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Kristine Gebbie, National AIDS Policy Coordinator
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Dear Ms. Gebbie:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Ben Cheng and me on November 5 to discuss issues relevant to Project Inform and your office. We particularly appreciate the opportunity to talk with you personally, as we have received some mixed messages from other people in your office. We are aware that your time is in great demand, and acknowledge the priority you give to research issues and the Future Directions in AIDS Research process.

I look forward to seeing you this weekend at the upcoming FDAR meeting in Boston. As always, if there is anything we at Project Inform can do for you, don't hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Cusick".

Dan Cusick
Public Policy Advocate

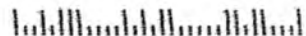


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MEETING INFORMATION FOR
KRISTINE M. GEBBIE

ONAPC STAFF CONTACT: Steve Lee / Ben Merrill

DATE/TIME EVENT: 11/5 c 9 - 9:30 (maybe 11/6 Baltimore think tank)

LOCATION: 750 G - KG's office

ORGANIZATION: Project INFORM

CONTACT: Ann Donnelly 415 558.8669

TOPIC: Immune Reconstitution Think Tank - FADIR

FORMAT: meeting - 5 or 6 people

BACKGROUND: Follow-up on SF mtg. Cross-over from FEAR.
AIDS research process, New Orleans presentation.

CONFLICTS: _____

DIRECTION TO STAFF

SCHEDULE _____ SCHEDULE FOR OTHER TIME _____ REGRETS _____

SEND SURROGATE (who?) _____

COMMENTS: _____

STAFF CHECKLIST: CONFIRMED _____ CALENDAR _____ TRAVEL _____ HOTEL _____

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FAX Transmittal FormDate: 10/29/93To: Star Lee

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From: _____

Anne Donnelly
Public Policy Coordinator

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10/28/93

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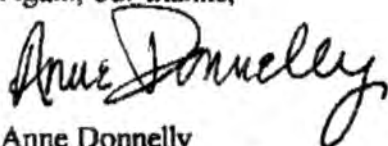
Dear Steve;

Schedule
On behalf of Project Inform, I would like to request a meeting with Kristine Gebbie, National AIDS Policy Coordinator, on Friday, November 5, 1993 at 9:00 a.m. Members of our staff will be in the area for the Immune Restoration Think Tank sponsored by Project Inform. The IRTT meeting is scheduled for November 6 and 7 in Baltimore, MD. An invitation and agenda follow this letter.

Martin Delaney, Founding Director, Brenda Lein, Information and Advocacy Coordinator, Dan Cusick, Policy Advocate, Ben Cheng, Information Associate, and Joel Thomas, a member of our Board of Directors will be available for the Friday morning meeting with Ms. Gebbie. We would like to discuss the role of Ms. Gebbie in the Future Directions in AIDS Research process and some general but pressing issues in the AIDS research and treatment arena.

We greatly appreciate your consideration in arranging this meeting on such short notice and hope that Ms. Gebbie may be able to join us at the Immune Restoration Think Tank to experience first hand this innovative forum. We hope that the type of collaboration and team work exhibited at IRTT will become one model for addressing critical questions in AIDS research.

Again, our thanks,



Anne Donnelly
Public Policy Coordinator



October 29, 1993

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PLAN A

Dr. John Dwyer
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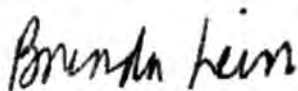
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Sincerely,



Brenda Lein

Enclosures

IMMUNE RESTORATION THINK TANK 3
Baltimore, Maryland, November 5-7, 1993

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AGENDA

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Welcoming Reception 8:00-11:00 pm
Harbor Court Suite, Room 840

SATURDAY

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Reception Room, 2nd floor

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Ravenhurst, 2nd floor
Seton, 2nd floor
Caucus, 2nd floor

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Cocktails 7:00 pm

Dinner 7:30 pm
Westminster, Lobby level

Dessert and after dinner drinks 9:30 pm
Harbor Court Suite, Room 840

SUNDAY

Wakeup Call	7:15 am
Checkout	before 12:00 pm
Breakfast Westminster, Lobby level	8:00-8:30 am
Overview of Saturday Westminster, Lobby level	8:30-9:00 am
Small Groups -(Implementation) Westminster, Lobby level Guilford, Lobby level Board Room, Lobby level Regency, Lobby level	9:00-10:30 am
Break	10:30-11:00 am
Large Group -(Implementation)	11:00 am-12:00 pm
Lunch	12:00-1:00 pm
Large Group Roundtable Westminster, Lobby level	1:00-2:00 pm
Press Conference Harbor Court Suite, Room 840	3:00-5:00 pm

IMMUNE RESTORATION THINK TANK 3 LOGISTICS

Accommodations

All IRTT 3 activities will take place at the Harbor Court Hotel located on Baltimore's Inner Harbor at 550 Light Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202-6099. 410-234-0550. Fax: 410-659-5925.

Think Tank schedule

Please arrive at the hotel Friday evening and join us at a welcoming reception from 8 to 11 pm.

Breakfast will be served at 8 am Saturday morning and the first session begins at 8:30 am. (You will all receive a 7:15 wake-up call.) The Saturday session will continue until 6 pm.

Dinner will be served at 7:30 pm Saturday evening.

Sunday events will begin again with breakfast at 8 am (and the 7:15 wake-up call) and last until 2 pm. Check out time is 12 noon so it will be necessary to check out before the meetings begin on Sunday. Luggage can be stored by the hotel during the session.

Travel

Please arrive Friday evening and schedule your return flight after 3 pm on Sunday so you can stay for the entire meeting. Please make all air travel arrangements with Marlene Binnion, our travel agent at Adelman Travel, 415-772-5342, fax: 415-772-5052. Whenever possible, book your flight through Baltimore-Washington International Airport. As always, it will help Project Inform if you can take advantage of 14-day advance tickets.

Ground transportation to the Harbor Court Hotel

Please schedule your own ground transportation to the hotel. Two limousine services provide transportation from Baltimore-Washington International Airport to the hotel:

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Save your shuttle receipts and we will reimburse you. If neither of these services are satisfactory for you, please let us know so that we can arrange alternate transportation. Transportation from other airports is possible, but logistically difficult. Contact us if this is required.

Logistics questions and special requests

Please contact Ben Collins at Project Inform, 415-558-8669.

As guests of Project Inform, you will be provided with air transportation, shuttle service, food and lodging and are welcome to bring a guest. Responsibility for car rental and incidentals will be yours.

PLEASE FILL OUT FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE AND RETURN TO PI

IMMUNE RESTORATION THINK TANK - 3
Baltimore, Maryland, November 5-7, 1993

Ms. Gebble:

Please answer the following questions and mail or fax them back to: Ben Collins at Project Inform, 1965 Market Street, Suite 220, San Francisco, CA 94103. Fax: 415-558-0684.

- ☐ I will be attending IRTT - 3.
- ☐ I will not be attending IRTT - 3.

- ☐ I will be coming to the hotel by my own transport.
- ☐ I will use the shuttle service from Baltimore-Washington International.
- ☐ I will not be able to use the shuttle service from Baltimore-Washington International and will need alternate transportation to the hotel.

- ☐ I am bringing a guest.
- ☐ I am not bringing a guest.

- ☐ I will be attending the Saturday evening banquet.
 - ☐ 1 person
 - ☐ 2 person

What are your food restrictions or room requirements, if any?

Comments?



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FAX COVER PAGE

To: Kristine Gebble
Fax number: 202-632-1096
From: Ben Collins
Date: 11.2.93
Subject: IRTT
Number of pages: 5

THIS FAX INCLUDES:

- **IRTT AGENDA**
- **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS, OBSERVERS AND STAFF**
- **FINAL LOGISTICS NOTE**
- **MAP TO HARBOR COURT HOTEL**

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES PLEASE NOTE:

**IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY FIGURING OUT HOW
TO STAY IN BALTIMORE DUE TO GOVERNMENT
RESTRICTIONS OF ANY KIND PLEASE CALL BEN
COLLINS AT 415-558-8669.**

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Large Group (Implementation) 10:45 am-12:00 noon
Westminster, Lobby level
Working Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm
Break out groups: funding, regulatory, Plan A, Plan B, other
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IRTT-3 LIST OF ATTENDEES

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OBSERVERS

Robert Darga - National Association of People with AIDS
 Tom Dunlap - Design Industries Foundation for AIDS
 Kristine Gebbie - Office of National AIDS Policy
 David Gold - Gay Men's Health Crisis
 James Hill, - National Institutes of Allergies and Infectious Diseases
 Larry Kramer
 Rosemary Kuropat - Design Industries Foundation for AIDS
 Dagmar Oette - Hoechst-Roussel

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IRTT LOGISTICS

Please take the time to read this information. It will help us very much. Thank you.

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GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES: Some of you have expressed concerns about billing, staying in Baltimore, etc.

- In response to requests, bills from Project Inform will be available in Baltimore if you need them. They will include: lodging for two nights at \$78/night, food for 2 half days and one whole day totaling \$68 and parking.
- For the process of the think tank it is important that you be able to attend the Friday evening Welcoming Reception, the meetings on Saturday, the dinner Saturday evening and the meetings on Sunday. If you need help with any of these billing procedures don't hesitate to call me.

OBSERVERS: Reservations have been made for you. We are asking you to be responsible for your rooms and your transportation. Meals will be provided by Project Inform. We appreciate your help in making the Think Tank possible.

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MAP: See next page.

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After exiting tunnel
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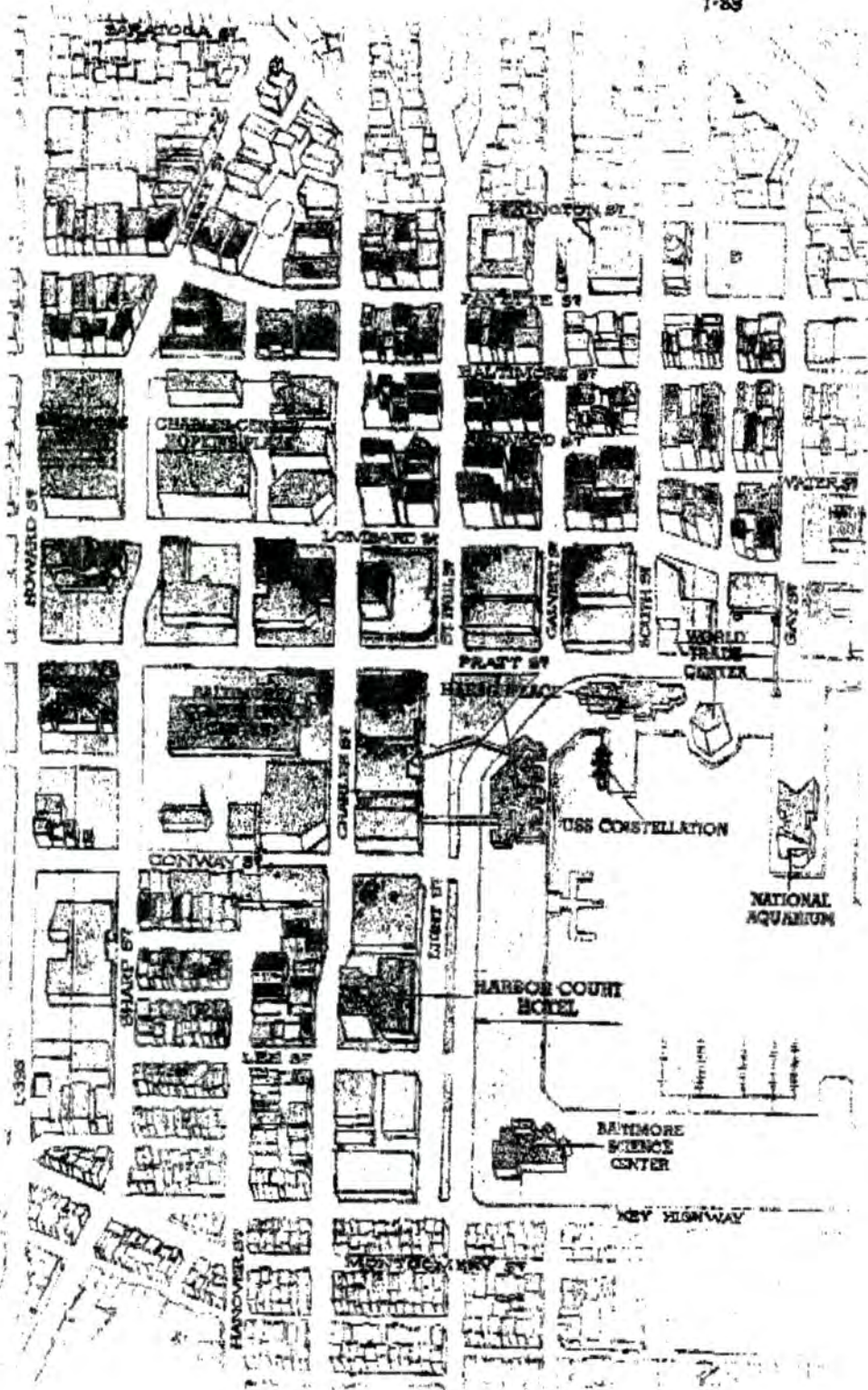
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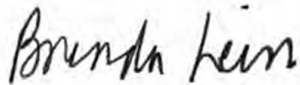
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IMMUNE RESTORATION THINK TANK 3
Baltimore, Maryland, November 5-7, 1993

AGENDA

FRIDAY EVENING

Welcoming Reception 8:00-11:00 pm
Harbor Court Suite, Room 840

SATURDAY

Wakeup Call 7:15 am

Breakfast 8:00-8:30 am
Reception Room, 2nd floor

Morning meeting 8:30 am-12:00 pm
Whitehall Ballroom North, 2nd floor

Welcome 8:30-9:00 am

Presentations of New Information 9:00-11:30 am

Break 10:15-10:30am

Orientation for Small Groups 11:30 am-12:00 pm

Lunch 12:00-1:15 pm
Reception Room, 2nd floor

Small Groups (Development) 1:15-4:15 pm
Whitehall Ballroom North, 2nd floor
Ravenhurst, 2nd floor
Seton, 2nd floor
Caucus, 2nd floor

Break 4:15-4:30 pm

Large Group (Development) 4:30-6:00 pm
Whitehall Ballroom North, 2nd floor

SATURDAY EVENING

Cocktails 7:00 pm

Dinner 7:30 pm

Westminster, Lobby level

Dessert and after dinner drinks 9:30 pm

Harbor Court Suite, Room 840

SUNDAY

Wakeup Call	7:15 am
Checkout	before 12:00 pm
Breakfast Westminster, Lobby level	8:00-8:30 am
Overview of Saturday Westminster, Lobby level	8:30-9:00 am
Small Groups -(Implementation) Westminster, Lobby level Guilford, Lobby level Board Room, Lobby level Regency, Lobby level	9:00-10:30 am
Break	10:30-11:00 am
Large Group -(Implementation)	11:00 am-12:00 pm
Lunch	12:00-1:00 pm
Large Group Roundtable Westminster, Lobby level	1:00-2:00 pm
Press Conference Harbor Court Suite, Room 840	3:00-5:00 pm

IMMUNE RESTORATION THINK TANK 3 LOGISTICS

Accommodations

All IRTT 3 activities will take place at the Harbor Court Hotel located on Baltimore's Inner Harbor at 550 Light Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202-6099. 410-234-0550. Fax: 410-659-5925.

Think Tank schedule

Please arrive at the hotel Friday evening and join us at a welcoming reception from 8 to 11 pm.

Breakfast will be served at 8 am Saturday morning and the first session begins at 8:30 am. (You will all receive a 7:15 wake-up call.) The Saturday session will continue until 6 pm.

Dinner will be served at 7:30 pm Saturday evening.

Sunday events will begin again with breakfast at 8 am (and the 7:15 wake-up call) and last until 2 pm. Check out time is 12 noon so it will be necessary to check out before the meetings begin on Sunday. Luggage can be stored by the hotel during the session.

Travel

Please arrive Friday evening and schedule your return flight after 3 pm on Sunday so you can stay for the entire meeting. Please make all air travel arrangements with Marlene Binnion, our travel agent at Adelman Travel, 415-772-5342, fax: 415-772-5052. Whenever possible, book your flight through Baltimore-Washington International Airport. As always, it will help Project Inform if you can take advantage of 14-day advance tickets.

Ground transportation to the Harbor Court Hotel

Please schedule your own ground transportation to the hotel. Two limousine services provide transportation from Baltimore-Washington International Airport to the hotel:

- Carey Limousine Service, 410-837-1234, has service every half hour on the hour and half hour from 7 am to 11 pm. Tickets can be purchased at "Ground Transportation", airport lower level, near the US Air baggage claim. Cost is \$8 one way or \$12 round trip.
- Maryland Limousine Service, 410-850-4100. Call in advance (for gate pickup) or upon arrival for pickup in five to ten minutes. Cost is \$25.

Save your shuttle receipts and we will reimburse you. If neither of these services are satisfactory for you, please let us know so that we can arrange alternate transportation. Transportation from other airports is possible, but logistically difficult. Contact us if this is required.

Logistics questions and special requests

Please contact Ben Collins at Project Inform, 415-558-8669.

As guests of Project Inform, you will be provided with air transportation, shuttle service, food and lodging and are welcome to bring a guest. Responsibility for car rental and incidentals will be yours.

PLEASE FILL OUT FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE AND RETURN TO PI

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Ms. Gebbie:

Please answer the following questions and mail or fax them back to: Ben Collins at Project Inform, 1965 Market Street, Suite 220, San Francisco, CA 94103. Fax: 415-558-0684.

- ☐ I will be attending IRTT - 3.
- ☐ I will not be attending IRTT - 3.

- ☐ I will be coming to the hotel by my own transport.
- ☐ I will use the shuttle service from Baltimore-Washington International.
- ☐ I will not be able to use the shuttle service from Baltimore-Washington International and will need alternate transportation to the hotel.

- ☐ I am bringing a guest.
- ☐ I am not bringing a guest.

- ☐ I will be attending the Saturday evening banquet.
 - ☐ 1 person
 - ☐ 2 person

What are your food restrictions or room requirements, if any?

Comments?



10/28/93

Steve Lee
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Dear Steve;

On behalf of Project Inform, I would like to request a meeting with Kristine Gebbie, National AIDS Policy Coordinator, on Friday, November 5, 1993 at 9:00 a.m. Members of our staff will be in the area for the Immune Restoration Think Tank sponsored by Project Inform. The IRTT meeting is scheduled for November 6 and 7 in Baltimore, MD. An invitation and agenda follow this letter.

Martin Delaney; Founding Director, Brenda Lein; Information and Advocacy Coordinator, Dan Cusick; Policy Advocate, Ben Cheng; Information Associate, and Joel Thomas, a member of our Board of Directors will be available for the Friday morning meeting with Ms. Gebbie. We would like to discuss the role of Ms. Gebbie in the Future Directions in AIDS Research process and some general but pressing issues in the AIDS research and treatment arena.

We greatly appreciate your consideration in arranging this meeting on such short notice and hope that Ms. Gebbie may be able to join us at the Immune Restoration Think Tank to experience first hand this innovative forum. We hope that the type of collaboration and team work exhibited at IRTT will become one model for addressing critical questions in AIDS research.

Again, our thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Donnelly". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Anne Donnelly
Public Policy Coordinator



Immune Restoration Think Tank - 2

Plan A

In progress as of 4/21/93

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Plan A (the 12 month plan) emphasizes the further development and optimization of approaches that are currently in or close to human trials. The plan calls for whatever is available after 12 months to be combined into a protocol to test the effect of multiple treatments being applied simultaneously.

Antivirals

The ultimate goal of this part of the plan would be to test not only nucleoside analogs and other reverse transcriptase inhibitors, but also tat and protease inhibitors in multiple combinations, to minimize further damage to and dysregulation of the immune system by replicating HIV. *In vitro* studies of combinations, including alpha interferon and monoclonal antibodies to HIV should be conducted, with the most promising of these progressing to Phase 1 trials. Endpoints for multiple combination antiviral protocols should include PCR, CD4 counts, and development of opportunistic infections. Whatever combination seems to offer the strongest antiviral effect while still being relatively safe should be used in the trial. This may include evaluating an individual's resistant phenotype.

- ☐ *In vitro* testing of combinations
 - Dave Fox and Don Angus to generate a matrix of what is currently being tested and by whom
 - what other combinations should be tested first, how and by whom?
 - how do we get owners of various products to cooperate quickly?
 - contact pharmaceutical consortium on antivirals
- ☐ Short (3-6 month) studies of best combinations, preferably before use in protocol
- ☐ Resistance testing
- ☐ ACTG 241 (AZT/ddI/Nevirapine) amended to include <50 CD4 arm

Autologous Cell Transfer

The goal of this part of the plan is to augment the immune system, particularly focusing on CD4 and CD8 cells, increasing number, life span and function. Encompassed in this approach is an intention to watch carefully for immune activation.

- Have DAIDS call a meeting of current researchers in CD8 and CD4 expansion in the May time frame. This is languishing; Gallo to contact NCI participants to encourage participation; Jesse to explore video teleconferencing with Seattle
- Desired attendees at cell expansion meeting
- Dr. Judy Lieberman/New England Medical Center/PHA with IL-2 HIV specific cell expansion
- Dr. Scott Koenig/Medimmune/anti-CD3 with allo feeders and IL-2
- Dr. Kent Weinhold/Duke U./?
- Dr. Tyler Curiel/U. of Colorado/?
- Dr. Phil Greenberg/U. of Washington/?
- Dr. Bruce Walker/Massachusetts General/?
- Dr. Dewey Moody/AIS/PHA with IL-2
- Dr. Rick Koup/Aaron Diamond/?

- Dr. Francis Gotch/Oxford/SIV?
- Dr. Reinert Kurth/Paul Erlich Institute/SIV?
- Dr. Steve Rosenberg/NCI/?
- Yves Revere/Pasteur Institute/?
- Seth Pincus/Rocky Mountain-NIAID/CD4 cell purging with rs-CD4 IgG

Autologous Transfer - CD4

- ☐ Study the optimization of CD4 expansion with respect to number, life span and function
 - what is being tested and by whom?
 - what approaches to expansion should be tested first, how and by whom?
 - how do we get owners of various products/technologies to cooperate quickly?
- ☐ Pilot Study
 - Is it possible to achieve 10^9 expansion?
 - Reinfuse with and without IL-2
- ☐ Study the potential of spleen harvesting to increase the number of cells available
- ☐ Test purging strategies for HIV infected cells, for example CD4 PE40 *in vitro*
- ☐ Cell marking may be necessary to determine where the cells go and how long they are viable. Joel Martinez is looking into the techniques and limitations of this technology

Obstacles: Regulatory concerns

Obstacles: GMP Requirement

Autologous Transfer - CD8

- ☐ *In vitro* optimization with various cytokines with respect to number and function (e.g. IL-4 vs IL-2 vs combo, PHA vs anti-CD3, etc.). Special attention needs to be put on measuring cell function and life span
 - what is being tested and by whom?
 - what other approaches to expansion should be tested first, how and by whom?
 - how do we get owners of various products to cooperate quickly?
- ☐ *In vivo* testing with and without IL-2
- ☐ Cell marking

Allogeneic Transfer

Soluble Factors

- ☐ Explore antiviral effect of supernatant from CD8 cells of asymptomatic seropositives. Jay Levy feels this approach won't work due to proteases freed on cell destruction but has not tried, says he needs industry support for scale-up of his purification process. He seems unwilling to discuss further details.
 - contact others?

Adoptive Transfer -Twins

- ☐ This is essentially the same as the autologous transfer of CD4 and CD8 except that this provides a source of uninfected CD4 and possibly other cells that have not had their function altered by HIV infection.

Obstacles: Money

Obstacles: Availability of twins

Partial HLA-Matched Transfer

- ☐ Explore literature
- ☐ Explore protocol at Center for Special Immunology in Miami which is currently underway
- ☐ Animal studies

- ☐ If the survey looks promising proceed as with autologous and adoptive transfer from twins studies.

Obstacles: Regulatory concerns

Obstacles: Ethical issues

Obstacles: Identifying animal model

Major Obstacle to All Cell Transfer Studies: Access to PegIL-2

→ contact Chiron

Active Immunization

This approach may act as an adjunct to any or all of the other strategies by providing an enhanced immune response especially prior to cell expansion. Any vaccine candidates, including the envelope vaccines, especially with novel adjuvants (e.g., Chiron), whole killed virus and core antigen approaches should be studied for their effect on anti-HIV antibodies and CTL activity.

→ what is being tested and by whom?

→ what vaccines should be tested first, how and by whom and in whom (<50 CD4)?

→ how do we get owners of various products to cooperate quickly?

Passive Immunity

The goal of this strategy is antibody replacement, both IgG specific and non-specific. This approach may include the use of monoclonal antibodies.

IVIG

- ☐ Analysis of bacterial profile (currently underway)

CMV

- ☐ Test levels of antibodies

Parallel Research into Basic Science Questions

- ☐ Explore stem cell and thymus transplant
- ☐ The following approaches were considered to *possibly* have a place in a Plan A:
cyclosporine
cytotoxin
Insulin and human growth factors
→ what is being tested and by whom?

Standard Clinical Care

Maximizing non-toxic prophylaxis against a host of viral, bacterial, protozoan and fungal infections including the use of acyclovir, high CMV-antibody IVIG, anti-MAC, anti-PCP, and antifungal agents.

Patients should be receiving a minimum high level standard of care with doctor visits and blood work monitoring a least once per month

Patients should be maintaining minimum level or greater of basic nutrition. This program should emphasize the availability and absorption of nutrients, especially protein, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals.

→ Develop a short, but comprehensive minimum protocol for nutrition. Possible sources, Larry Waites, Joan Priestley, Open Hand

Cytokine Balance

- ☐ Monitor anti-TNF, for example pentoxifyline results
- ☐ Plasma exchange to reduce the level of circulating immune complexes such as gp-120, free tat protein, etc.

→ contact Dobry Kiprova, others?

Antigen Presenting Cells

- Measure the effect of GM-CSF and M-CSF on antigen presenting cell function *in vivo*. Could be done through nested studies in existing trials of CSF's
→ contact PI's of existing studies.

Progenitor Cells

- Monitor the results of the Thymosin- α with IL-2 trial at Stanford. Gary Crawford to follow up this study and other thymic peptide studies. Jesse Dobson to follow up with Adria on THF. It is clear that THF only increases the number of mature thymocytes if sufficient immature thymocytes are present. Should we be testing this in combination with methods of generating precursor cells, such as ex-vivo expansion? Is this true of other thymic peptides?
→ Review thymosin- α , THF and TP-5 literature. Try to convince developers to do more basic science work to elucidate method of action.



Immune Restoration Think Tank - 2 Plan B Working Plan

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STRUCTURAL ISSUES

This strategic plan should take place in a multi-center setting.

☐ Coordination of this effort should include:

- ⇒ Industry
- ⇒ Academia
- ⇒ Government
- ⇒ Community

☐ A steering committee should be established to see this plan through to fruition

☐ A budget must be established

☐ Clinical, animal and laboratory facilities must be identified

This plan incorporates a three pronged approach to a three year targeted research effort aimed at restoring immune function in late stage HIV-disease. A clinical track, beginning immediately, represents one arm of this approach, a preclinical research track represents a second arm, and a pathogenesis research track represents the third arm would culminate in a clinical protocol in three years. This plan proceeds on the assumption that new technologies would be added to a foundation of aggressive nutritional maintenance, combination antiviral approaches and optimum OI prophylaxis. It also assumes that progress on antiviral approaches and the treatment and prevention of OIs will move forward on its own, in the next three years, and therefore does not address particulars on the further development of antiviral therapies and therapies for opportunistic infection prevention, treatment and maintenance.

The strategy on which this plan is formulated is the goal of reconstituting the immune system with progenitor cells. Therefore, further studies of the feasibility of autologous and allogeneic cell transfer/expansion, modified perhaps by gene therapy, is the centerpiece by which we proceed. Included in this effort is research into xenogeneic cell transfer. All of these technologies would of course be examined with and without conditioning regimens.

In addition to examining the feasibility of immune restoration through reconstitution with progenitor cells, this plan includes a salvage plan in the event research does not achieve our goal. The salvage protocol involves supporting and reconstituting the immune system with autologous cells which have been harvested and frozen, with and without immunization with antigens from HIV and opportunistic pathogens. By selecting a cohort now and cryopreserving cells with and without conditioning regimens, even if the following outlined path of research leads nowhere, we still have some of

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the tools necessary to attempt an aggressive phase II protocol at the end of the given 36 month time frame.

The success of this plan will require that a highly rigid pace of research must be followed. In addition to strict time frames, the collective group participating in this effort must proceed with the notion that at determined time points, decisions must be made on the basis of existing data gathered at the completion of various components of research. These decision points are critical and there is no room for decisions which step backwards to repeat experiments. While a risk may have to be taken, proper quality controls should be implemented throughout this plan to minimize risk.

TRACK I - CLINICAL TRACK

Cells of volunteers in the cohort should be drawn and preserved, with and without immunization against HIV and opportunistic infections. The goal of this strategy is to support and reconstitute with autologous cells that have been harvested and frozen.

- ☐ Examine the feasibility of cell preservation
- ☐ Identify cohort (HIV+, CD4+ greater than or equal to 300 -perhaps less)
- ☐ Determine methods of intervention with and without immunization with HIV-antigen and other proteins (eg. HIV, CMV, Toxo, MAI, crypto, PCP)
- ☐ Begin collecting cells as soon as possible

TRACK II - PATHOGENESIS

Basic Research and Clinical Studies into the Basic Defects of the Immune Dysfunction in Late and Mid-Stage HIV

- ☐ Enabling studies
 - ⇒ Progenitor cell identification
 - ⇒ Animal models
 - ⇒ Vectors/Resistance
 - ⇒ Gene Therapy

Following the cohort selected in Track I, the following data would be gathered:

- ☐ Viral reservoir in patient's peripheral blood and tissue
 - ⇒ Infection of bone marrow and peripheral blood stem cells
 - ⇒ Turn over
- ☐ Virus strain/mutations
- ☐ Immune status at various stages
- ☐ Cytokine Profiles
 - ⇒ For example, determine if α interferon over-production is involved in immunosuppression in AIDS (is it possible to demonstrate and relieve immunosuppression?)
- ☐ Circulating stem cells

TRACK III - BASIC SCIENCE AND PRECLINICAL

Intensification of Research Efforts Into Thymus and Stem Cell Therapy

The goal of this strategy is to understand whether or not thymus transplants will work and if they have a role in immune restoration. Moreover, this strategy seeks to understand if the 'adult' environment provides all the necessary components for full immune reconstitution, and if not, what must be added. If thymus transplants prove to be useful, moving into the clinical setting with stem cell therapy at the earliest possible time is deemed critical to this plan. Outlined below are various studies and other recommendations to achieve this goal.

- ☐ Plan a workshop for people doing research in the field of Bone Marrow Transplant

- ☐ Examine Bone Marrow Transplant patients (both HIV+ and non-HIV infected) to determine what repertoire of reconstituted cells are thymic dependent versus independent, as well as the types of responses they elicit.
- ☐ Examine Bone Marrow Transplant patients at different ages
- ☐ What are the major issues?
 - ⇒ What is the cellular response for graft rejection?
 - ⇒ Age of donor and how this relates to growth
 - ⇒ How to get allogeneic and xenogeneic thymus tissue to engraft
 - ⇒ What kind of T-cells can develop as a result of allogeneic thymus transplant
- ☐ Conduct a study examining the T-cell repertoire of people with HIV/AIDS versus non-HIV infected individuals to determine what is present and what is not.
- ☐ Create a database on the state of the Thymus, in both humans and primates, at different stages of disease
- ☐ Examine autopsies to glean information on the state of the thymus at various stages of disease.
- ☐ Utilize non-invasive techniques to evaluate the state of the thymus
- ☐ Conduct studies on the thymus utilizing biopsy and examine trafficking using labeling techniques.
- ☐ Determine if there are waves in humans, as in mice, of sequential development of T-cells that have distinctive receptors, times of development, and distinctive final locations.

Evaluate the Potential of Utilizing Xenogeneic Thymus/Cell Transplant (e.g. pig)

- ⇒ What type of cells repopulate?
- ⇒ Establish an animal model
- ⇒ Efficacy determined by lack of toxicity and HIV challenge

Adoptive Autologous Immune Therapy

- ☐ Conduct studies on the direct *specificity*, *homing* and *lifespan* of transferred cells, including an analysis of the functional role of T-cell subsets and clones (including techniques mediated by gene therapy)
- ☐ Develop methods to prolong the lifespan of adoptively transferred cells *in vivo* without toxic side effects of injected cytokines (e.g. perhaps BCL2 in order to block apoptosis)
- ☐ Develop methods to get adoptively transferred cells to the sites of T-cell infection

Evaluate the Potential of Utilizing Allogeneic Immune Therapy With and Without Antiviral Approaches.

- ☐ Many of the research questions are similar to what is outlined in previous section on autologous immune therapy.

Gene Therapy in Stem Cells

- ☐ Determine which stem cells, and in what context, to target with gene therapy
- ☐ Determine the status of infection of stem cells and their subsets
- ☐ Vectors -establish vehicles which improve the efficiency of delivering genes to stem cells
- ☐ Regulation -determine the best way to express genes in the appropriate progeny
- ☐ Determine which genes, and in what combination, to utilize (eg. those that block viral replication or transcription, those that express T-cell receptor genes or immunoglobulins that will effect HIV infection or opportunistic infection).
- ☐ Determine if there are genes which interfere with the pathogenic effect of HIV infection
- ☐ Study the possibility of direct gene transfer *in vivo*

- ☐ Proceed on the basis of efficacy and lack of toxicity

Research Into The Basic Defects of The Immune System in Late and Mid-Stage HIV

The primary focus of this research is to understand the cytokine dysfunction in HIV and answer the questions of whether or not it is necessary to manipulate the cytokine milieu to optimize immune reconstitution, or manipulate the cytokine milieu to decrease the cytokine 'mischief' during reconstitution.

- ☐ Basic research into understanding and controlling cytokines in immunodeficiency in AIDS as part of the pathophysiology
 - ⇒ Utilize animal models to conduct systematic studies determining which cytokines are expressed in the disease process (e.g. IL-6, TNF)
 - ⇒ Determine if there is reason to associate cytokine expression with progression of disease
 - ⇒ Determine what removal of a particular cytokine's activity (by whatever means) has on progression of disease.
- ☐ Test Zagury's theory by determining if antibodies to CD4 crossreactive epitope recreates immunosuppression and cascade in chimps. Possible therapeutic evaluation (e.g. interference with molecular mimicry with antibodies)

Strategies for Diminishing Viral Load

- ☐ Continue ongoing efforts in evaluating combination antiviral approaches (apply post thymus transplant)
- ☐ Develop drugs to target different stages of viral replication
- ☐ Examine the potential of drugs which target specific cells (attack viral reservoirs, what reservoir purging strategies are possible?)
- ☐ Evaluate the use of antibodies/passive immune therapy with molecules with specificity for viral antigens (examine both passive and adoptive immunization with human monoclonal and polyclonals)
- ☐ Intensification of research into molecular strategies for diminishing viral load with molecules with nucleic acid sequence specificity
 - ⇒ Specific genetic molecules as drugs (eg. antisense)
 - ⇒ Gene therapy applies to T-cells and their subsets (eg. antisense, ribozymes, molecular decoys, transdominant mutants)
 - ⇒ Antisense-Toxicology, dosing, in vivo efficacy and distribution

Other

- ☐ What factors are present that 'protect' exposed, but uninfected people and clinically stable individuals?
- ☐ What containment strategies are available to prevent repopulation of graft with HIV-1?

Technology

- ☐ Intensification into research into the development of a technology for the fast and efficient typing of cells

MAJOR OBSTACLES

- ☐ **Funding**
- ☐ **Industrial role may have to be revisioned** as proprietary attitudes will hinder this effort
- ☐ **Conventional wisdom** may impede the ability to envision success of a new strategy

- ☐ **Competing priorities**, for both funding and public health needs must be considered
- ☐ **Scaling up** for this plan, including the availability of animal colonies, presents a major challenge
- ☐ **QC/QA and new assays**
- ☐ **GMP/Safety issues** must be considered in the balance of the potential life lost and the sense of urgency required to deal with the AIDS epidemic
- ☐ **Scientific culture** itself will present an obstacle
- ☐ **Need for a new infrastructure** to facilitate this type of targeted research effort
- ☐ **Training and recruiting** scientists, human resources, presents a challenge
- ☐ **Ethical issues** are of utmost importance to consider as this plan is aggressive and yet the possibility of failure must give us pause to consider what is being asked of study participants in the context of this strategy

PUBLIC POLICY RECOMMENDATION

Appoint an objective party whose responsibility it would be to transfer necessary proprietary information and technology to advance significantly the fight against AIDS

- ☐ This person(s) would by law have access to all research on AIDS, both public and private
- ☐ This person(s) must receive information only with extreme confidentiality provisions