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[9] From: Nancy Hazleton 3/4/94 11:56AM (2925 bytes: 56 ln)
To: Kristine Gebbie, Steve Lee
Subject: Talking Points for dinner with French Ambassador
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These talking points have been extracted from a State Department cable sent to Embassy Paris on 03/02 for Embassy staff in their interactions with GOF.

- ^G USG officials believe that a June Ministerial is more feasible than a summit, as was mentioned to Professor Girard during his recent U.S. visit. We note, however, that the timeframe is still short to prepare for a Ministerial level meeting in June.
- ^G We would like to more about the goals and objectives of the Ministerial meeting. What is the expected outcome of a Ministerial meeting?
- ^G We look forward to receiving the agenda and official invitation to the Ministerial meeting. At that time we will be in a better position to determine U.S. representation.
- ^G The June Ministerial meeting should support the objectives of other HIV/AIDS efforts already underway, particularly the Tenth International AIDS conference to be held in Yokohama, and the co-sponsored U.N. program on HIV/AIDS.
- ^G At the same time, the Ministerial should seek to achieve the objectives to improve donor coordination and to increase high level attention to international AIDS issues.
- ^G We understand that developing countries and NGOs will now be included in the June Ministerial. We believe developing country and NGO representatives will make a valuable contribution to the meeting.
- ^G We see the U.N.'s global strategy and the U.N.'s co-sponsored program on HIV/AIDS as appropriate structures for coordinating the international response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic while noting the important roles of bilateral programs and NGO efforts.
- ^G We would discourage the development of a new international strategy on global HIV/AIDS. At the conference, we should address issues such as human rights, gender equality, and consistency between bilateral and multilateral efforts in order to strengthen the existing strategy.
- ^G The U.S. would oppose the establishment of a new organization to coordinate and implement the international efforts on

HIV/AIDS. We believe the important task ahead is to strengthen the coordination and performance of the existing international organizations.

- ^G Without a fuller understanding of the goals of a possible November AIDS summit, the U.S. government does not now have a position on that proposal. Much of our thinking will be determined by the outcome of the June meeting.
- ^G The USG official with key responsibility for coordinating the USG position on the French proposals is Kristine M. Gebbie, National AIDS Policy Coordinator.

[15] From: Nancy Hazleton 3/7/94 12:01PM (607 bytes: 13 ln)
To: Kristine Gebbie, Steve Lee
Subject: Guest list for dinner @ French Ambassador's residence

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NIH - Dr. Claude Lanfant + spouse/guest
 Dr. William Paul + spouse/guest

HHS - Dr. Walter Broadnax + spouse/guest
 Mr. David Hohman + spouse/guest

GWU - Dr. Michel Dubois + guest/spouse

Delegation - Dr. and Mrs. Douste-Blazy
 Mr. Christophe Lecoutier (Ministry of Health official)

Embassy of France - Ambassador and Mrs. Andreani
 Dr. and Mrs. Pascal Chevit