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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-OCT-1997 14:59:11.00

SUBJECT: Re: World AIDS Day

TO: sophiac (sophiac @ kff.org @ INET @ LNGTWY [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hi there!

I had a delightful visit with George Straight this morning on general issues re: HIV/AIDS. What a great guy! Anyway, I mentioned our idea to him and he liked it.

Everything looks good to go here. I think we can address the partisan issue in several ways, including making sure we include the right folks in the event.

I would love to get together when you are here. Let me know what your schedule is.

Talk to you soon.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:23-OCT-1997 10:06:04.00

SUBJECT: Re: Aids Communications

TO: Marjorie Tarmey (CN=Marjorie Tarmey/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

All are OK with me.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:24-OCT-1997 16:58:34.00

SUBJECT: Re: Needle exchange

TO: Barbara Chow (CN=Barbara Chow/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Congratulations! My fingers are crossed and the candles are lit.

Please keep us posted.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:28-OCT-1997 13:49:28.00

SUBJECT: Your note

TO: BigBob 411 (BigBob 411 @ aol.com @ inet [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Daniel shared with me your note regarding the birthday party and conversation with Bruce. I was delighted that you had a chance to visit. That is very helpful to us.

As you observed, there is no one in this place at the moment that doesn't have our issues on their radar screen to some greater or lesser degree. We have been meeting constantly to get these issues dealt with and I must say that I think we are making progress.

Things are actually looking fairly hopeful for needle exchange. We had a huge internal meeting again yesterday to fine-tune on our legislative strategy as we go down to the wire. Assuming we get out of this with the Secretary's authority in tact, our biggest challenge will be getting our friends to let her exercise it. That is going to take some serious armtwisting....and I don't have to tell you how valuable you will be in that effort. For God's sake, hang in there Darlin'!

Sandy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-OCT-1997 11:00:00.00

SUBJECT: Compromise on needle exchange

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Richard Socarides (CN=Richard Socarides/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Elena Kagan (CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Ann F. Lewis (CN=Ann F. Lewis/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Christopher C. Jennings (CN=Christopher C. Jennings/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Maria Echaveste (CN=Maria Echaveste/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Sylvia M. Mathews (CN=Sylvia M. Mathews/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

It appears that we have a tentative agreement on compromise language on needle exchange. It preserves the Secretary's authority and adds the Pelosi language which puts reasonable conditions on removing restrictions on federal funding. The one addition that we had not previously discussed is the prohibition on the use of federal dollars to fund needle "distribution" programs as opposed to needle "exchange" programs. This was included to appease some of our more conservative friends who fear that outright distribution as opposed to one on one exchange might increase the use of drugs. While the AIDS groups will be less than happy about it, the fact is that the biggest and most successful needle exchange programs in the country are "exchange only" programs.

This looks good. Keep your fingers crossed..... they are in conference now.

FYI...The situation in Chautaugua County, NY continues to generate a tremendous amount of interest. Fortunately, this is an example of public health, law enforcement and the judicial system effectively working together in the interest of their citizens. Unfortunately, their best efforts could not prevent this tragedy.

HHS(particularly Eric Goosby) has done an excellent job at spearheading the federal response and, in fact, was in New York yesterday with the Congressman from the district.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-OCT-1997 16:35:50.00

SUBJECT: Re: holiday parties

TO: Paul J. Yandura (CN=Paul J. Yandura/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Party planning is not on the top of the list on the day we are getting our
ass kicked on needle exchange. The social secretary will return tomorrow.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:31-OCT-1997 14:26:31.00

SUBJECT: World AIDS Day

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

As you know, the theme of this year's World AIDS Day is "Give children hope in a world of AIDS". This seems to fit nicely into overarching efforts on the part of the Administration to support children, youth, and families. Our efforts on behalf of young children have been quite high profile lately and I am pleased that Mrs. Clinton will spend some of World AIDS Day with the Pediatric AIDS Foundation. In addition, I think an emphasis on youth is also important, reinforcing the myriad of things the Administration is doing to support young people in their successful transition to productive adulthood.

To steer a steady course, all young people need support and guidance from caring adults in their families, their schools, and their communities. They need opportunities and experiences that promote positive development. And they need a sense of hope and possibilities. They need to believe they have a future worth working for if they are to be motivated to stay in school, resist negative peer pressure, and make responsible choices. It is in this context that our HIV prevention challenge must be viewed.

The tragedy in Mayville, NY provides us with a unique opportunity to refocus the nation on the importance of HIV prevention and youth. I would propose that the President host a National Town Hall meeting calling for parents, teachers, coaches, counselors, YMCAs, Boys Club, etc. to join together in supporting our young people. HIV prevention should not be a wholly separate effort but an integral part of Administration efforts to support schools, national service, volunteerism through the Presidential Summit, after school programs as part of the new child care initiative, etc.

To bring visibility of this issue, the President could gather an array of interested parties in a school gym/auditorium, or on MTV, for a town meeting. He could be joined on stage by others who could make brief presentations on model efforts, discuss the importance of action, and help in answering pre-arranged questions. Such individuals could include: Magic Johnson, Surgeon General Koop, the new President of the PTA (a friend of the VPs from TN), a teacher/counselor, an HIV(+) young person, and me. A few model efforts could be highlighted such as: a national service volunteer doing AIDS education, a member of the "Dream Team" -- high school basketball players doing AIDS education, and a kid from the "Safe Passage" program established by Arthur Ashe for inner city youth. This discussion could be downlinked into other World AIDS Day gatherings for young people across the country. A "no new money" initiative could be announced to re-direct some additional CDC HIV prevention money to peer education and to better integrate HIV prevention existing on AIDS programs targeted at youth.

This type of event would make an extraordinary difference, at an important time, and not cost the government a dime. As always, I look forward to your insights and comments.

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002. email	Sandra Thurman to Karen E. Finney at 16:19:35.00. Subject: Re: Human Rights Campaign Dinner. (partial) (1 page)	11/03/1997	P6/b(6)

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-NOV-1997 16:19:35.00

SUBJECT: Re: Human Rights Campaign Dinner

TO: Karen E. Finney (CN=Karen E. Finney/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hey There! How have you been?

I am so glad that you are doing this event. It appears that everybody in the White House is going.

See you tomorrow.

Sandy

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-NOV-1997 09:40:56.00

SUBJECT: Re: dinner with Miss America

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-NOV-1997 17:27:33.00

SUBJECT: Re: OAR

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

We need to stay on top of this.

The Council's take on the meeting with OAR was very different, as you may recall. In fact, I had shared with Helen and others that OAR was not particularly enthusiastic about the VP hosting a vaccine meeting or having anyone else included in a dialogue that they didn't control.....what a surprise!

Keep me posted.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 4-NOV-1997 13:43:31.00

SUBJECT: Re: World AIDS Day

TO: Paul J. Yandura (CN=Paul J. Yandura/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

----- Forwarded by Sandra Thurman/OPD/EOP on 11/04/97
01:50 PM -----

Bruce N. Reed

11/04/97 01:11:17 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Sandra Thurman/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: World AIDS Day

Looks fine. Check with Christa Robinson about how best to submit it.
Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 4-NOV-1997 14:25:54.00

SUBJECT: Re: Details, details, details

TO: WBuckingham (WBuckingham @ hrsa.dhhs.gov @ INET @ LNGTWY [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hey There!

However we need to sell this little proposition is just fine with me.

I think the proposal looks good. I will be interested to hear what kind of suggestions that Rose has to offer.

It looks at this point that I will be headed to South Africa sometime during the second week in December. I will have a chance to talk with her then.

Hang in there!

Sandy xoxoxoxo

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 4-NOV-1997 12:39:23.00

SUBJECT: World AIDS Day

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

Paul J. Yandura (CN=Paul J. Yandura/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Here is the scheduling request for the radio address for World AIDS Day.
Please take a look at it
and let me know if it's O.K. so we can get moving on it.

Thanks.

SCHEDULING REQUEST PROPOSALDate: 10/30/97

☐ ACCEPT

☐ REJECT

☐ PENDING

TO: Ann Lewis, Assistant to the President and
Director of Communications

FROM: Bruce Reed, Assistant to the President for Domestic
Policy
Sandra L. Thurman, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

REQUEST: Radio Address

PURPOSE: Commemoration of World AIDS Day

BACKGROUND: World AIDS Day is sponsored by the World Health
Organization and was first observed on December 1, 1988. It serves as an
annual reminder to strengthen the global effort to face the challenges of
the AIDS pandemic, which continues to spread in all regions of the world.
This organized effort is designed to encourage public support for programs
to prevent the spread of HIV infection and to provide education and
awareness of issues surrounding HIV/AIDS. The 1997 World AIDS Day theme,
"Give Children Hope in a World with AIDS," challenges people around the
world to contemplate the long-term repercussions of the AIDS pandemic, and
not lose sight that AIDS affects everyone.

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PARTICIPATION: In 1993 the President spoke at Georgetown
University. In 1994 the Office of National AIDS Policy arranged an Oval
Office meeting with the President and HIV+ youth. In 1995 a Presidential
video message was produced and the historic White House Conference on
HIV/AIDS was held. In 1996 the President met with NIH, CDC, and HHS
representatives for a scientific research briefing in the Oval Office.
Additionally, a Presidential Proclamation has been released every year.

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(World AIDS DAY is December 1, 1997)

DURATION: 30 minutes

LOCATION: Roosevelt Room

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Sandra Thurman, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy
National AIDS Service Organization Executive Directors

OUTLINE OF

EVENTS: Briefing on HIV/AIDS issues by Ms. Thurman fifteen
minutes before radio address. President and
Ms. Thurman enter Roosevelt Room. Introductions of
Executive Directors and other guests. Ms. Thurman
makes brief remarks and introduces the President. Brief remarks by the
President. Radio Address. President exits.

REMARKS: Brief introductory remarks.

MEDIA: White House Photo only.

FIRST LADY: No.

VICE
PRESIDENT: No.

RECOMMENDED
BY: Bruce Reed and Sandra Thurman

CONTACT: Sandra Thurman or Paul Yandura

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 4-NOV-1997 14:55:33.00

SUBJECT: Two Things

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

1. The White House(you in particular) got high marks from all the big AIDS advocacy groups for hanging tough on needle exchange in Conference. Good work.

2. Am I to assume that you didn't think our proposed town hall meeting with the President and parents, teachers and students on World AIDS Day was the most brilliant idea we have ever had? If not, we need to hustle and come up with a plan "B".

In light of the recent case in NY, a public dialogue could prove enormously helpful, even if it was tightly scripted (and it would be).

MTV has spoken to us about providing two hours live during their peak viewing time in the afternoon. Even if the President opened the show with generic remarks about educating and protecting our youth and let Magic Johnson, Dr. Koop and others carry on the dialogue, it would work...or we could do the same thing in a local DC gym.

Let me know what you think.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 4-NOV-1997 16:21:27.00

SUBJECT: Re: Two Things

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

MTV has offered us their most popular time slot from 4:00 - 6:00pm. They have 66 million viewers in the U.S. and 300 million worldwide.

We will pack the audience with participants from a variety of model HIV education programs including the " Dream Team"---high school basketball players doing AIDS education (sponsored by the Ryan White Foundation), the Safe Passage program for inner city youth (sponsored by the Arthur Ashe Foundation), national service volunteers doing AIDS education, and others. We have great contacts in all of theses programs.

The President would open the session with a " call to action" , calling on parents, teachers, coaches, counselors, YMCA's, Boys Clubs, etc., to join together in supporting our youth. All young people need support and guidance from caring adults in their families, their schools, and their communities. Blah, Blah, Blah. It is in this context that our HIV challenge must be viewed.

We could then have a peer educator or young person with HIV ask the President a couple of pre-scripted questions for the interaction piece, then he could exit and the remaining participants could handle the rest of the dialogue.

MTV will arrange to get any other talent we might wish to include. We could arrange for all the AIDS types i.e. Magic, Dr. Koop, Jeannie White.

All we have to do is get the President up to New York and back. We already have a tentative hold on some time in the afternoon. The only other thing on the schedule is a dinner and if he only does the opening we can have him back with time to spare.

This has the potential to a huge hit....and great fun.

What do you think?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-NOV-1997 17:53:58.00

SUBJECT: Re: Two Things

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN.

TEXT:

We don't have to do this in New York, although that would be preferable.
We can have him open the dialogue from the White House (perhaps
surrounded by young people) if that works better. We could also down-link
to schools or other sites around the country.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-NOV-1997 18:44:03.00

SUBJECT: Compromise on Needle Exchange

TO: Maria Echaveste (CN=Maria Echaveste/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Richard Socarides (CN=Richard Socarides/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Sylvia M. Mathews (CN=Sylvia M. Mathews/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

It appears that we have a tentative agreement on compromise language on needle exchange. It preserves the Secretary's authority and adds the Pelosi language which puts reasonable conditions on removing restrictions on federal funding. The one addition that we had not previously discussed is the prohibition on the use of federal dollars to fund needle "distribution" programs as opposed to needle "exchange" programs. This was included to appease some of our more conservative friends who fear that outright distribution as opposed to one-to-one exchange might increase the use of drugs. While the AIDS groups will be less than happy about it, the fact is that the biggest and most successful needle exchange programs in the country are "exchange only" programs. The language also includes a moratorium on the use of funds until March 31, 1998.

Report language offers additional direction, including the following statement: "It is the intent of the conferees that the Appropriations Committee refrain from further restrictions on the Secretary's authority over exchange projects after March 31, 1998." The intent, I believe, is to leave it up to the authorizers to handle.

Please bear in mind that the conference committee has not completed its work, and it ain't over 'til it's over. There may also be additional report language added or current language may be changed.

Also, the community folks have been very happy about the Administration's consistent efforts to support retention of the Secretary's authority.

Sandy

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 7-NOV-1997 16:27:05.00

SUBJECT: Re: Compromise on Needle Exchange

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

We have a request now in for the MTV event, which can be formatted as a very structured roundtable -- Christa explained the sensitivity to repeating the town hall format, as well as previous negative history with MTV.

We're also putting a scheduling request in for the FLOTUS to attend an interfaith service on the eve of World AIDS Day. Ms. Wright-Edelman is attending. I've sent a note to Cathy asking if it's ok to put your name on it.

Sandy will return tomorrow, so she can respond to your note on needle exchange stuff --

Todd

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 9-NOV-1997 18:36:33.00

SUBJECT: Congratulations

TO: Richard Socarides (CN=Richard Socarides/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Congratulations Darlin'! The President's speech on Saturday was fabulous.
It would never have happened without you.

And, I know today will be a huge success.

Great work.You deserve a vacation.

Sandy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-NOV-1997 16:01:27.00

SUBJECT: Re: MTV/World AIDS Day

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

We don't have the check in hand, however, both Eric Goosby and I are absolutely certain that we can shake 10 million out of CDC with a little encouragement from you. They (CDC) will say that it is a little late in the cycle for a request that large and suggest that we include it in the 1999 budget request. That is, quite frankly, a little too late.

Eric suggests that we begin the conversations with CDC as soon as we get the O.K. to move forward so that they will feel a part of the process (God knows those people love process!). He has volunteered to run all the traps for us ahead of time.

We have a couple of ideas for corporate partners including Levi Strauss (they have been the most visible corporate donor in the AIDS epidemic), and Nike. They are MTV's largest advertisers, and are generally both easy to work with and quick to respond.

On another note, in addition to Marion Wright Edelman, Maya Angelou has confirmed for our AIDS vigil service. We are now keeping our fingers crossed for the First Lady. It is shaping up to be a pretty impressive show.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-NOV-1997 13:26:15.00

SUBJECT: MTV/World AIDS Day

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:13-NOV-1997 19:09:49.00

SUBJECT: CDC money

TO: Sarah A. Bianchi (CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thanks for your willingness to help find the money for a HIV prevention for youth initiative. Given the reality that half of the new HIV infections are among people under the age of 25 and one in four are among teenagers -- this initiative is extremely important. Any luck in getting HHS/CDC to agree to pass the hat?

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:13-NOV-1997 19:23:32.00

SUBJECT: Re: World AIDS Day

TO: Christa Robinson (CN=Christa Robinson/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I understand that the updated scheduling request has been faxed to you.
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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:13-NOV-1997 11:18:44.00

SUBJECT: MTV/World AIDS Day

TO: Sarah A. Bianchi (CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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CREATION DATE/TIME:13-NOV-1997 19:01:06.00

SUBJECT: Re: World AIDS Day

TO: Christa Robinson (CN=Christa Robinson/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Christopher C. Jennings (CN=Christopher C. Jennings/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

The updated request is on the way.

We absolutely need to do both the radio address and something specifically targeted toward children and youth on World AIDS Day.

As you know, the theme of World AIDS Day is "Children in a world of AIDS". Given the response to what happened in New York with the Nushawn Williams case, and the fact that over 50% of new HIV infections occur in people under 25, I think we would do well to demonstrate leadership on this issue at this time. It is consistent with the high priority we have placed on education and young people.

In addition, I just received the latest figures on the epidemic worldwide which reveal that there were 5.7 million new infections last year, as opposed to the 3 million we had predicted. That means that the epidemic is spreading nearly twice as fast as we thought. This is not good news, and has devastating consequences for children and youth worldwide.

We are at an incredibly critical point in this epidemic. The leadership of the United States at this juncture will literally determine the course of the epidemic in the years to come.

Your support, as always, will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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CREATION DATE/TIME:14-NOV-1997 17:00:43.00

SUBJECT: World AIDS Day

TO: Christa Robinson (CN=Christa Robinson/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-NOV-1997 14:10:16.00

SUBJECT: World AIDS Day Request

I was hoping to get your advise and assistance on World AIDS Day. As you know, WAD is December 1st. Given that half of all new HIV infection MTV has offered their platform for a 1-2 hour show. They want the President for 10 minutes and are willing to tape in advance -- so that eve Do you have any advice about how to move this along, and will you help?

TO: Ann F. Lewis (CN=Ann F. Lewis/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Stacie Spector (CN=Stacie Spector/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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004. email	Sandra Thurman to Philip G Dufour at 16:04:56.00. Subject: Re: State Department Event. (1 page)	11/14/1997	P6/b(6)

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CREATION DATE/TIME:14-NOV-1997 16:39:20.00

SUBJECT: Re: World AIDS Day

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thank you. I will anxiously await her feedback from the 3:00 scheduling meeting. Also, do you still support our trying to put together a public-private partnership initiative that can be announced on World AIDS Day? Again, I think it is an a great opportunity to do something important and "get off cheap". Please advise.

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005. email	Sandra Thurman to Bruce N. Reed at 12:20:22.00. Subject: World AIDS Day. (1 page)	11/14/1997	P5

COLLECTION:

Clinton Presidential Records
Automated Records Management System [Email]
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CREATION DATE/TIME:14-NOV-1997 14:34:16.00

SUBJECT: State Department Event

TO: Philip G Dufour (CN=Philip G Dufour/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I understand from Paul that our request for the Vice President to speak at the State Department on World AIDS Day is likely to be rejected.

While I understand that the event is not the neccarily the most newsworthy we have ever participated in, the importance of putting this issue in the international context cannot be underestimated. No one is more qualified than the Vice President to do just that. His work with the bi-national commisions, particularly in South Africa and Russia where the epidemic is raging, makes him the logical choice to deliver the international message.

I am delighted that the Gores are willing to do something " hands on "like Food and Friends. That sends an important message as well. However, 90% of the 30 million HIV infected people in the world live in the poorest countries. For them meals on wheels, or even the most basic servicesis but a pipedream. I

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-NOV-1997 16:28:03.00

SUBJECT: Draft POTUS remarks

TO: Laura K. Capps (CN=Laura K. Capps/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Enclosed please find draft language for the MTV script. MTV is not mentioned in this draft. A final deal has not been worked out with them yet. They are sending over their final proposal on Monday morning. There is a small chance that MTV may not agree to our terms. You may want to hold until Monday. In any case, we wanted to make sure you had something -- just in case. Thanks.

Points for the President's Remarks on Youth and AIDS

* The facts. This is a serious problem that is getting worse.

AIDS is not somebody else's problem. In a very real way -- we are all living with AIDS. America is living with AIDS and the world is living with AIDS. We are all in this together and we must all be part of the fight.

More and more -- AIDS is affecting young people just like you. Today -- in the United States -- half of all new HIV infections are among people under the age of 25 -- and 1 out of every 4 is a teenager. In fact, more than two young people are infected every hour. In truth, AIDS is not always as far away as you think.

We know that this virus does not discriminate. It doesn't care who you are, what you wear or how good you look. (FYI-- young people generally say the people they hang out with look too good to have HIV). It doesn't care if you are male or female, gay or straight, black, white, yellow, brown or red. If you mess with the virus -- it will mess with you.

* Knowledge is power and education is the key.

That's why each and every one of you needs to empower yourself for a healthy and successful future. Get the facts about HIV and AIDS and pass them along to your friends.

Only you can keep yourself safe. Only you can prevent AIDS -- no one can do that for you. And as you face the challenges of growing up and the pressures of keeping up -- I urge you to keep on reaching for your dreams.

You are important. Your future matters. You have the capacity and potential to make a big difference -- in your own life and in our nation's future. Take responsibility for your health, your education, and your safety. Talk to your friends. Support each other. And reach out to adults -- your parents, your teachers, and others you trust -- for help, for advice about preventing HIV, and for support you need to do what best for you. It can save your life.

* To those of you with HIV or those who are afraid you may be --we have new found hope and reason to be optimistic.

There are new treatments that can keep you alive and improve the quality of your life -- but you can't benefit from them unless you know where you stand -- and that may mean knowing your HIV status.

No more than ever -- if you think you might be infected -- seek help. If you're afraid, you need to find out -- because wishing it away won't work.

* As a society -- we have to continue to reach out to people living with HIV and AIDS.

We are all part of creating a country, and a world, that reaches out to those in need. We need to fight ignorance with education. We need to fight fear with facts. We need to fight indifference with compassion. And most importantly, we need to fight AIDS not people with AIDS.

* Let's celebrate and build on the great work so many of you are doing.

I would like to acknowledge and commend the important work of so many of you young people across this country and around the world who have taken it upon yourselves to create hope in a world of AIDS. You are building the future, you are the future, and the world needs your energy and your talent.

In communities throughout America and villages throughout the globe -- you have joined together to save lives -- starting with your own. In neighborhoods, schools, youth centers, churches, clubs, recreation centers, parks, shelters, and in the streets -- you have taken responsibility -- not only for yourselves -- but for educating your friends and your peers about how to stop HIV in its tracks. You have worked with your parents, teachers, coaches, counselors, and others -- but most importantly -- you have talked to each other.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to talk with you today -- and I hope you will take what I have to say seriously. But I also hope that you will continue to talk to each other. I have heard about great programs you have designed and creative ways you have developed for educating each other about HIV. From theater troops to musical groups to peer prevention programs -- you have taken responsibility and become part of the solution.

I commend all of you for your creativity, your courage, and your commitment. I hope everyone will join in the fight. It can save your life and the lives of your friends.

Respect yourself, protect yourself (CDC's youth slogan), and believe in your future.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-NOV-1997 19:31:44.00

SUBJECT: Youth and AIDS Remarks

TO: June Shih (CN=June Shih/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I understand from Laura Capps that you will be working on the youth and AIDS remarks for the President. I really appreciate your help. Attached are slightly updated remarks from the ones I sent Laura yesterday. If you need anything else, please contact Todd or Michael in my office. Thanks.

Points for POTUS Remarks on Youth and AIDS

* The facts. This is a serious problem that is getting worse.

AIDS is not somebody else's problem. In a very real way -- we are all living with AIDS. We are all in this together and we must all be part of the fight. In the 15 years of this epidemic -- 362,000 Americans have died -- many of whom got infected when they were your age.

More and more -- HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is affecting young people just like you. Today -- in the United States -- half of all new HIV infections are among people under the age of 25 -- and 1 out of every 4 is a teenager. In fact, every hour, more than two young people are infected. In some communities, as many as 1 in 30 18 and 19 year old males has HIV. In truth, AIDS is not always as far away as you may think.

We know that this virus does not discriminate. HIV doesn't care who you are, what you wear or how good you look. (FYI-- young people generally say the people they hang out with look too good to have HIV). It doesn't care if you are male or female, gay or straight, rich or poor, black, white, yellow, brown or red. If you mess with the virus -- it will mess with you.

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That's why each and every one of you needs to empower yourself for a healthy and successful future. Get the facts about HIV and AIDS and use them! Tell your friends.

Only you can keep yourself safe. Only you can prevent AIDS -- no one can do that for you. As you face the challenges of growing up and the pressures of keeping up -- I urge you to keep on reaching for your dreams. And don't let HIV or drugs take them away.

You are important -- to your family, to your friends, and to us all. You have the capacity and potential to make a big difference -- in your own life and in our nation's future. But you have to take responsibility for your health, your education, and your safety -- if you are going to get there. Talk to your friends. Support each other. And reach out to adults -- your parents, your teachers, and others in your community that you trust -- for help, for advice about preventing HIV, and for the

support you need to do what's best for you. It can save your life.

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There are new treatments that can help to keep you alive and improve your quality of life -- but you can't benefit from them unless you know where you stand -- and that may mean knowing your HIV status.

Now more than ever -- if you think you might be infected -- get help and get tested. If you're afraid, you need to find out -- because wishing HIV away won't work.

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We are all part of creating a country, and a world, that reaches out to those in need. We need to fight ignorance with education. We need to fight fear with facts. We need to fight indifference with compassion. And most importantly, we need to fight AIDS not people with AIDS.

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I would like to acknowledge and commend the important work of so many of you young people across this country and around the world. You have taken it upon yourselves to create hope in a world of AIDS. You are building the future, you are the future, and this world needs and appreciates your energy and talent.

In communities throughout America and villages throughout the globe -- you have joined together to save lives -- starting with your own. In neighborhoods, schools, youth centers, churches, clubs, recreation centers, parks, shelters, and in the streets -- you have taken responsibility -- not only for educating yourselves -- but for educating your friends and your peers about how to stop HIV in its tracks. You have worked with your parents, teachers, coaches, counselors, nurses, doctors, and others -- but most importantly -- you have talked to each other. We all need both mentors and friends.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to talk with you today -- and I hope you will take what I have to say seriously. But I also hope that you will continue to talk to each other. I have heard about the many great programs you have designed and the creative ways you have developed for educating each other about HIV. From theater troops to musical groups to peer prevention programs -- you have taken responsibility and become part of the solution. You are spreading the word, not the virus.

I commend all of you for your creativity, your courage, and your commitment. I hope everyone will join in the fight. You can save lives -- starting with your own.

The teenage years are important ones. Many challenges await you. Respect yourself, protect yourself (CDC's youth slogan), and always keep believing in your future.

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-NOV-1997 20:05:43.00

SUBJECT: World AIDS Day

This is actually Michael for Sandy. We got a letter from AIDS Action Council stating that they will pay for the PSA and help to get it place
AIDS Action will also make the tape part of their WAD e-mail march on Washington and distribute it to many or all of their 2,400 community b
Thank you VERY much for all your support of this effort, the meeting, and the directive. Hopefully we can save some lives.

FEEL BETTER!!!

TO: Christa Robinson (CN=Christa Robinson/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-NOV-1997 13:58:54.00

SUBJECT: Re: Youth and AIDS Remarks

TO: June Shih (CN=June Shih/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

It looks like this tape will now be used as more of an extended PSA.
Therefore, rather than 5 minutes, we are now looking at 2 minutes. Thanks
for your patience and assistance.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-NOV-1997 12:20:39.00

SUBJECT: Re: Youth and AIDS Remarks

TO: June Shih (CN=June Shih/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

The ultimate use of this taped message is still in flux. However, we were planning for approximately 5 minutes. I hope that what we sent over was useful and thank you very much for your help.

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS ON YOUTH AND AIDS
NOVEMBER 18, 1997

I am pleased to take part in this commemoration of World AIDS Day. AIDS is not somebody else's problem. We are all living with AIDS and we must all be a part of the fight. Our nation salutes individuals and families living with AIDS, care givers and researchers, activists and policy makers, for working together to provide hope in a world with AIDS.

And we have good reason to be hopeful. Powerful new treatments are helping those living with AIDS to live longer and healthier lives. But the epidemic continues, and more and more HIV is affecting young people. So today, I would like to reach out to young Americans just like you. Today I call on each of you to help us save lives -- starting with your own.

Only you have the power to keep yourself safe. Get the facts about HIV and AIDS and use them. This deadly virus does not discriminate. HIV doesn't care if you are male or female, gay or straight, rich or poor, black, white, yellow, brown or red. The virus takes advantage of any one who puts him or herself at risk.

As you face the challenges of growing up and the pressures of keeping up, I urge you not to let HIV keep you from reaching your dreams. You are important -- to your family, to your friends, to us all. You have the capacity and the potential to make a difference in your own life and in America's future. But you have to take responsibility for your health, your education and your safety. Reach out to the adults in your lives -- your parents, teachers and others you trust -- for advice and for support. It could save your life.

One last thing. Talk to each other. I urge you to share the facts about HIV and AIDS with your friends and your peers, in education and prevention programs, or in every day conversation. In neighborhoods, schools, youth centers, churches, clubs, recreation centers, shelters, and in the streets -- spread the word about how to stop HIV. Take responsibility and become part of the solution. We need to fight ignorance with education. We need to fight fear with facts. We need to fight indifference with compassion. And most importantly, we need to fight AIDS, not people with AIDS.

Always remember to respect yourself, protect yourself, and keep believing in your future. This nation's future depends on you.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-NOV-1997 09:28:31.00

SUBJECT: Re: State Department Event

TO: Philip G Dufour (CN=Philip G Dufour/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hi there -- this is actually Michael not Sandy -- but Sandy did call from Kenya and ask that I follow up with you on WAD. I certainly agree with you that the VP should get a great photo out of WAD and Food and Friends is a great opportunity for that.

Here is my question -- if the State Department event had a news hook, could the VP work a very brief stop by into his schedule?

It turns out that on WAD, UNAIDS is going to release data showing that the extent of the global epidemic is far worse than anticipated. For example, in many African countries, half of the sexually active adult population is HIV(+) and rather than 3 million new infections in 1997 -- it is closer to 6 million. This means that the expected 40 million people by 2000 is quite low. That being the case, demonstrating a US leadership role in the global epidemic is very important. Is there some way, given the VP's interest and activities in South Africa and elsewhere, that you and Sandy could work something out that shows his leadership and US responsiveness in the face of this increasing devastation?

Let me know if there is something I can do to be useful. I will be in Sandy's office today trying to move some things along for her while she is away. Thanks and have a good day.

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-NOV-1997 17:49:09.00

SUBJECT: World AIDS Day and Mrs. Clinton

Greetings Marsha dear -- this isnt really Sandy, its Michael. I am over here in Sandy's office trying to help move some of this World AIDS D
Sandy has also been working on an Interfaith Healing Service for Sunday night 11/30. So far there are commitments from Marian Wright Edelman
Just a thought -- thanks dear and I hope I get to see you soooooooooon. Its been ages!

TO: Marsha Scott (CN=Marsha Scott/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-NOV-1997 13:23:41.00

SUBJECT: Another World's AIDS Day Request

TO: Philip G Dufour (CN=Philip G Dufour/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:21-NOV-1997 10:48:47.00

SUBJECT: World AIDS Day

Did you get the information on the Interfaith Service scheduled for November 30th at 7:00pm? It will be great -- Marian Wright Edelman, Maya

TO: Philip G Dufour (CN=Philip G Dufour/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:21-NOV-1997 17:42:27.00

SUBJECT: Re: World AIDS Day

Did you get the information on the Interfaith Service scheduled for November 30th at 7:00pm? It will be great -- Marian Wright Edelman, Maya

TO: Philip G Dufour (CN=Philip G Dufour/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
you had said that you were going to sit down with Mrs. G this afternoon
and finalize the world AIDS day schedule -- any news?

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:24-NOV-1997 11:39:00.00

SUBJECT: Another World AIDS Day Event

TO: Philip G Dufour (CN=Philip G Dufour/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hey there -- here is yet another option -- if you think Mrs. Gore would be interersted. We are having an Interfaith Healing Service on Sunday evening at 7pm. Confirmed so far are: Sandy, Marian Wright Edelman, Maya Angelou, Sweet Honey in the Rock, the Gay Mens Chorus

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 24-NOV-1997 15:26:17.00

SUBJECT: FY99 Budget

TO: Joshua Gotbaum (CN=Joshua Gotbaum/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])

READ: UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I would like to provide some input on the passback budget - can you tell me how much you're able to add in total to AIDS funding so that I can give you some specific recommendations on allocation?

Thanks!!!

Sandy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 24-NOV-1997 11:55:39.00

SUBJECT: Support from HUD

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ: UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I need your help with our friends at HUD. While I am grateful that they have decided to fund our office for another year (they have quick to let us know what a HUGE sacrifice they are making to do so), they have now decided they are unwilling to continue to provide us with a detailee. The current detailee is Paul Yandora who use to work for Marsha Scott and has literally been a Godsend to us.

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 24-NOV-1997 13:09:28.00

SUBJECT: HUD Support

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ: UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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HUD is already making rather veiled threats of discontinuing funding for this office next year. That could prove to be a bit of a PR problem for both the White House and HUD. My sense is that this chit chat is emanating from the chief of staff's office and not the Secretary. Consequently we may need you to go to the Secretary, at some point, to secure a little more enthusiastic support.

Should Richard and Marsa proceed, or not?

As always, thanks for your help.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-NOV-1997 17:57:21.00

SUBJECT: Re: Steve Loose

TO: Sarah T. Holewinski (CN=Sarah T. Holewinski/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Not tomorrow. Sometime next week other than Monday.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-NOV-1997 16:46:50.00

SUBJECT: Re: Peter Hartsock

TO: Sarah T. Holewinski (CN=Sarah T. Holewinski/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

How about mid afternoon on Friday?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP { OPD })

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-DEC-1997 21:03:26.00

SUBJECT: Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS Meeting

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

The Council meeting begins tomorrow. While their report has improved significantly from the first drafts, it remains highly critical of the Administration. Members of the Council have been chatting with the press (with friends like these who needs enemies) regarding their concerns. Consequently, there is considerable press interest in this meeting. In addition, ACT UP and a few other groups whose positions do not always square with ours have promised to make an appearance.

Richard Socarides and I have talked with Scott Hitt and determined that there are a few things that are fairly easy to deliver that we might be able to provide to the Council that will, perhaps, calm them down until we can make progress on some of the bigger issues, like Medicaid expansion and needle exchange. The first of those is a meeting with the President with Dr. Hitt and me sooner rather than later. I am going to submit a request and I would greatly appreciate your support. If you think this is feasible it would be tremendously helpful if we could announce it at the meeting (understanding that we would not yet have a date).

I will forward talking points and Q&A's on the report just in case we need them.

Thanks
much.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-DEC-1997 19:22:34.00

SUBJECT: Re: weekend television revised

TO: Mark D. Neschis (CN=Mark D. Neschis/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Can you add Todd Summers, my deputy, to your list of weekend television appearances? Thanks!

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-DEC-1997 11:35:27.00

SUBJECT: Talking Points for AIDS Medicaid Expansion

TO: Sarah A. Bianchi (CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Toby Donenfeld (CN=Toby Donenfeld/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Miguel M. Bustos (CN=Miguel M. Bustos/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Donald H. Gips (CN=Donald H. Gips/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I am providing you with talking points in response to the Washington Post article of this morning. Talking points received from HHS were not inaccurate. Please call me if you have any questions.

TALKING POINTS ON
MEDICAID EXPANSION TO PEOPLE WITH HIV

Background

In April, the Vice President directed the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) of HHS to determine the feasibility of establishing a demonstration program to expand Medicaid coverage to people who were HIV -- and do not currently qualify for Medicaid benefits. This was in response to a release by HHS of a standard of care for HIV and AIDS that recommended early treatment. The Vice President asked HHS to report back within 30 days.

Under current regulations, Medicaid coverage is not available to many individuals with HIV until they progress to AIDS; the new treatments offer the promise of forestalling the progression to AIDS, creating a "catch 22" whereby individuals can't get the drugs that would keep them from progressing to AIDS until they get AIDS.

Talking Points

The Clinton Administration remains strongly committed to insuring that people living with HIV and AIDS have access to the medical treatments they need.

The experts at HCFA are finding it difficult to make this expansion cost neutral, which is the test that we must meet to change benefits without Congressional action

The Administration is still in active dialogue with community members, Congress, and public policy experts to refine the financial analysis -- we have not shut the door on making this work

The analysis turned out to be far more complicated than many believed it to be, so it is taking much more time than we thought it would. However, the Administration is still actively working on a solution to this problem.

Administration has a strong track record of addressing the needs of people living with HIV and AIDS
the President recently signed a fiscal year 1998 appropriation bill that provides \$286 million for the State AIDS Drug Assistance Program, a 71% increase from fiscal year 1997.

the President worked vigorously to save the Medicaid program, which is the largest single payor for AIDS services and treatment in the country -- in 1997, federal Medicaid expenditures for people living with HIV/AIDS totaled \$1.8 billion, including nearly \$500 million for AIDS drugs.

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-DEC-1997 09:41:09.00

SUBJECT: Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS Meeting

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

The Advisory Council meeting opens tommorow. While their report is significantly improved from the first drafts, it is still strongly critical of the Administration.

As you may recall, some members of the council have been talking with the press (with friends like these who needs enemies) regarding their concerns. There appears to be a good bit of press interest in this meeting. There are a few items on long list of demands that I think we can produce fairly easily

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SUBJECT: Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS Report

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

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TEXT:

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Subject: Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS Report

The Council concluded its meeting on Sunday and released its final progress report.

While it still contains some criticism of the pace of the Administration's response, we were able to soften most of the rhetoric. The primary concerns expressed in the report relate to the expansion of Medicaid coverage to people with HIV not currently covered and to needle exchange. Our response is reflected in the statement text below. Copies of the report will be sent through the mail system (but call if you want one earlier).

We are continuing to work with the Vice President's office and HHS to respond accordingly.

THURMAN STATEMENT

Statement of Sandra Thurman

Director, White House Office of National AIDS Policy
on Presidential Advisory Council Report

For more than a decade we have relied on those on the front lines to sound the alarms -- and remind all of us of the urgency of this epidemic. This longstanding tradition has served people living with HIV and AIDS and all Americans well. And it is for this reason that the President appointed an advisory committee made up of those actively engaged at the community level in our nation's battle against AIDS. The overarching message of this report is loud and clear -- this epidemic is not over and we all have much more work to do.

Last week, on World AIDS Day, everyone stopped to acknowledge the tragedy of AIDS. But for those on the front lines of this epidemic -- every day is world AIDS day. And it is out of this sense of urgency and frustration that the Council puts forward its recommendations. I

certainly understand their anxiety, and I share their desire to continue the progress that this Administration has made.

However, reports that this Administration has abandoned its desire to expand Medicaid access to life-saving therapies could not be further from the truth. This Administration certainly understands the urgency of ensuring that all people with HIV benefit from the promise of new and effective treatments. The fact that our initial attempt to expand Medicaid has turned out to be more difficult than anticipated in no way lessens the Administration's resolve to seek a workable means of extending life-prolonging therapies to all those in need.

The Clinton Administration has a strong track record of addressing the needs of people living with HIV and AIDS:

The President worked vigorously to save the Medicaid program, which is the largest single payor for AIDS services and treatment in the country -- in 1997, federal Medicaid expenditures for people living with HIV/AIDS totaled \$1.8 billion, including nearly \$500 million for AIDS drugs.

The President established the HIV Vaccine Initiative, with the goal of finding a vaccine against HIV within 10 years.

The President has pushed for increases in the Ryan White CARE Act, including a 450% increase in the State AIDS Drug Assistance Program since 1996.

This Administration has supported the research that resulted in the new treatments that are saving so many lives, with funding for AIDS research at NIH increasing 50% since the start of this Administration.

There is no absence of will to meet this challenge; there is, however, a different sense of what can be accomplished in an often polarized political environment in which ideology can overwhelm science. The struggle to get the best quality of care and the best medications to all HIV-positive Americans is a very difficult fight and one I know that the President is committed to winning.

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WASHINGTON POST STORY

December 07, 1997, Sunday, Final Edition

SECTION: A SECTION; Pg. A20

LENGTH: 378 words

HEADLINE: Advisers Chide Administration On AIDS Fight

BYLINE: Laura Meckler, Associated Press

BODY:

President Clinton's AIDS advisers are set to issue a harsh report card today accusing the administration of letting down its guard in the fight against AIDS.

"Progress in the federal response to AIDS has stalled in recent months, contributing to a sense of diminished priority for AIDS issues during the

president's second term," said a draft of a progress report to be approved by the Presidential Council on HIV/AIDS today.

The report cites the administration's failure to expand Medicaid to get AIDS-fighting drugs to people infected with the HIV virus and accuses Clinton of lacking "the courage and political will" to fund programs for drug addicts to exchange dirty syringes for clean ones.

It is the second progress report to be issued by Clinton's hand-picked AIDS advisers. The first, in July 1996, also criticized the administration's failure to fund needle exchange programs, but it emphasized that Clinton had done more than any of his predecessors to fight AIDS.

This report is harsher, said Scott Hitt, a Los Angeles physician who chairs the 30-member council.

"We believe progress on the battle against AIDS is losing momentum," he said yesterday while attending a meeting of the panel.

The report praises the Clinton administration for increased funding for AIDS, approval of new drugs and more efficient spending of AIDS research money. It also lauds Clinton's call for an AIDS vaccine.

"As history will undoubtedly record, President Clinton is the first American chief executive to take serious action to address the AIDS crisis," it says. "However, most of these important strides occurred during the president's first term."

Clinton's AIDS policy chief, Sandra Thurman, responded that the issues surrounding AIDS have become more complex as attention has turned from the basics of prevention and early funding to controversial and expensive policy proposals.

"I understand people's frustrations," she said. "We're grappling with some really hard stuff."

On Medicaid expansion, the administration has concluded that it is too expensive to let people with HIV but who are not yet disabled by it into the health program for the poor in order to access AIDS-fighting drugs. The drugs cost about \$ 12,000 per person per year.

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SUBJECT:

TO: Christopher C. Jennings (CN=Christopher C. Jennings/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I think a capped demo is fine depending on the content.

I spoke with both Nancy Ann and Eric Goosby over the weekend in preparation for the following statement on medicaid expansion. Eric had a long conversation with Kevin Therm regarding these issues on Friday and he was supportive.

However, I held the release in order to respond more generally to the Council's report and to give the VP's office the option (at their request) of sending out their own release in response to the newspaper articles of last week. Now the VP's folks are indicating that they have not decided exactly what they are going to do. One or the other of us needs to respond. I don't have to tell you that the community is less than happy with us. Filing to be clear and forthcoming at the moment is not in our best interest.

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Are we having fun yet?....Let me know what you think.

Sandy

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TO: Heidi Kukis (CN=Heidi Kukis/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

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TO: Toby Donenfeld (CN=Toby Donenfeld/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

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TEXT:

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SUBJECT: VP Statement on medicaid expansion

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To: Heidi Kukis/OVP @ OVP

CC:

Subject:VP Statement on medicaid expansion

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Please advise.

Many thanks.

Sandy

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SUBJECT: Medicaid Statement

TO: Heidi Kukis (CN=Heidi Kukis/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Toby Donenfeld (CN=Toby Donenfeld/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Richard Socarides (CN=Richard Socarides/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

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TEXT:

The gay and lesbian weekly papers are writing some fairly critical stories about the VP on this Medicaid business. We need to get a statement out to them in the morning so they will have it before deadline. It has been four days since this story broke and our failure to respond is being characterized as our not caring.

If you are still undecided about what you want to say in a release, I think it would be a good idea for me to go ahead and send a generic note to these people that indicates very clearly that we have not abandoned our attempt to do everything possible to insure that people who need drugs have access to them.

Please let us know if we can help. The VP has been very good to the AIDS community. We want to do everything possible to ensure that his willingness at being helpful is accurately portrayed.

Please keep me posted.

Sandy

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SUBJECT: VP Statement on medicaid expansion

TO: Heidi Kukis (CN=Heidi Kukis/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

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SUBJECT: Medicaid Statement

TO: Christopher C. Jennings (CN=Christopher C. Jennings/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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SUBJECT: Re: Intern dinner

TO: Sarah T. Holewinski (CN=Sarah T. Holewinski/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I can't go tonight, but I can move my schedule around and go Wednesday. Is that OK?

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

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SUBJECT: Re: EB

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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To: Sylvia M. Mathews/WHO/EOP

cc: Carole A. Parmelee/WHO/EOP, Sandra Thurman/OPD/EOP

Subject: Re: EB

Thanks.

Carole will put on schedule once she hears from Sandy.

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 8-DEC-1997 18:00:55.00

SUBJECT: Re:

TO: Christopher C. Jennings (CN=Christopher C. Jennings/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

The statement that I have prepared in response to all this upset over our perceived abandonment of Medicaid expansion does not refer to any new demos.

All it says is that we will do the following:

 -- work with states that have expressed interest
in exploring Medicaid on their own
this will provide us with more data.

 -- meet with drug companies to discuss ways to
reduce the costs of these drugs this is a
big part of our little cost neutrality problem.

 -- continue to support the AIDS Drug Assistance
Program

None of these actions require a dime that we don't already know we are going to spend.

While I think a new demo is a great idea, I agree that mum's the word until we get the kinks ironed out. I do think that a capped demo may be problematic. I am not sure what it gives us that ADAP doesn't. However, I see no reason that we can't talk openly about these other things in the interim.

What do you think?

And, about those needles.....

Sandy

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 8-DEC-1997 16:06:08.00

SUBJECT: Writing a book

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I was approached some weeks ago by the folks who marketed the book Men are From Mars and Women are from Venus(second only to the Bible in nonfiction sales) to author a book on HIV/AIDS for the general public. Their market research indicates a real desire for basic information from a "credible but non threatening source" (I am not sure I fit either criteria!).

While I don't exactly have tons of time on my hands, a little project like this might well be a fun and creative diversion. Doing a little prevention work myself couldn't hurt , and could be good PR for the office.

Of course, any pennies in profit would go to an AIDS fund (or to the AIDS office fund...only kidding!).

Is this zany idea totally out of the question?

Sandy

P.S. In case you haven't noticed, we have been a little busy. I think we need to have another chat about needle exchange, sooner rather than later.

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 9-DEC-1997 13:54:13.00

SUBJECT: Re: VP statement -- please let me know if you have changes, comments. Thanks.

TO: Heidi Kukis (CN=Heidi Kukis/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

In addition to the changes that Richard discussed with you earlier, I have a couple of suggestions following my conversations with the folks at HHS.

I also understand that there is an updated press release floating around. I would very much like to see a copy.

Many thanks.

Sandy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 9-DEC-1997 17:29:54.00

SUBJECT: Re: Dan Quayle quotes

TO: Sarah T. Holewinski (CN=Sarah T. Holewinski/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Scary!

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-DEC-1997 13:04:05.00

SUBJECT: Re: Follow-up to conversation on HIV story

TO: Minyon Moore (CN=Minyon Moore/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Richard Socarides (CN=Richard Socarides/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I'll be glad to call him.

In case you hear from him in the interim, the statement from the VP on Medicaid expansion went out yesterday.

Thanks.

Sandy