaluable role in helping them access care and services. Through our regional and field offices around the country, the Social Security Administration has worked closely with many of you as you assist your clients in applying for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits. We will continue this partnership as we strive to ensure that all people living with HIV/AIDS know about the Social Security programs for which they may be eligible.

We are aware that many people living with HIV/AIDS who have benefited from recent treatment advances may want to return to work. There are important provisions in the disability programs called "work incentives" that enable a beneficiary to return to work for a period of time without losing the "safety net" of monthly cash benefits and Medicare or Medicaid. If you need more information about this, or have other questions about Social Security, please call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 or contact your local Social Security office. Information is also available through our website at <http://www.ssa.gov>.

Thank you for your very important work in serving men, women, and children living with HIV/AIDS.

Sincerely,

Kenneth S. Apfel
Commissioner
of Social Security

Author: Robert Nickerson at ~SADC
Date: 11/26/97 7:41 AM
Priority: Urgent
Receipt Requested
TO: Yandura_P@A1.eop.gov at ##Internet
Subject: Letter to colleagues

----- Message Contents -----

Paul:

Here is the letter again from SSA. It is in 5.1 Word Perfect.

Call me if you can't read this: 358-6016.

By the way, on Friday morning to insure that it is there for December 1, we will send to the approximately 65,000 Social Security employees the following broadcast from the Commissioner:

A Message To All SSA and DDS Employees

Subject: World AIDS Day

Today we mark World AIDS Day, a day to remember those people-- 400,000 Americans alone -- that have been lost to this disease. But today also is a time to recognize how far we have come in providing treatment and hope to those living with HIV/AIDS. Although we are encouraged by the development of new drug therapies to treat the virus, we know that this epidemic is not over.

At SSA, we are committed to providing compassionate and efficient service to people living with HIV/AIDS. We will continue to work in partnership with the many HIV/AIDS advocacy organizations to ensure that all people living with HIV/AIDS know about the Social Security programs for which they may be eligible. There is much that we do to help; for example, provisions in the disability claims process enable us to expedite HIV/AIDS cases, and work incentives enable beneficiaries to lead more normal lives.

I salute your work with individuals living with HIV/AIDS, and I appreciate the compassion and professionalism with which you accomplish your jobs. Keep up the good work.

Kenneth S. Apfel
Commissioner of Social Security

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
HIV/AIDS BUREAU

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FAX TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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11/26/97

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Kathy O'Neill

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PLUS COVER SHEET.

MESSAGE:

Also please note that we are having an afternoon (4pm) Ceremony of Remembrance; display of NAMES Project quilt; poster and essay contest; and raffle to benefit Children's Inn at NIH. Please call w/ any questions!

☐ ACTION☐ PER OUR CONVERSATION☐ AWAIT YOUR REPLY☐ COMMENT☐ FOR YOUR INFORMATION☐ AS REQUESTED

DRAFT PROGRAM**Parklawn Inter-Agency World AIDS Day Observance****December 1, 1997****10:00 - 11:15 AM****Conference Rooms D & E**

10:00 AM	Welcome Joseph F. O'Neill, M.D., M.P.H. Associate Administrator HIV/AIDS Bureau, HRSA Director, Office of Special Programs, HRSA
10:05 AM	Greetings from Agency Heads Nelba R. Chavez, Ph.D. Administrator, SAMHSA Claude Earl Fox, M.D., M.P.H. Acting Administrator, HRSA Michael A. Friedman, M.D. Lead Deputy Commissioner, FIDA Alan I. Leshner, Ph.D. Director, NIDA/NIH Michael H. Trujillo, M.D., M.P.H., M.S. Director, IHS
10:20 AM	Musical Selection Nicole Reed
10:25 AM	"Living with HIV" Children from Children's Inn at NIH
10:35 AM	"African Children Living with AIDS" Doris Mosley, BHP
10:45 AM	Musical Selection Bruce Taylor
10:50 AM	"Children Living with AIDS in the U.S." Michael Kaiser, M.D. Chief, Comprehensive Family Services Branch, HIV/AIDS Bureau
11:00 AM	Introduction of Poster/Essay Winners Reading of Winning Essay Presentation of framed copy of poster/essay to winners) NIH Children
11:10 AM	Drawing of raffle prizes to benefit Children's Inn at NIH

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JANIE ADAMS CLUB.

HRSA - Dr O'Neill HIV/AIDS Bureau

Essay reading
by kids

Song by kids
Three kids living w/ AIDS talk
Dr Michael Kaiser
Dr Mofley
Student Poster Contest

EXECUTIVE BRANCH WORLD AIDS DAY EVENTS

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

Activities: Local AmeriCorps volunteers placed at several AIDS service organizations, including the Whitman-Walker Clinic, Miriam's House, SMYAL, Food & Friends, as well as the National AIDS Fund, will attend the AIDSCAP World AIDS Day press conference and the District of Columbia's Agency for HIV/AIDS Fair. They will spend their evening at a memorial service sponsored by the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry.

Time: 8:30 a.m. AIDSCAP Press Conference – National Press Building
11:00 a.m. D.C. Agency for HIV & AIDS Fair
7:00 p.m. Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry Memorial Service

Place: See Above

Contact:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Activities: DOC will offer a host of events. Their featured program includes a speech by Paul Shepard of the Whitman-Walker Clinic as well as personal HIV/AIDS testimonials. Two workshops will follow. Two films will also be shown, and an exhibit featuring a panel of the AIDS Quilt and information on HIV/AIDS prevention programs and services will be displayed all day.

Time: 10:00 a.m. Featured Program – HCHB Conference Room 4830
Speaker: Paul Shepard, Whitman-Walker Clinic
Personal Testimonials: Tommy and Valerie Reader, NAPWA
12:00 p.m. Workshop: "How to Talk to your Kids About AIDS" – HCHB Conf. Room 6803
Film: "After Goodbye: An AIDS Story"
1:00 p.m. Workshop: "Management Concerns: Addressing HIV/AIDS Issues in the Workplace" – HCHB Conf. Room 6083
Film: "Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt"

Place: See Above

Contact: Maria Cardona, 482-0798

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Activities: Though no formal activities are planned at the Pentagon, many of the Department's medical facilities throughout the country will sponsor their own local events.

Time: N/A

Place: N/A

Contact: Jim Turner, 697-5135

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Activities: DOE will display a panel from the National Memorial AIDS Quilt highlighting the story of one child who died of AIDS. An award winning AIDS documentary, "Our Faces," will play continuously on December 1 and 2 in every DOE building. Matching the White House, all DOE buildings in the DC and Germantown area will dim their lights from 7:45-8:00 p.m. on December 1. Volunteers from the Department's Gay, Lesbian and Bi-sexual Employees organization (GLOBE) will distribute to employees red ribbons and listings of local AIDS service organizations. An informative e-mail will be sent to all employees.

Time: All day

Place: All buildings

Contact: Brooke Anderson, 586-4940

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Activities:

Time:

Place:

Contact:

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Activities: Throughout the day, HUD's Gay Lesbian and Bi-sexual Employees groups (GLOBE) will distribute individual red ribbons. A larger, 80' ribbon will be displayed in the main lobby along with panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt. The Department's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and Health Unit will also staff an AIDS information table. All HUD employees will receive a message from the EAP focusing on HIV/AIDS and be invited to a lunchtime program including a play written and presented by children of a New York AIDS housing program.

Time: 1:00 pm Remarks and Play: "I make Me a Promise"

Place: HUD Cafeteria

Contact: Barbara Davidson, 708-1934

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Activities: Attorney General Janet Reno will lead a DOJ commemoration themed "Faces of AIDS: Giving Hope for the Future." Jim Graham — executive director of Whitman-Walker Clinic, Precious Thomas — a child living with AIDS, as well as a DOJ employee with AIDS and family members of an employee who died of AIDS will also speak. The program will include music and a video.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Main Justice Building, Conference Room B

Contact: Michael Gordon, 514-2008

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Activities: The Department will sponsor a program featuring pediatricians from two area hospitals speaking on vertical transmission and community organizations offering volunteer opportunities. Musical interludes will be performed by international pianist and AIDS activist Jose Caceres.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Francis Perkins Building, Great Hall

Contact: David Saltz, 219-8211

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Activities: In cooperation with USIA, USAID, and several AIDS service organization, the Department will sponsor a program of education and commemoration. Confirmed speakers include: Under Secretary of State Bonnie Cohen; Ambassador Sally Shelton-Colby; David Harvey, executive Director of the AIDS Policy Center for Children, Youth, and Families; Joe Christina, Founder of the Children Affected by AIDS Foundation; Sandra Thurman, Director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy; and Kate Shindle, Miss America 1997. The program will feature musical selections, and panel of the AIDS Quilt will be displayed. Approximately 350 people are expected to attend, including 20-30 children affected by AIDS.

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: Loy Henderson Conference Room, State Department

Contact: ~~Susan Walitsky, 647-8156~~ Karen Nicholson 647-0001

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Activities: The Department will observe World AIDS Day with a renewed commitment to clinical care, education and research amid a transformation of the VA healthcare system to improve outpatient and primary care access, which will expand opportunities to treat and counsel HIV+ veterans, substance abusers and others at risk of contracting HIV. A number of VA facilities will mark December 1 with special displays, distribution of literature, or other educational programs, with an emphasis placed on community involvement. A display and distribution of HIV/AIDS awareness literature is planned for VA Headquarters.

Time: All day

Place: Main lobby, VA Headquarters

Contact: Terry Jemison, 273-5700

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Activities: OPM will show a video and photo display of the Boston-New York AIDS Ride, which was completed by several bicyclists earlier this year. Service related handouts from the Whitman-Walker Clinic and Food & Friends will be distributed.

Time: All Day

Place:

Contact: Doug Walker, 606-1800

PEACE CORPS

Activities: Volunteers and staff in approximately 90 posts worldwide will be conducting geospecific World AIDS Day activities in their host countries. Peace Corps is also sponsoring 25 volunteers representing 25 countries to attend an International Conference on HIV/AIDS in Cote d'Ivoire.

Time: N/A

Place: N/A

Contact: Brendon Daly, 606-9357

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Activities: Commissioner Kenneth Atfel will send a letter to the nearly 65,000 SSA employees acknowledging World AIDS Day and detailing resources available to employees who may have concerns or questions. The Commissioner will also visit an AIDS service site on December 1.

Time: N/A

Place: N/A

Contact: Phil Gambino, 410-965-1720

U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY

Activities: USIA is co-sponsoring the State Department's World AIDS Day Program. In addition, USIA's news services will highlight other U.S. activities scheduled to mark World AIDS Day.

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: Loy Henderson Conference Room, State Department

Contact: ~~Susan Walitsky, 647-8156~~
Karin Nicholson 647-0001

FACSIMILE SHEET

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Office of the Commissioner

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Washington, DC 20254

Telephone: (202)358-6000

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Date: November 26

Pages: six

From: Bob Nickerson
Executive Assistant and
Scheduler to the Commissioner

TO: Paul Yandura

Telephone number: 632-1090

Fax number: 632-1096

Messages:

In addition, the Commissioner will visit one of our Social Security Offices in Baltimore on Monday, Dec 1 that has a high number of customers with HIV/AIDS and discuss with SSA staff our case loads. Following that, he will go to the Health Education and Resource Organization (HERO) in Baltimore and meet there with HERO's staff about the services they provide to persons with HIV/AIDS.

I have attached to this fax an outline of HERO which I got off the internet. SSA has had a long standing relationship with them since their inception.



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11/25/97 10:21:00 AM

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Record Type: Record

To: Paul J. Yandura

cc:

Subject: World AIDS Day

The Corporation for National Service has an AmeriCorps program through the National AIDS Fund. In the DC area, there are 18 AmeriCorps members placed at several AIDS-serving non-profit organizations as well as at the National AIDS Fund. The organizations include: the Whiteman-Walker Clinic, Miriam's House, SMYAL, Food & Friends, Joseph's House and others.

On World AIDS Day, these AmeriCorps members will be attending the following events:

8:30-11:00 am AIDSCAP Press Conference @ the National Press Club

11:00-1:00 pm AHA (Agency for HIV & AIDS) Fair

Time TBD Miriam's House (TBD what the event will be)

In addition, I am still looking into what other CNS programs outside of DC may be planning and will get back to you as soon as I know more.



JDEMO @ cns.gov
11/25/97 01:19:00 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Paul J. Yandura

cc:

Subject: FW: World AIDS Day

FYI this is from the AmeriCorps Director for the National AIDS Funds as clarification. I was wrong about the 18 members.

From: DCAIDSTeam@aol.com[SMTP:DCAIDSTeam@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 1997 1:12 PM
To: Demeo, Julie
Subject: Re: World AIDS Day

Julie:

There are only 9 NAF AC members in DC, not 18. We would have liked to do more for World AIDS Day but we were told that an event was going to happen at Miriam's House but it never materialized.

We also will be attending a memorial service in the evening sponsored by NOVAM, the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry. I believe it starts at 7:00.



ssmith @ mailserver.peacecorps.gov
11/21/97 10:43:00 AM

Peace Corps

Record Type: Record

To: Paul J. Yandura

cc:

Subject: Peace Corps and World AIDS Day

Subject:

Time:10:08 AM

OFFICE MEMO

Peace Corps and World AIDS Day

Date:11/21/97

Paul -- I'm responding to the request for information on what Peace Corps plans to do for World AIDS Day. We do not have any formal plans for headquarters staff. I know that in the approximately 90 posts around the world that Volunteers and Staff will be participating in a variety of activities with their host country partners. At headquarters I plan on attending the national Press Club briefing and would appreciate a list of other events that are open to the public. If you could inform me of those events then I'll send a general notice around for Peace Corps staff.

As an aside, Peace Corps is sponsoring a number of our field staff in Africa to attend the International Conference on HIV/AIDS and STDs to be held in Cote d'Ivoire. We will have about 25 staff members present representing 21 of our countries. Prior to the workshop we are hosting a 3 day workshop for Peace Corps (Dec. 3 - 6). Please let me know if you would like additional information on this event.

Again sorry for the delay in this information. Let me know if there is anything else you need. Regards, Shelley



The Department of Commerce Observes
World AIDS Day
December 1, 1997

**SPONSORED BY:**

DOC Office of Civil Rights
NOAA Civil Rights Office
DOC and PTO Employee Assistance Programs
Commerce GLOBE (Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual Employees)

FEATURED PROGRAM:

10 A.M., HCHB Conference Room 4830
Featured Speaker: **Paul Shepard, Whitman Walker Clinic**
Personal Testimonials by: **Tommy and Valerie Reader from the National Association of People with AIDS**

THEME:

"Give Children Hope in a World with AIDS"

WORKSHOP:

"How to Talk to Your Kids About AIDS"
12 noon - 1 P.M., HCHB Conference Room 6803
Presenter: Marcia Lang, Employee Assistance
Counselor for the Department of Commerce

"Management Concerns: Addressing HIV/AIDS Issues in the Workplace"
1 P.M. - 2 P.M., HCHB Conference Room 6083
Presenter: David Summers, Dept. of Education

FILMS:

"After Goodbye: An AIDS Story" - 12 noon
"Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt" - 1 P.M.
HCHB Main Lobby

EXHIBITS:

10 A.M. - 2 P.M., HCHB MAIN LOBBY,
Featuring a panel from the AIDS Quilt and information about
HIV/AIDS prevention and services

These programs are physically accessible to people with disabilities. The Featured Program is sign language interpreted. Requests for other auxiliary aids including sign language interpreters for the films should be directed to Helen Mitchell at (202) 482-5691 (V/TTY/TDD) within two days of the event.



Mary_Sue_Lancaster @ ed.gov
11/17/97 09:21:00 AM

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Record Type: Record

To: Paul J. Yandura

cc:

Subject: World AIDS day

I apologize for not getting back to you sooner. I am rather new here at the Dept. of Education and am actually here on detail from CDC in Atlanta. I have found out from my director here, Bill Modzeleski, that I will be representing Safe and Drug-Free Schools on the Interdepartmental Task Force on HIV/AIDS, which I am very happy to do. I'm afraid there is nothing to report, however, from the Department on marking World AIDS Day. I look forward to meeting you at the next meeting.



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

ENERGY

November 12, 1997

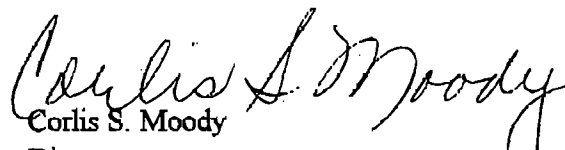
Ms. Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
808 17th Street, NW
Suite 820
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Thurman:

I was glad to hear Don Donaldson's report of the Office of National AIDS Policy's Interagency AIDS Task Force meeting conducted October 22, 1997. Don was very enthusiastic about the meeting and told me he experienced "a sense of vitality" from you and all the representatives from your office. I look forward to working with you on future issues and especially the December interagency meeting regarding personnel issues for people with disabilities.

Since the inception of the Office of National AIDS Policy, the Department of Energy has diligently worked with your office and other agencies to assure that we meet the needs of our employees with HIV/AIDS and those with other life-threatening illnesses. I believe the attached list of activities that we are planning in observance of World AIDS Day, December 1, reflects that same drive and determination on behalf of the Department to maintain HIV/AIDS education and awareness to all our employees.

Should you have any questions about the attached list, please call me at 202-586-8383 or Don Donaldson at 202-586-1753.


Corlis S. Moody
Director
Office of Economic Impact and Diversity



***Department of Energy World AIDS Day Activities
And Ongoing HIV/AIDS Awareness Strategic Plan for FY1998***

Scheduled Activities:

- (1) *Names Project - AIDS Quilt* - The Department will display a 12' x 12' panel from the Names Project's AIDS Memorial Quilt in the lobby of the Forrestal building. In keeping with the World Health Organization's theme of "Give Children Hope in a World with AIDS," we have requested a panel that includes the memory of one child. We are working with the Names Project to highlight that story as part of the display.
- (2) *Award Winning AIDS Educational Video* - In each building main entry, a video tape, "Our Faces," will be played continuously on December 1 and 2. The film is an outstanding documentary which was produced by the Los Alamos National Laboratory and it has received three national awards: (1) "Women Executives in Public Relations Award for Social Responsibility", (2) DOE Training Resources and Data Exchange Award of Excellence and (3) a documentary award from the US International Film Festival.
- (3) *Dimming of the Lights* - In conjunction with the annual dimming of the lights at the White House, the Department of Energy will dim the lights in all buildings in the Washington DC and Germantown area from 7:45 until 8:00 p.m. on December 1.
- (4) *Red Ribbons and Information Distribution* - Volunteers from the Secretary's Diversity Council and members of the Departments Gay, Lesbian and Bi-sexual Employee organization (GLOBE) will provide employees traditional Red Ribbons at each building entry on December 1. These ribbons will be attached to a listing of local HIV/AIDS service organization and respective telephone number, and a volunteer services contact.
- (5) *E:mail Information* - An e:mail announcement listing information concerning DOE and other agency World AIDS Day events will be sent to all employees the last week of November. Included in this e:mail will be information about HIV/AIDS services and their volunteer coordinators.
- (6) *Web Page Information* - Volunteers from GLOBE are donating personal time (vacation) to create a World Wide Web Page (non-DOE) for links to organizations that offer information about HIV/AIDS and service providers.
- (7) *Employees with Disabilities Policy Review Committee* - An internal review of existing policy is being made by a team of DOE employees with disabilities and representatives from the DOE Human Resources Department. Recommendations for changes will be made after the review. This process is in preparation of the Office of National AIDS Policy meeting to be conducted during the latter part of December.

- (8) CHAMPS - A volunteer service coordinator from Project CHAMP (Children's HIV/AIDS Model Program) will speak to our Diversity Council. CHAMP assists children with HIV/AIDS by providing volunteers who take the children to the zoo or museums, to a park or out to eat.

Planned Activities: (Planned activities are those that we are presently pursuing, but may not occur on December 1.)

- (1) Training Class - The Office of Human Resources Health Unit, the Office of Environmental Safety and Health, and the Office of Environmental Management, will team together to conduct a Red Cross sponsored training class, "*Preventing Communicable Diseases*." This class will emphasize the means by which parasites, bacteria and viruses are contracted by humans. The class will be a volunteer class and will meet any guidelines established by Congress and will be "health based" in its focus. The class will be formally announced on World AIDS Day and will be conducted during the last part of January or early February. Other Health Unit representatives from other agencies will be invited to participate in the class at no expense to their agencies.
- (2) Used Clothing Drive - We have requested that our General Counsel review our request for collecting clothes for children with HIV/AIDS in East Africa. This project, if approved, will be conducted in association with the Whitney Project in Sante Fe, New Mexico. Hopefully, we will have approval and begin collecting clothes during the first week of December. All postal expenses will be paid for by private-sector contributors.
- (3) Internal Awards - The Secretary's Diversity Council will acknowledge the contributions to HIV/AIDS made by two Health Unit employees, June Robinson, Director, and Dr. John Richards, Staff Physician. Upon approval by the Secretary's office, the Diversity Council may offer a new award, "The Halo Award," to employees who have contributed to the health care needs of others in their communities.
- (4) Review of HIV/AIDS resources within the Department of Energy - While the Department of Energy does not allocate any program dollars specifically to the National Laboratories for HIV/AIDS research, some of their projects do benefit the research applications of HIV/AIDS and other diseases or are co-sponsored with other agencies. (For example, the HIV Genetic Sequencing Database housed at the Department's Los Alamos National Laboratory, Dr. Gerald Myers, Director.) During the month of December, the Office of Economic Impact will prepare a list of these related research activities and provide them to the Office of National AIDS Policy.



david_vos @ hud.gov
11/15/97 12:57:00 PM

HUD

Record Type: Record

To: Paul J. Yandura

cc:

Subject: World AIDS Day

HUD's tentative plans for World AIDS Day, include:

An event in HUD's cafeteria from 1-2 pm, with brief remarks and a play "I Make Me a Promise" written presented by children of residents of AIDS housing programs operated by Housing Works in NYC.

Also, we will issue a focus message on AIDS to all HUD employees and have the large red ribbon mounted for display.

HUD's GLOBE will be handing out red ribbons in both lobbies on December 1st and may have a display with Quilt panels in the HUD lobby.

Barbara Davidson, Office of HIV/AIDS Housing 202/708-1934x4624 is coordinating the activities.

- Globe red ribbon
- large red ribbon
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unit
in front of

DOJ
DRAFT

Date: 11/12/1997 10:52 am (Wednesday)

Subject: World AIDS Day Advisory Group Meeting (11/13/97, 10am)

Advisory Group Members,

Thanks for your ideas and support. Plans are moving along quickly for the Department's World AIDS Day Commemoration. The next advisory group meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13th at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B of the Main Justice Building (Constitution Avenue entrance, between 9th and 10th Streets, NW).

Justice

The advisory group has determined some basics for the event. The theme chosen for the DOJ commemoration is: FACES OF AIDS: GIVING HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. This theme allows us to both focus on the impact of HIV on children (the international theme) and focus on the impact of employees who have been affected.

Here is the tentative event program:

Remarks -- AG Reno

Remarks -- Peggy Irving (OIP) and members of Jerry Roemer's family
Video

Musical Interlude

Remarks -- Jim Graham

Brief Remarks -- Precious Thomas (child living with HIV)

Brief Remarks -- TBD

Musical Interlude

Closing

The event should take 40-45 minutes.

I look forward to your continued support and participation. See you at the meeting tomorrow.

Thanks,
Vince Micone
DOJ World AIDS Day Coordinator

DRAFT



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11/24/97 01:42:00 PM

OPM

Record Type: Record

To: Paul J. Yandura

cc:

Subject: World AIDS Day Activity

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management is planning a display of the Boston-NY AIDS Ride 1, with a video from the Ride along with a photo display. There will also be service-related handouts from the Whitman Walker Clinic and Food and Friends. We are very excited about this unique display and expect a positive response from our workforce.

If you would prefer a formal letter to your Director, we will be pleased to do so. We apologize for the delay in this response.

SSA



robert.nickerson @ ssa.gov
11/10/97 02:16:00 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Paul J. Yandura

cc:

Subject: World AIDS Day Plans at Social Security Administration

November 10, 1997

TO: Paul Yandura
Office of National AIDS Policy

FR: Robert A. Nickerson
Executive Assistant to the Commissioner
Social Security Administration

RE: World AIDS Day Plans

The Social Security Administration is still planning its agenda relative to World AIDS Day: December 1, 1997.

Presently, the Commissioner will send a letter to the nearly 65,000 Social Security Administration employees acknowledging World AIDS Day and detailing resources available to employees who may have concerns and or questions.

In addition, the Commissioner is considering sending a letter to major AIDS service provider organizations and national organizations acknowledging World AIDS Day as well as the agency's commitment to providing compassionate and efficient service to people living with this disease. If your office has a list of such organizations which you would like for us to consider including in that mailing, please forward me the list.

Lastly, we are looking into the possibility of the Commissioner visiting a site in the Greater Baltimore area on World AIDS Day and would appreciate any site suggestions your office may offer.

I will advise you of any further developments.



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 11, 1997

Ms. Sandra L. Thurman, Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ms. Thurman:

In response to your letter of October 29, I am delighted to report that the Department of State is anticipating an exciting program for World Aids Day, the theme of which this year is "Give Children Hope in a World with AIDS." The event is being jointly sponsored by State, USAID, USIA, the Whitman-Walker Clinic and the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA). The Whitman-Walker Clinic is the largest provider of HIV/AIDS services in the Washington area. NAPWA is a national coalition of people with AIDS and serves as a resource and voice for the needs and concerns of all people infected and affected by HIV.

We have asked the Deputy Secretary of State to host the event, and to make brief remarks to open the day's program, which will begin at 12:00 noon on December 1. The full program is expected to run about one hour and will be followed by a reception for outside guests in the Delegates Lounge to be sponsored by the Los Angeles-based Foundation for Children Affected by AIDS. Confirmed speakers include: yourself; Jim Graham, Whitman-Walker Clinic Executive Director and Chairman of the Board of NAPWA; a child with HIV/AIDS from Whitman-Walker; and USAID Administrator Brian Atwood or Ambassador Sally Shelton. The Vice President also has been invited.

We are anticipating approximately 350 participants including HIV/AIDS community leaders; 20-30 children affected by HIV/AIDS; employees from State, USAID, and USIA. The meeting will be open to the press.

We look forward to your active participation in this event.

Sincerely,

Nancy Carter-Foster
Director

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USIA



November 14, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Paul Yandura
Office of National AIDS Policy
The White House

FROM: Barbara A. H. Scarlett *BHS*
Senior Advisor for Global Issues
Office of the Director

SUBJECT: USIA Support for World AIDS Day

REFERENCE: USIA's Support for World AIDS Day 1997

USIA's mission is to promote the national interest and national security of the United States through understanding, informing and influencing foreign publics regarding US foreign and domestic policies (including AIDS policies), and broadening dialogue between American citizens and institutions and their counterparts abroad. USIA's public diplomacy strategy regarding US AIDS policies extends throughout the year and employs a full range of public diplomacy tools. These include:

- the distribution of policy information to foreign media, academics, and other government and civic opinion-makers through (US Information Service) posts at US embassies abroad.
- the arrangement of speaking tours and programs/seminars abroad for US experts on AIDS issues.
- the broadcast of policy information on VOA radio and USIA television services, providing foreign publics with language-versioned news clips, editorials, and interactive dialogues featuring prominent US experts and 'best practices' of American individuals and communities meeting the challenge posed by AIDS and other infectious diseases.
- the publication of policy statements and analysis through the Internet, on the USIA International Homepage (e.g. the USIA electronic journal entitled "Infectious Diseases/The Global Fight". The 40-page edition and updated website material are used by our field officers to alert foreign leaders, NGOs, journalists and healthcare specialists to the threat of AIDS, related health issues and responsibilities of the international community. This information is supplemented with timely reports highlighting American and foreign achievements and cooperative efforts in combatting AIDS. Commentaries by

Drs. Fauci, Satcher, and AID Director J. Brian Atwood are among those featured in the journal and other articles. USIA's Washington File, the VOA, and Television service productions for science and general information programs also are recorded on this website.)

- the organization of briefings by senior US AIDS experts for foreign journalists at USIA's Foreign Press Centers in Washington, D.C., New York, and Los Angeles (as appropriate).
- the development of orientation tours for international visitors in the US (International Visitor Programs) that include discussions and briefings on AIDS policies and related issues.

USIA's news services will highlight US activities scheduled to mark World AIDS Day 1997. We look forward to the calendar of key activities noted by the White House Office of National AIDS Policy. These events will provide fresh news items, and identify new contacts for the development of upcoming international exchange programs. USIA can provide a report on activities generated by our posts abroad, or any foreign news coverage of American events through the month of December 1997.

As well, USIA's International Visitor Program March 2-25, 1998, entitled "HIV Education, Prevention and Infectious Disease Control" will host approximately 20 senior healthcare policymakers from all geographic regions of the world to participate in the March 8-11, 1998 CDC-sponsored International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases in Atlanta, and to consult the American counterparts throughout the US on AIDS related issues, including prevention and community education strategies.



Department of Veterans Affairs
Observation of "World AIDS Day" December 1, 1997
Commitment to Clinical Care, Education & Training and Research

The Department of Veterans Affairs will observe 1997 World AIDS Day on December 1 with renewed commitment to clinical care, education and research amid a transformation of the VA healthcare system to improve outpatient and primary care access. This will expand on the opportunities to treat and counsel HIV-positive veterans, substance abusers and others at risk of developing HIV.

VA already is recognized as a leader in state-of-the-art treatment of AIDS and is the nation's largest single source of HIV/AIDS care. In research, VA has designated four specialized centers on AIDS research in addition to individual VA studies around the country investigating new frontiers in diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

A number of VA facilities will mark World AIDS Day with special displays, distribution of literature, or other educational programs. An emphasis is placed on the community involvement. At VA Headquarters, a display and distribution of HIV/AIDS awareness literature is planned for December 1.