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Dear Kristine and Jeff,

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Here are some of the questions I'll be asking during the AJN interview. My goal is to produce a conversational, educational and above all interesting quick read for busy nurses.

I've included copies of 2 of my interviews and a short short story published in AJN. They do not need to be returned.

I'm looking forward to the interview,

Mary

Marietta Lee RN, MS, BFA

What do you remember about the first AIDS patient you ever took care of?

Did that lead to your interest in AIDS or was it something else?

How did you wind up being appointed National AIDS Policy Coordinator ? Your education/job experience?

What was your job interview like (for AIDS coordinator)?

Who called you? What was your reaction?

What does a National AIDS Coordinator do?

As AIDS czar what have you been able to change?

What are you in the process of changing?

What still needs changing?

How much contact do you have with the White House?

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How often do you talk with the President?

Does Bill Clinton listen to your suggestions?

Are you involved with health care reform? How will that affect PWA?

Do you think nurses and doctors should be tested?

Should HIV status remain confidential? Who should know?

How do you respond to critics who say:

AIDS drug research funding is adequate but should be focused on alternative medications instead of the older AIDS medications that are only effective for a short time?

We need more dollars for preventative education, free anonymous testing, and support services to improve the quality of life of PWA.

Someone needs to do research on long time survivors (maybe 10 years since diagnosis). What makes these people different? Their immune system? Viral factors? Genetic factors? Addictions? Foods? Drugs? Smoking?

Will we see a program like the Manhattan Project to combat AIDS?

Do you think we'll see a vaccine or a cure soon? Why?

What surprised you most about being AIDS czar?

What are you most proud of?

What's the most exciting/fun thing that's happened since becoming AIDS czar?

If you had one wish what would that be?

How can nursing schools change to meet the needs of future nurses?

What would you like tell all nurses?