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Giving Youth HOPE in a World of AIDS

Problem: Youth in Crisis:

Youth marks a major rite of passage, a transition from childhood to adulthood. It is a period of significant physical, social, emotional, and intellectual growth and change. It is also a period of experimentation and new experiences. The choices that young people make during these years will profoundly affect their chances of becoming healthy, responsible and productive adults. To steer a steady course, all young people need support and guidance from caring adults in their families, at school, and in their communities. They need opportunities and experiences that promote positive development. And they need to believe they have a future worth working for if they are to be motivated to stay in school, resist negative peer pressure, and make responsible choices. It is in this context that HIV prevention efforts must be viewed.

Response:

White House Reaches Out to Youth on World AIDS Day

• Raising Awareness. Today, one out of every four new infections in the United States is an adolescent -- and half are under 25 years old. Every hour another 2 teenagers is infected and in some communities 1 in 30 18 and 19 males are already infected.

The President will call on parents, teachers, governments, churches, businesses, and young people themselves to join together to build a healthy future for our youth.

- President's taped message (MTV or elsewhere)
- President meets with youth
- President direct look at youth programs

• Integrating HIV Prevention into Existing Federal Programs. Recognizing that HIV prevention for youth does not happen in a vacuum but is part of a range of efforts to promote positive self esteem and healthy development, the President will direct Cabinet members to explore ways in which existing federal efforts aiding youth -- from National Service to Job Corps to Drug Free Schools -- could reinforce the importance of HIV prevention.

• Proposing a Public-Private Partnership for Peer Education. The President will provide \$10 million in federal funding to assist local communities in developing peer based HIV prevention programs for youth. In addition, the President will call on the private sector to match this federal contribution. Funds will be made available to local communities to create school based or community based programs for youth. Such programs will include the training of young people on how to educate and support each other by developing the self esteem and the communication skills needed to avoid risky behavior and negative peer pressure. Corporation and others could also "adopt" these programs and assist by providing resources, equipment, "mentor volunteers", etc.

NOTE: If this aspect of the initiative cannot be appropriately developed and vetted in time for World AIDS Day, it could also be announced along with the findings of the review of existing programs in connection with the Ryan White National Youth and AIDS Conference in Los Angeles February 14-18th.

Youth and AIDS Meeting **World AIDS Day**

Attendees

- President
- Sandy Thruman
- Magic Johnson
- HIV (+) young people (2 or 3)
- Youth peer educators from HIV prevention programs (3) such as:
 - Metro TeenAIDS
 - Boys & Girls Club ACT SMART program;
 - Ryan White Foundation Youth Angel Award Recipients: the Shrewsbury, MA "Dream Team" and Project ABLE in LA
 - Safe Passages, Arthur Ashe's program for inner city youth
 - Good Samaritans natl teen hotline staffed by teens, KC, MO
 - Illusion Theatre Prevention Program, Minneapolis, MN high school theatre troupe performing Amazing Grace, a play they wrote about AIDS, to local high schools
 - Youth Wave which provides heart messages videos of teen w/HIV
 - Teen AIDS Prevention (TAP) school based and outreach program in Northwestern Wisconsin
 - Stop AIDS Lets Unite to Education (SALUTE) is an AIDS education music revue by teens out of Houston, TX (focus on abstinence)
 - Youth and AIDS Prevention program -- peer based education program in Brooklyn funded by Office of Minority Health -- school program and mobile van unit
- Parent of a youth who has died

SCHEDULING REQUEST PROPOSAL

Date: 11/17/97

☐ ACCEPT

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

FROM: Bruce Reed, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
Sandra L. Thurman, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

REQUEST: Participation in Youth and HIV/AIDS Meeting.

PURPOSE: Commemoration of World AIDS Day and to underscore the Administrations commitment to fighting HIV and AIDS.

BACKGROUND: Recent years have seen a significant shift in the demographics of this epidemic, with new infections in youth rising dramatically we must recognize these changes as we renew our efforts in the fight against HIV and AIDS. Today, one out of every four new infections in the United States is an adolescent--and half are under 25 years old. Every hour another 2 teenagers is infected. To commemorate World AIDS Day the President has a unique opportunity to call on parents, teachers, governments, churches, businesses, and young people themselves to build a healthy future for our youth. World AIDS Day is sponsored by the World Health Organization and was first observed on December 1, 1988. The 1997 World AIDS Day theme, "Give Children Hope in a World with AIDS," challenges people around the world to contemplate the long-term repercussions of the AIDS pandemic, and not lose sight that AIDS affects everyone.

PREVIOUS

PARTICIPATION: In 1993 the President spoke at Georgetown University. In 1994 the Office of National AIDS Policy arranged an Oval Office meeting with the President and HIV + youth. In 1995 a Presidential video message was produced and the historic White House Conference on HIV/AIDS was held. In 1996 the President met with NIH, CDC, and HHS representatives for a scientific research briefing in the Oval Office. Additionally, a Presidential Proclamation has been released every year.

DATE & TIME: Monday, December 1, 1997
2:00 to 2:30p.m.

DURATION: Thirty minutes.

LOCATION: Oval Office or Roosevelt Room.

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Sandra Thurman
Magic Johnson
Youth Peer Educators (2-3 people)
HIV + Youth (2-3 people)
Parent of a youth who has died of AIDS

OUTLINE OF
EVENT: (President Mandela is doing a similar meeting in South Africa which was announced at the UNAIDS Conference in Kenya this week. President Mandela has challenged other world leaders to do the same.)

The President enters the room gives brief remarks and welcomes all attendees. Sandra Thurman introduces the attendees. Youth peer educators from model HIV prevention programs will describe their programs, and HIV positive youth will tell their stories. The President will ask questions of the youth, and close by directing the Cabinet to explore ways in which existing federal efforts aiding youth--from National Service to Job Corps to Drug Free Schools--should reinforce the importance of HIV prevention. The President thanks Sandra Thurman, Magic Johnson and the rest of the attendees.

REMARKS: Brief introductory remarks.

MEDIA: White House Photo.

FIRST LADY: No.

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PRESIDENT: No.

RECOMMENDED
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