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February 23rd, 1994

Dr. Kristine GEBBIE
National AIDS Policy Coordinator
The White House

VIA FAX

Dear Dr Gebbie :

Dr. Philippe DOUSTE-BLAZY, MD, MPH, French Minister of Health, will be in town March 6th through 8th, 1994.

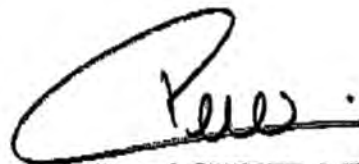
The main purpose of his visit is to learn more about the debate over health care reform in the United States as well as to discuss AIDS Policy issues with his American counterparts.

I am therefore requesting the possibility for him to meet with you at a time at your convenience to hear from you on the Administration's AIDS Policy. This meeting would also provide with the opportunity to follow up on the AIDS Summit project.

In addition, I want to let you know that the Ambassador will be inviting you for a dinner honoring Dr. DOUSTE-BLAZY on Monday, March 7 at 8:00 p.m. at his residency. An official letter of invitation should be sent to you tomorrow.

You'll find hereby, for your information, Dr. Douste-Blazy's biographical sketch.

With many thanks and best regards,



Pascal CHEVIT, MD

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Philippe Douste-Blazy

Minister of Health

Philippe Douste-Blazy was appointed Minister Delegate of Health in the cabinet of Prime Minister Edouard Balladur on March 30, 1993.

A member of the centrist UDF party, he was elected to the National Assembly from the Hautes Pyrénées "département" in March 1993. He was previously spokesman on health issues for the Union of the Opposition.

Dr. Douste-Blazy has been mayor of Lourdes since March 1989 and a regional councilor since 1993.

A physician by profession, Dr. Douste-Blazy is a former professor of epidemiology and the economics of health care and prevention. He was national director of ARCOL (an association for research into cholesterol levels and arteriosclerosis) from 1989 to 1992. He also served as head of a cardiology clinic in Toulouse (1982 to 1986).

Philippe Douste-Blazy was born in Lourdes (southwestern France) in January 1953 and studied medicine at the University of Toulouse. In addition to his work in cardiology and arteriosclerosis, he was the architect of a study, "The Epidemiological Approach to Health Problems," and the author of a report presented at the government-sponsored symposium, "Methodology and Promotion of Health." He also organized the first-ever summer university on health at Gavarnie in June 1992.

Dr. Douste-Blazy is the recipient of several awards in medicine and a member of numerous professional societies, including the New York Academy of Sciences.

He is married to a cardiologist.

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March 9, 1994

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Dear Dr. Gebbie:

Just a few words to thank you for your time and availability during
Minister Douste-Blazy's visit.

I know he has highly appreciated the discussions you had together and
he looks forward to seeing you in Paris early April.

I have good hopes that I will be able to forward the official invitation to
you in the very near future.

Best regards,

Pascal CHEVIT, MD