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March 22, 1994

Ms. Kristine GEBBIE
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Dear Ms Gebbie:

Please find here below some information regarding the AIDS Summit.

- 1- The steering committee of the Summit has been installed today by Mrs. Simone Veil, Minister of State for Social Affairs, Health and Urban Affairs, who will chair it.

The vice president of the steering committee is Mr. Michel Lunven, former Ambassador to Niger and to the Central African Republic, who should establish contact with you and your counterparts in other participating countries very soon.

- 2- The National coordinators meeting has been set for April the 8th, right after the Thursday night TV event on AIDS. You should receive a formal invitation, as well as the agenda, through your Embassy in Paris.
- 3- The June 17-18 meeting is confirmed. Ministers in charge of Health as well as their colleagues in charge of cooperation of the 17 developed countries, being the largest contributors to international aid, and the Ministers of Health of about 20 developing countries are invited. I should receive the list of these countries next week and I will forward it to you right away.

Please feel free to call me if I can be of any help.

Sincerely yours,



Pascal CHEVIT, MD
Counselor for Social Affairs



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM H. ITOH
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Subject: Background Paper on US Response to French Ministry
of Foreign Affairs Invitation to an April Planning
Meeting for a November Summit on AIDS

Attached is background information for the National
Security Council and the National AIDS Policy Coordinator
regarding the French invitation to participate in an April
meeting to prepare for a November summit on AIDS. Our
suggested course of action is included.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.


Marc Grossman
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Tab 1 - Translation of French Invitation and Draft Agenda
- Tab 2 - Suggested US Course of Action

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and, with regard to its note verbale No. 194 concerning the meeting of Heads of Government on International Mobilization against AIDS, has the honor to transmit herewith the agenda of the preparatory meeting of April 8, 1994, to be held in Paris. The Ministry also has the pleasure to inform the Embassy of the invitation to attend this meeting, which is designed to bring together the interministerial-level coordinators who have been appointed to undertake preparations for the November meeting.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be grateful if the Embassy of the United States of America would inform the appropriate authorities that the above-mentioned meeting is to take place, and to provide the Ministry with the name of the coordinator who will be designated to attend the meeting on

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April 8, as well as the names of the members of any accompanying delegation.

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Paris, March 17, 1994

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Meeting of Coordinators Assigned to Prepare for
the Meeting of Prime Ministers
on International Mobilization against AIDS

Paris, April 8, 1994

Centre des Conférences Internationales
[International Conference Center]
19, Avenue Kléber
(Room 3)

Agenda

9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Commencement of activities. Opening remarks by Ambassador Michel Lunven, Chairman, Head of the French delegation.

- Outline of the process leading up to the meeting in late November;

. Coordination between the group of coordinators and the Conference of Ministers of Health and Ministers of Cooperation to be held June 17-18;

. Schedule of coordinators' meetings.

- Report by Mr. Jean-Francois Girard, Director General for Health, on the meetings of experts held January 27-28.

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Coffee break

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- Discussion of the priority topics generated by the meeting of the group of experts held January 27-28.

1:00 p.m.

- Luncheon at the Centre de Conférences Internationales hosted by the French delegation.

3:00 p.m.

Resumption of activities:

- Consideration of the draft declaration;

- Consideration of an action program.

4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Coffee break

4:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Resumption of activities

- Continuation of consideration of the text of the declaration;
- Approval of the schedule of future meetings.

For any further information on the organization of the meeting or to communicate items you would like to add to the agenda, please contact:

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P.S. Simultaneous interpretation from French to English and from English to French will be provided.

FRENCH PROPOSALS FOR HIGH-LEVEL INTERGOVERNMENTAL
MEETINGS ON HIV/AIDS

The French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) has invited the United States and other donor nations to participate in an April 8 planning meeting for a proposed November summit on AIDS. While French Ministry of Health officials have referred to a possible summit on AIDS, first in June, now in November, this is the first official indication that the French government intends to proceed with the summit. The invitation to the planning meeting comes as a surprise since:

- 1) The French have not issued invitations to a summit yet nor has any government, to our knowledge, indicated support for such a conference;
- 2) The United States has repeatedly requested from the French a clear articulation of the goals and expected outcome of such a summit, but has not received such information; and,
- 3) In previous discussions with French Ministry of Health officials, the April meeting was presented as a preparatory meeting for a June Ministerial on AIDS -- a meeting in which the United States has expressed interest in participating, provided that goals and objectives were clearly detailed.

US participants in the April 8 meeting, led by the National AIDS Policy Coordinator, Kristine Gebbie, will use the opportunity to learn more of the goals, objectives, and expected outcomes of both the proposed June Ministerial and November Summit. We will also sound out other nations, many of whom, we understand, share our concerns about the GOF proposals. Based on information obtained at the April meeting, and by our anticipated participation at the June Ministerial, we will be in a position to develop an interagency recommendation on whether the United States should participate in the November summit and at what level.