

November 30, 2000

WORLD AIDS DAY EVENTS

DATE:	December 1, 2000
LOCATION:	Whitman Walker Clinic and Howard University Chapel
BRIEFING TIME:	10:15am – 10:25am
CLINIC TOUR TIME:	10:45am – 11:05am
REMARKS TIME:	11:55am – 12:40pm
FROM:	Bruce Reed, Sandy Thurman

I. PURPOSE

To commemorate World AIDS Day 2000 and release a report that shows the progress over the last eight years in the fight against HIV/AIDS both at home and abroad.

II. BACKGROUND

Since the epidemic began in 1981, more than 700,000 Americans have been diagnosed with AIDS, and more than 420,000 men, women, and children have lost their lives to the disease. An estimated 800,000 to 900,000 Americans are now believed to be living with HIV. Each year, 40,000 Americans become infected with HIV – more than 110 a day – and half of new HIV infections in the U.S. are estimated to occur among young people under the age of 25. In 1993, when the President took office, [ONAP, can you insert horrible statistic on the status in 1993.]

Your Administration has taken unprecedented steps to help combat HIV/AIDS and your strong commitment to addressing this epidemic has begun to pay dividends. The latest data show that the number of Americans diagnosed with AIDS has declined for the first time in the history of the AIDS epidemic, deaths from the disease have declined by over 40 percent, and there has been a sharp decline in new AIDS cases in infants and children. The toll taken by this disease is high, but this nation is making progress because of your leadership and a number of your accomplishments include:

- Establishing the White House Office of National AIDS Policy; creating the Office of AIDS Research and the Vaccine Research Center at NIH; convening the first White House Conference on HIV/AIDS; and establishing the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.

- Doubling funding for research, prevention and treatment since 1993, to a total of \$8.5 billion; Taking strong steps to eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in HIV and AIDS Strengthening the Ryan White Care Act, which provides treatment to 500,000 people with HIV and AIDS nationwide; Leading the search for an AIDS vaccine with the largest single vaccine research program worldwide; Accelerating AIDS drugs approvals; and Expanding access to health insurance for individuals with HIV and AIDS through the Work Incentives Improvement Act

These efforts, combined with new drugs, new treatment guidelines, new alliances, and increased access to AIDS care and support, have resulted in real progress. The National Center for Health Statistics announced in October 1999 that HIV/AIDS mortality has declined more than 70% since 1995, and new infections resulting from mother-to-child transmission have declined by 75%. In 1996, for the first time in the history of the AIDS epidemic, the number of Americans diagnosed with AIDS declined. AIDS deaths dropped 20 percent between 1997 and 1998. Today, AIDS cases are no longer among the top 15 causes of death, a fall from 8th place in 1996. Overall, the age-adjusted death rate from HIV infection is the lowest since 1987. However, the number of new AIDS cases among women, minorities, and adolescents has increased considerably, indicating the need for effective and well-targeted prevention efforts are still crucially important, and increased access to health care remains essential, as does the search for more and better treatments and a vaccine.

Globally, the statistics are even more staggering. In nearly two decades of AIDS, HIV has infected 57 million men, women and children worldwide – and that number is projected to reach 100 million by 2005. Nearly 22 million people have died of AIDS, with 3 million deaths just last year. Over 13 million children under 15 have lost one or both parents to AIDS, and the total number of AIDS orphans is expected to exceed 40 million by 2010. HIV/AIDS is now the 4th leading cause of death worldwide and the single leading cause of death in sub-Saharan Africa. Over 36 million people around the world are living with HIV – often suffering in silence with little or no access to even basic care and support.

We have made inroads on global fight against HIV/AIDS as well, including:

- Helping to reduce HIV prevalence in young adults in Uganda and Zambia, and maintaining low prevalence rates in Senegal, Philippines, and Indonesia;
- Pioneering voluntary HIV testing and counseling in Africa;
- Launching International HIV/AIDS Alliance and helping to create UNAIDS;
- Establishing a government-wide global AIDS effort which includes the active involvement of all White House offices, USAID, the Departments of Health and Human Services, Labor, Defense, State, Treasury, and Commerce, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and the Peace Corps;

- Appointing a first-ever Presidential Envoy for AIDS Cooperation and encouraging other countries to do the same; and
- Expecting to more than triple our global AIDS funding, and continuing to leverage additional resources from other donors and other sectors.

But our work is far from over. UNAIDS has projected an annual global funding gap of \$2.5 billion for Africa alone, and \$1.5 billion for the remainder of the world. As a global community we need to move aggressively to close this gap. And the United States, as a leader in this fight, must continue to be focused and out front.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing Participants:

Sandy Thurman
 Jake Siewert
 Loretta Ucelli
 Terry Edmonds
 John Gibson

Whitman-Walker Clinic Tour and Meet & Greet Participants:

A. Cornelius Baker, Executive Director, Whitman Walker Clinic
 Kathryn Crum, Director, Austin Center
 Ambassador Andrew Young
 36 people living with AIDS and clinic counselors

Religious Leaders Photo Receiving Line Participants:

See attached list.

Other Participants:

Approx. 27 religious leaders, AIDS victims, & AIDS advocates.

Program Participants:

YOU

The Most Reverend Winston Njongonkulu Ndugane, Archbishop of Southern Africa
 H. Patrick Swygert, President Howard University

Belinda Dunn, Chair, National Association of People with AIDS

IV. PRESS PLAN

Clinic Tour – Pool Press
 Remarks – Open Press

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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Your Administration has launched unprecedented efforts to help combat HIV/AIDS, such as increasing funding for the Ryan White CARE Act by more than 300 percent, thus providing treatment to 500,000 people with HIV and AIDS nationwide. Under your Administration, funding for research, prevention and treatment has doubled since 1993 to a total of \$8.5 billion, ~~and funding for basic AIDS research and HIV prevention has increased by more than 80 percent.~~

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Members of Congress: (2 plus guest)

Rep. Barbara Lee and guest

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee

SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS: (45)

The Reverend Ramino Paul Abraham

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Eritrea

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National Association of People with AIDS

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Jamie Fox, Executive Director
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The Reverend Dr. Robert Franklin, President
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Deborah Fraser-Howze, President
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Shiek Abdurahman Hussien, Chairman
The Ethiopian Supreme Islamic Council
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John, Angela, and Maria Ibekwe
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Nigeria

The Reverend Christopher Jokomo
Bishop, Zimbabwe Conference, United Methodist Church
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The Reverend Canon Ted Karpf
Episcopal Diocese of Washington

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Malawi Council of Churches
Malawi

Archbishop Donald Mtetemela
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Father Orlando Navarro
Costa Rica

The Most Reverend Winston Njongonkulu Ndugane
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Mrs. Bridget Syamalevwe

Ministry of Education

Zambia

Bishop Priamo Tejedo

Dominican Republic

The Rt. Reverend James Tengatenga

Bishop, Anglican Diocese of Southern Malawi

Malawi

Ambassador Andrew Young and Mrs. Young

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