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

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SUBJECT: AIDS in Africa Initiative

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READ : UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Here is the document we talked about - please call with any questions.

Thanks!

===== ATTACHMENT 1 =====

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TEXT:

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The following is a HEX DUMP:

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Partnership for Life: Leadership and Investment in the Face of an Epidemic - An AIDS in Africa Initiative

Background: Since 1993, while the annual incidence of HIV has increased by more than 300% and AIDS has exploded in sub-Saharan Africa, US funding has remained stagnant. Currently, the USAID global AIDS budget is \$125 million, \$74 million of which goes to Africa. While this makes the US, the largest per dollar donor, the US ranks 9th in per capita contribution.

Recommendations

- 1. We recommend that the Administration propose a \$25 million increase in the global USAID budget in FY2000:**

USAID (\$25 million)

Funds will enable the USG, in partnership with other donors and host countries, to help promote a four pronged strategy to include:

- *Containing the AIDS Pandemic*
Implement a variety of prevention and stigma reduction strategies including: HIV education; engagement of political, religious and other leaders; voluntary counseling and testing; mother-to-child transmission (MTCT) intervention research/demonstrations; and, increased access to opportunity (education, income generation), especially for women and youth.
- *Providing Home and Community-Based Care*
Deliver counseling, support and basic AIDS care (treatment for STDs, TB, and malaria) through community-based clinics and home-based care workers, enabling parents with AIDS to continue to care for their children, and to plan for their future.
- *Caring for Children Orphaned by AIDS*
Assist families, extended families, and communities in caring for their children through a multi-sectoral response including micro-finance, child survival, education/training, health, mental health, and nutrition assistance.
- *Infrastructure and Capacity Development*
Strengthen the capacity of government agencies, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and local research institutions to plan and implement the expansion of effective interventions to scale through appropriate training, technical assistance, and other support.

- 1. We recommend that the following agencies identify funding within their FY2000 budgets (\$75 million total) that can be dedicated to the global AIDS fight, bringing the initiative to \$100 million in FY2000.**

HHS (\$50 million)

CDC/NIH, in cooperation with host countries, will develop strategic centers to focus on HIV, STD and TB surveillance, epidemiology, technical assistance and training for public health workers. Activities would include:

- Comprehensive on-site technical assistance programs focusing on prevention and control of HIV, other STDs, tuberculosis, and other priority infectious diseases.
- Prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission.
- Surveillance to focus on how the virus moves through the population.
- Evaluation and implementation of new prevention methods and tools (e.g. HIV rapid tests, vaginal microbicides, HIV vaccines)
- Prevention of HIV transmission (e.g. intervention linked research including behavior change)
- Expanded management of TB, including TB prophylaxis for HIV infected persons and other opportunistic infections, and STD diagnosis and treatment
- HIV counseling and testing
- Blood safety

DoD (\$8 million)

Training/joint medical operations

- Programs will be developed to train foreign military personnel in AIDS prevention and education
- Joint medical operations will be expanded to include the training of foreign military medical personnel in HIV/AIDS counseling, diagnosis and treatment.

Commerce/Labor (\$2 million)

Workplace education

- Commerce Department will develop programs to provide AIDS in the Workplace training to assist businesses in coping with the impact of AIDS in the workplace (e.g., basic AIDS education, health care, leave policies, anti discrimination policies)
- The Department of Labor will develop programs to work with organized labor to provide AIDS in the workplace training to assist unions in coping with the impact of AIDS in the workplace (e.g., basic AIDS education, health care, leave policies, anti discrimination policies)

Other Agencies (\$15 million)

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READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thanks! I'll look for it in the morning.

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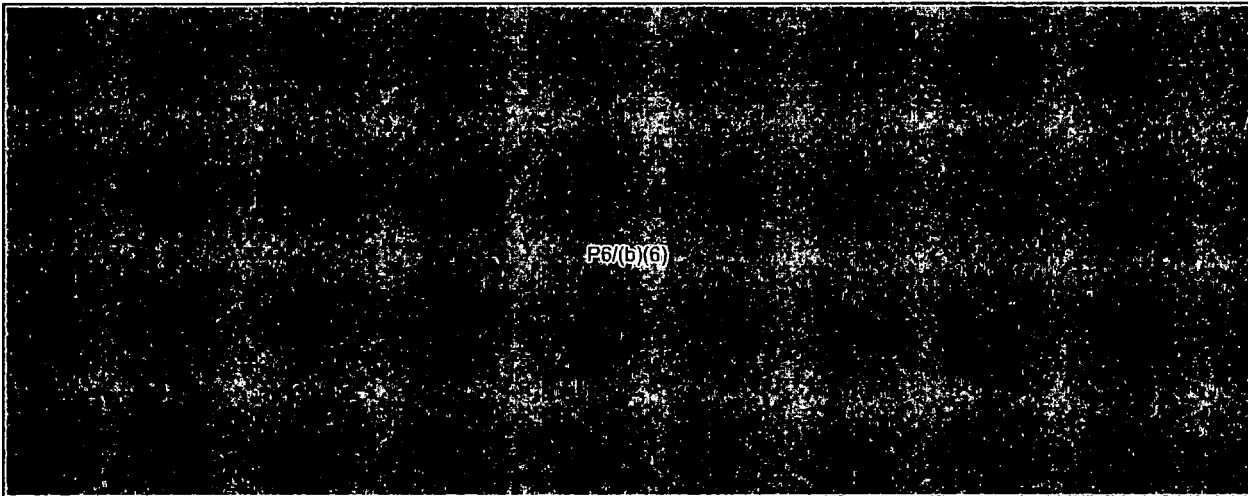
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From: aidsact@CritPath.Org@INET@EOPMRX@LNGTWY

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Subject: How to react to the sell-out positions of HRC & AAC?

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Friends-

I'm sending this to a limited list of people who've been more involved.

The AIDS Action Council (AAC), which signed on in April to our consensus letter supporting HOPE (which directly challenges Clinton/Gore's South Africa threats), is now turning 360 degrees to join the damage-control brigade. See below for quotes from AAC Executive Director Daniel Zingale. Asia & Eric - do you mind if I forward Asia's email to the whole list? I believe that people should be educated about these "leaders'" treachery, and perhaps some will want to pressure local affiliates/board members. Can someone get us a list of the board members?

As to HRC, they've gone from the direct attack on us in the Wash. Post -- the patent question is a "complicated issue" with "no easy solutions" and "To single out the vice president is not fair" -- to a slick official statement that says mildly critical things about the Administration's policy but actually calls for no change. Plus suddenly, after thundering silence for months, HRC endorses HOPE (without criticizing AGOA) -- probably 'cause they know HOPE has no chance. The release, letter to Gore and letter to Jesse Jr. are all prominently featured on their Web site. (The fools can't even spell President Mbeki's name correctly.)

Others are jumping on the bash-the-activists bandwagon. A favorite ploy is to accuse us of falsely representing the interests of South Africans.

Any thoughts about how to respond to this rising tide of attacks from within "the community"? One response I'm not comfortable using is Asia's "shut up and defer to experts." This precise argument has been used for decades by policy wonks in science, environmentalism, medicine, economics, and other complex fields seeking to silence and exclude grassroots activists from any input into policy. I don't think we should legitimize the elevation of "experts" -- even our "experts." And to say "shut up," while the position behind it is totally valid, sounds arrogant. The core is not that they are ill-informed or should stay quiet til they "bone up"--rather, it's that they are defending an untenable, murderous policy. I'd rather suggest we say -- regardless of who we're opposing (AAC, HRC, etc.) -- something like "Their position is factually and wrong: Black-and-white evidence from the Administration itself proves that the Vice President IS the culprit -- the official who personally delivered the threats to then Deputy President Mbeki. The statements by HRC and AAC show that these so-called leaders certainly don't represent the interests of the communities they claim to. Wherever we go, people with HIV and their advocates are outraged at US policy and strongly in favor of supporting people worldwide demanding treatment access."

What do you all think?

Bob

P.S. Note HRC's request to meet with Gore on this. You can bet that if Gore should ever grant a meeting on these issues, HRC and AAC will be there, and quite possibly we will be excluded, or at minimum, completely outnumbered by sellouts.

>From: Asia Russell <asia@CritPath.Org>

>Subject: Zingale, HRC et. al
>To: pdavis@CritPath.Org (P. Davis), jdavids@CritPath.Org (Julie Davids),
> esawyer@igc.org, bobl@poz.com
>Date: Thu, 24 Jun 1999 07:24:42 -0400 (EDT)
>Cc: workhoney@hotmail.com, rachel.maddow@lincoln.oxford.ac.uk
>MIME-Version: 1.0
>
>Zingale told Eric that he was "behind us" and that AIDS Action's quote was
>botched by a journalist in an earlier article. And now this:
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>(from June 22 _Sun_ article)
>> "The root of what is wrong in AIDS care is drug pricing, but the vice
>> president is not the culprit -- the drug companies are,"
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>[since when has AIDS Action done anything to support domestic efforts to
>lower drug prices?]
>
>> said Daniel
>> Zingale, executive director of the AIDS Action Council, the nation's
>> largest lobby on AIDS issues. "Of all the people running for president,
>> Gore seems like an unlikely one to target."
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>If Zingale is too spineless to stand up to Gore then he should at least
>shut up and defer to experts.
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>Has anyone called him since the Sun article came out? Has anyone called
>HRC?
>
>Asia
>

>From HRC's website
Human Rights Campaign
<http://www.hrc.org>
:

Vice President Gore and AIDS

FOR RELEASE
Wednesday, June 23, 1999

Protesters have recently accused Vice President Gore of helping pharmaceutical companies to keep AIDS drugs out of reach for the millions of people worldwide who cannot afford their high cost. At issue is a 1997 law passed by the South African Parliament allowing local companies to make, market and sell generic versions of drugs patented by multinational drug companies. For the patent, the South African government would pay royalties to the effected companies. In response, over 40 companies from around the world have sued the government of South Africa, contending that it violates the South African constitution. The decision of the South Africa Court is pending.

HRC opposes any effort by the Clinton Administration to put pressure on the South African government or any other country, which acts within the framework of international trade agreements, to weaken or rescind their effort to get life saving drugs to people who cannot afford them. We call on the Administration and the Vice President to develop a trade policy that balances humanitarian and corporate interests. A one-sided policy that puts

the
interests of pharmaceutical companies ahead of all other concerns is not acceptable.

The patent and intellectual property rights issue is just one part a much broader problem. AIDS drugs alone, without better health care delivery systems, clean water and other basic necessities will not relieve the suffering. A comprehensive U.S. policy should include increased funding for international HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programs, debt relief linked to investment in health care infrastructure development and adherence to international agreements on intellectual property and patents.

HRC and others in the AIDS community have expressed concern about the Administration's inadequate response to the global AIDS pandemic. While the number of people with AIDS worldwide has increased 300% since 1993, U.S. funding for international AIDS efforts has remained constant. This month, HRC sent a letter to Representative Jesse Jackson, Jr. in support of his bill, H.R. 772, the Hope for Africa Act, which includes a comprehensive approach to U.S. policy development. HRC also sent a letter to Vice President Gore regarding our concerns on both domestic and international HIV/AIDS policy.

Bob's note about the following: Note that the actual letter to Gore does not even hint at the criticism expressed above about "a one-sided policy," etc. More smoke & mirrors.

HRC's Letter to Vice President Gore

June 22, 1999

The Honorable Albert Gore, Jr.
Vice President of the United States
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. Vice President:

Your record and the record of the Clinton administration on AIDS issues is certainly a strong one and we appreciate the priority you attach to addressing the growing needs of people living with HIV and AIDS. Your leadership on issues like Medicaid expansion and increased funding for federal HIV and AIDS programs clearly demonstrate your commitment to fighting and ending this epidemic.

I write to you today because we have some concerns regarding both U.S. domestic and international AIDS policy, which we would very much like to discuss with you and your staff. We were very disappointed, as you know, with the administration's decision last year to certify the efficacy of needle exchange while, at the same time, continue the prohibition on the use of federal funds for these life saving programs. That decision was, in our view, contradictory and has not resulted in any less congressional interference

in the issue. Congress prohibited the use of even local and private funding for

needle exchange in the District of Columbia last year, and several new bills threaten to similarly restrict programs in other cities around the country.

To be clear, more people will become HIV infected and die as a result of those congressional actions and a unified, clearly articulated Administration

position will be essential to reverse and/or stop them.

Unfortunately, the focus on needle exchange over the last two or more years has taken vital attention and energy away from a broader discussion of HIV prevention and, to some extent, HIV care and treatment. Over 40,000 people in this country become infected with HIV each year, and no evidence suggests that this number is declining. Despite that alarming statistic, the United States does not have a comprehensive and well-funded plan

to reduce or eliminate new HIV infections. The steady rate of new HIV infections combined with the dramatic reduction in AIDS deaths clearly means that the number of Americans living with HIV is rising rapidly. A comprehensive plan to address the health care needs of that population, increasingly made up of people of color, women, and other groups with historic difficulty accessing health care, is essential. The Ryan White CARE Act, still a vital part of any plan, cannot and was not designed to meet that level of demand. Despite your call to action, Medicaid expansion is not yet a reality.

Regarding international AIDS policy and funding, HRC supports H.R. 772, the Hope for Africa Act, sponsored by Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr. An estimated 47 million people around the world are living with HIV and one quarter of all children have been orphaned by AIDS in many sub-Saharan African countries. The United States has a moral obligation to assist foreign countries and generously support international efforts to reduce and end such devastation.

As you well know, HIV and AIDS have overwhelmed entire cities and countries around the world to the point that economic development has ceased.

To ignore the connection between economic development and health is counter-productive and we very much support the essential linkage between these two issues in Rep. Jackson's bill. H.R. 772 appropriately sets forth an inclusive approach to addressing the HIV pandemic in Africa by including provisions on debt relief, health care infrastructure development, and adherence to international agreements on intellectual property. Those

key components will help ensure not only the wider availability of AIDS drugs, but also the basic health services necessary to successfully administer them.

HRC is also in strong support of increasing the U.S. investment in global HIV and AIDS prevention and care efforts, such as those funded through the U.S. Agency for International Development. In addition to the policies included in H.R. 772, this basic funding must also be part of an overall strategy to address the global AIDS crisis.

It is our view that HIV and AIDS prevention and treatment strategies, whether in South Africa, rural Nebraska, or urban America, must include targeted and sustained prevention messages, knowledge of HIV status, the provision of basic health care and supportive services, and of course,

AIDS-specific drug treatments. We acknowledge and appreciate the work that you, President Clinton, Secretary Shalala, Sandra Thurman and many others in the Administration have done to address those issues. No other Administration has done as much. However, a great deal more needs to be undertaken as the epidemic changes, and in many ways worsens both here in the United States and around the world.

Your relationship with South African President Mbeke, your leadership position within Administration, and of course your role as a presidential candidate, combine to make your position and plans to address these issues essential to developing sound and comprehensive policy. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues with you in greater detail. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Birch
Executive Director

HRC's Letter to Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr.

June 22, 1999

The Honorable Jesse Jackson, Jr.
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Jackson:

We are writing to express the strong support of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) for H.R. 772, the Hope for Africa Act. At a time when 47 million people around the world are living with HIV and when one quarter of all children have been orphaned by AIDS in many sub-Saharan African countries, we applaud your leadership on this very important issue. As you well know, HIV and AIDS have devastated entire cities and countries around the world to the point that economic development has ceased. To ignore the connection between economic development and health is counter-productive and we very much support the essential linkage between these two issues in your bill.

Like you, it is our view that HIV and AIDS treatment strategies, whether in South Africa, rural Nebraska, or Chicago, must include the provision of basic health care and supportive services in addition to AIDS-specific drug treatments. H.R. 772 appropriately sets forth such an inclusive approach to addressing the HIV pandemic in Africa by including provisions on debt relief, health care infrastructure development, and adherence to international agreements on intellectual property. Those key components will help ensure not only the wider availability of AIDS drugs, but also the basic health services necessary to successfully administer them.

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included in your bill, this basic funding must also be part of an overall strategy to address the global AIDS crisis.

We would certainly welcome the opportunity to meet with you to further discuss the Hope for Africa Act and other HIV- and AIDS-related issues. We appreciate your leadership on these issues and look forward to working closely with you and your staff in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Winnie Stachelberg
Political Director

Seth Kilbourn
Deputy Director for Health and Family Policy

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TO: Thomas M. Rosshirt (CN=Thomas M. Rosshirt/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

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*To: aidsact@CritPath.Org@INET@EOPMRX@LNGTWY

Date: 6/27/99 12:59pm

Subject: Re: When should we hold a DC press conference?

I would support and work ion this press conference, especially if it was delayed by one week, and, B) was used as a place to announce a massive national action on the gore 2000 headquarters in two months.

I would work on a press conference that spought to do the following:

1. release the sign on letters
2. restate the threee demands we have been bringing to the gore folks in recent weeks.
3. announce a deadline for gore to respond or else face a shut down of his campaign headquarters in 12 weeks.

ACT UP Phila hasn't yet considered this prop[osal (for a big DC action), and it is perhaps 50/50 that the groups will accept it. but that is the proposal I will be working on. we do have several other campaigns that are time bound and have been delayed during the gore fests.

Separately, due to the intense work of getting together our action this

Monday, i have not done much to contact HRC or AIDS Action and either win them over or at least contain or reduce obnoxious press statements.

Frankly, it seems like HRC has rolled over quite nicely, where they might even help a little bit. At least they seem more likely to stay out of the way, and less likely to say damaging things to the press.

Also, I have so far failed to pursue setting up meetings with Bradley, Dole, and Bush. We should.

If there is anyone who would like to handle one of these tasks, please let me know. I can do a little work on this later in the week.

Paul Davis
ACT UP Phila.
215.731.1844 or 215.474.6886

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>With the growing attacks on us and distortions of our position -- while
>there's continued media interest -- I think we could have success with a
>press conference at the National Press Club. My idea is to hold it some
>time after the deadline Jamie set of Wed. June 30 to collect sign-ons to
>the letter to Gore. (There are already 200, mostly academics not in the AIDS
>world; several are South African; I hope everyone will make a big push in
>the next few days to get more well-known names in the AIDS world). Jamie is
>available on Wed., July 7 or Fri., July 9. Media professionals have always
>told me that Fridays are bad to get coverage, so how about that July 7
>date?
>
>Here a suggested format:
>
>THE NEWS: 300 AIDS and health care leaders announce open letter denouncing
>VP Gore's threats against South Africa, plus a separate letter from Health
>GAP Coalition to all announced Presidential candidates of both parties
>requesting that they declare their support for changing US policy in this
>area
>
>THE SPEAKERS: Try for biggest names who signed on, including Ralph Nader.
>Is there a courageous Congressperson who will get on board, perhaps a
>member of the Black Caucus? What about Jesse Jackson Jr.? PLUS diverse
>activists involved in the campaign and knowledgeable about the issues,
>including women, people of color, PWAs (overlapping categories) and -- if
>we can persuade them to speak out -- someone from the South African embassy
>or a South African AIDS advocate who lives in the Northeastern US (to
>minimize travel costs); perhaps Randall Robinson of TransAfrica - who could
>call him? Of course the grand total of all speakers should not exceed
>around 6.
>
>THE PACKET: Besides our usual literature, we should prepare a
>point-by-point rebuttal of the lies and distortions streaming out of the
>White House, the Gore campaign and the compromised AIDS and gay
>establishment.
>
>Meanwhile, can we divide up the labor of following up to get more
>well-known signees on the list (I'm not talking about broaching the
>subject of speaking at any press conference, just the signature itself).
>Asia and I already divided some names from the sign-on letter supporting

>HOPE, plus some new ones:
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>If I recall, Asia said she'd email and then call:
>
>HERO/Baltimore
>NAPWA
>Nat. Minority AIDS Council
>APLA
>who else?
>
>
>I said I'd email and then call:
>
>GMHC (Pablo Colon or Colin Robinson)
>Body Positive
>Latino Commission on AIDS
>Leading for Life (Mario Cooper)
>Phill Wilson
>Women Alive/LA (Mary Lucey)
>Ferd Egan, AIDS Coordinator of LA
>I'll ask Ed Shaw to call Councilperson Phil Reed
>
>Plus I've further committed to:
>
>Kerry Lobel of NGLTF (who gave a supportive quote to Doug Ireland for POZ)
>Tom Duane (ditto; I'll see if he'd call Christine Quinn and Margarita Lopez)
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>Since agreeing to this, I've come to realize that this is too many phone
>calls for me to handle by Wednesday (especially since POZ is going into a
>production week). Can anyone help by naming specific ones on this list that
>you can call? And are there other key players who are LIKELY TO SIGN that
>are not on this list? Any sympathetic politicians in San Fran?
>
>We especially need to start doing outreach to African American non-AIDS
>leaders. I'll talk to Mario about that. Perhaps we can go to Randall
>Robinson of TransAfrica and he can give us entree elsewhere. Locally, is it
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CREATION DATE/TIME: 29-JUN-1999 08:33:31.00

SUBJECT: Fwd: "AIDS Drugs for Africa" policy recommendations

TO: Thomas M. Rosshirt (CN=Thomas M. Rosshirt/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ: UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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To: Sandra Thurman@eop

cc:

Subject: Fwd: "AIDS Drugs for Africa" policy recommendations

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From: aidsact@CritPath.Org@INET@EOPMRX@LNGTWY

*To: aidsact@CritPath.Org@INET@EOPMRX@LNGTWY

Date: 6/28/99 1:32am

Subject: "AIDS Drugs for Africa" policy recommendations

These are the demands given to the White House & Gore Campaign staffers that we (the colation members) have met with in the last week.

Just a refresher.

Paul Davis

ACT UP Phila

Forwarded message:

>From pdavis Wed Jun 23 01:58 EDT 1999

>From: "P. Davis" <pdavis>

>Message-Id: <199906230558.BAA02379@tensegrity.critpath.org>

>Subject: "AIDS Drugs for Africa" policy recommendations

>For ACT UP Philadelphia and other grassroots organizations around the
>nation to cease zaps, actions, and political work targeting Candidate
>Gore, substantial progress on the following would be required:

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>1. Drug Access in Developing Nations:

> A) Gore, as VP and US Chair of the Bi-National Commission on South
>Africa must cease threats of trade sanctions against South Africa and
>other developing nations that are attempting to provide access to

>essential AIDS medications through TRIPS-compliant measures for compulsory
>licensing and parallel importing.

> B) The South African government must be allowed to implement its
>Medicines and Related Substances Act without opposition from the US Trade
>Representative or other Administration departments or officials.

> C) South Africa must be removed from the USTR's 301 Watch List,
>and the out-of-cycle review of intellectual property practices scheduled
>for September 1999 must be canceled.

>
>2. The Administration must stop pushing for passage of the Rangel/Crane
>AGOA, or at minimum, work to incorporate most of the features of the HOPE
>Act into a compromise measure. Promises of later support for new
>legislation is not an acceptable compromise.

>

(between here & #3, these comments are just FYI, not demands)

>Without active support from the Administration, AGOA could very well fail
>on its own. Especially in the Senate, southern labor represents a strong
>opposition to AGOA; there is currently opposition from members of both
>parties.

>There is substantial opposition from constituencies the campaign
>needs in addition to AIDS activists, including UNITE, Teamsters, and
>environmental organizations.

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>3. The U.S. should allow the World Health Organization (or a similar
>organization) to provide essential AIDS medications which the U.S.
>government owns or retains substantial rights to at or below cost to
>developing nations. These drugs include ddI, d4T, and 3TC.

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>The federal government holds patents on and rights to many life saving
>medications developed with tax dollarsthey are U.S. funded inventions.
>This Administration can exercise its rights as the funders of such vital
>inventions, making them available to people in developing nations through
>international bodies.

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>Contact: Paul Davis,
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SUBJECT: Fwd: When should we hold a DC press conference?

TO: Thomas M. Rosshirt (CN=Thomas M. Rosshirt/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ: UNKNOWN

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Subject: Fwd: When should we hold a DC press conference?

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From: aidsact@CritPath.Org@INET@EOPMRX@LNGTWY

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Date: 6/27/99 12:59pm

Subject: Re: When should we hold a DC press conference?

I would support and work ion this press conference, especially if it was delayed by one week, and, B) was used as a place to announce a massive national action on the gore 2000 headquarters in two months.

I would work on a press conference that spought to do the following:

1. release the sign on letters
2. restate the threee demands we have been bringing to the gore folks in recent weeks.
3. announce a deadline for gore to respond or else face a shut down of his campaign headquarters in 12 weeks.

ACT UP Phila hasn't yet considered this prop[osal (for a big DC action), and it is perhaps 50/50 that the groups will accept it. but that is the proposal I will be working on. we do have several other campaigns that are time bound and have been delayed during the gore fests.

Separately, due to the intense work of getting together our action this

Monday, i have not done much to contact HRC or AIDS Action and either win them over or at least contain or reduce obnoxious press statements.

Frankly, it seems like HRC has rolled over quite nicely, where they might even help a little bit. At least they seem more likely to stay out of the way, and less likely to say damaging things to the press.

Also, I have so far failed to pursue setting up meetings with Bradley, Dole, and Bush. We should.

If there is anyone who would like to handle one of these tasks, please let me know. I can do a little work on this later in the week.

Paul Davis
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>With the growing attacks on us and distortions of our position -- while
>there's continued media interest -- I think we could have success with a
>press conference at the National Press Club. My idea is to hold it some
>time after the deadline Jamie set of Wed. June 30 to collect sign-ons to
>the letter to Gore. (There are already 200, mostly academics not in the AIDS
>world; several are South African; I hope everyone will make a big push in
>the next few days to get more well-known names in the AIDS world). Jamie is
>available on Wed., July 7 or Fri., July 9. Media professionals have always
>told me that Fridays are bad to get coverage, so how about that July 7
>date?
>
>Here a suggested format:
>
>THE NEWS: 300 AIDS and health care leaders announce open letter denouncing
>VP Gore's threats against South Africa, plus a separate letter from Health
>GAP Coalition to all announced Presidential candidates of both parties
>requesting that they declare their support for changing US policy in this
>area
>
>THE SPEAKERS: Try for biggest names who signed on, including Ralph Nader.
>Is there a courageous Congressperson who will get on board, perhaps a
>member of the Black Caucus? What about Jesse Jackson Jr.? PLUS diverse
>activists involved in the campaign and knowledgeable about the issues,
>including women, people of color, PWAs (overlapping categories) and -- if
>we can persuade them to speak out -- someone from the South African embassy
>or a South African AIDS advocate who lives in the Northeastern US (to
>minimize travel costs); perhaps Randall Robinson of TransAfrica - who could
>call him? Of course the grand total of all speakers should not exceed
>around 6.
>
>THE PACKET: Besides our usual literature, we should prepare a
>point-by-point rebuttal of the lies and distortions streaming out of the
>White House, the Gore campaign and the compromised AIDS and gay
>establishment.
>
>Meanwhile, can we divide up the labor of following up to get more
>well-known signees on the list (I'm not talking about broaching the
>subject of speaking at any press conference, just the signature itself).
>Asia and I already divided some names from the sign-on letter supporting

>HOPE, plus some new ones:
>
>If I recall, Asia said she'd email and then call:
>
>HERO/Baltimore
>NAPWA
>Nat. Minority AIDS Council
>APLA
>who else?
>
>
>I said I'd email and then call:
>
>GMHC (Pablo Colon or Colin Robinson)
>Body Positive
>Latino Commission on AIDS
>Leading for Life (Mario Cooper)
>Phill Wilson
>Women Alive/LA (Mary Lucey)
>Ferd Egan, AIDS Coordinator of LA
>I'll ask Ed Shaw to call Councilperson Phil Reed
>
>Plus I've further committed to:
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>Kerry Lobel of NGLTF (who gave a supportive quote to Doug Ireland for POZ)
>Tom Duane (ditto; I'll see if he'd call Christine Quinn and Margarita Lopez)
>
>Since agreeing to this, I've come to realize that this is too many phone
>calls for me to handle by Wednesday (especially since POZ is going into a
>production week). Can anyone help by naming specific ones on this list that
>you can call? And are there other key players who are LIKELY TO SIGN that
>are not on this list? Any sympathetic politicians in San Fran?
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>We especially need to start doing outreach to African American non-AIDS
>leaders. I'll talk to Mario about that. Perhaps we can go to Randall
>Robinson of TransAfrica and he can give us entree elsewhere. Locally, is it
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SUBJECT: Comment by Jamie Love on Gore letter

TO: Thomas M. Rosshirt (CN=Thomas M. Rosshirt/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Were you pleased with the meeting?

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Subject: [544] Gore supports compulsory licensing for AIDS drugs in South Africa [348]

In my opinion, this letter represents a real change in US foreign policy, and appears to be a huge victory for public health groups on a very important issue. Many people deserve credit for persuading the Vice President to signal a fundamental shift in US policy on a core element of trade policy. There will be a good deal of discussion now to determine just how Mr. Gore's statements will be translated into concrete actions at the USTR, Department of State and other federal agencies. But this is a very important and good first step.

Jamie Love <love@cpotech.org>

- Vice President Gore's June 25, 1999 Letter to James E. Clyburn, endorsing the use of compulsory licensing and parallel imports of pharmaceutical drugs in South Africa

<http://www.cptech.org/ip/health/sa/vp-feb-25-99.html>

June 25, 1999

The Honorable James E. Clyburn
Chairman, Congressional Black Caucus
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus inquiring into the issue of affordable AIDS medicines in South Africa. I share with the Caucus an abiding interest and affection for the people of South Africa and of Africa as a whole, and I am happy to bring you abreast of developments in our efforts to resolve our differences with South Africa over trade in pharmaceuticals.

I want you to know from the start that I support South Africa's efforts to enhance health care for its people -- including efforts to engage in compulsory licensing and parallel importing of pharmaceuticals -- so long as they are done in a way consistent with international agreements.

As you know all too well, AIDS has reached epidemic proportions in South Africa. More than three million South Africans are HIV positive, and the virus is spreading at an astonishing, horrifying speed -- infecting more than a thousand people a day. AIDS is tearing apart communities and wiping out families, turning wives into widows and children into orphans. At the current pace, more than 2.5 million South African children will lose both parents to AIDS in the next ten years. And the financial means to battle the crisis is itself a casualty; South Africa's economic growth is slowed by 1 percent each year due to the impact of HIV/AIDS.

That is why I put the issue of AIDS at the top of my agenda during my trip to Cape Town last February for a session of the U.S.-South Africa Binational Commission. Then-Deputy President Thabo Mbeki and I had a lengthy discussion on the crisis. He has launched an important campaign of awareness and prevention, but he knows he needs to provide effective treatment to those for whom prevention is no longer an option.

In 1997, in an effort to enhance health care for all South Africans, the National Assembly passed amendments to the Medicines Act that granted the government broad, but unspecified authority to provide more affordable drugs to its people. Out of concern that this new law might be used in ways that violate patent rights, more than 40 pharmaceutical firms -- about one third from South Africa, one third from Europe, and one third from the U.S. -- challenged the law in South African courts, claiming the law violates the South African Constitution. After more than a year, that case is still pending.

Clearly, there is a global consensus on the need to protect intellectual property. That is why the 134 nations of the WTO concluded the WTO/TRIPS (Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) agreement to establish international standards for intellectual property protection.

The Administration has shared its own concerns with South Africa over the more vague provisions of the Medicines Act. We have asked the Government of South Africa to clarify the actions it would take under the Act, and assure us the actions would comply with international agreements and not undermine legal protections for patent holders.

Under her independent authority mandated by Congress, the United States Trade Representative named South Africa to the "watch list" during her Special 301 Annual Review in 1998. Naming a country to the "watch list" -- the lowest designation in the review -- triggers no sanctions or threat of sanctions, but calls for bilateral efforts to resolve the issue. It is also important to note that naming South Africa to the watch list was not done solely in response to pharmaceuticals, but extended to other issues, including protections for computer software, CDs, and other intellectual property.

As you may know, the pharmaceutical industry recommended this year that South Africa be elevated two levels to the designation "Priority Foreign Country." Such a designation would have required the Government of South Africa to resolve this issue to the USTR's satisfaction within a set time, or face trade sanctions. I believe that such an action would have undercut our cooperative efforts to resolve this issue with South Africa, and I urged the USTR to reject the industry recommendation. In the end, USTR maintained South Africa on the "watch list," where it had been the previous year.

In my meeting with then-Deputy President Mbeki here in Washington in August of last year, he and I agreed to seek a solution that addressed the need to bring better health care to South Africans and, at the same time, account for the legitimate interests of manufacturers. I proposed to then-Deputy President Mbeki that -- to speed the availability of lower-cost pharmaceuticals in South Africa -- we work toward a resolution within a framework that included parallel importing and compulsory licensing, consistent with international agreements.

Our efforts to resolve the issue have been slowed by the ongoing litigation, but my view is the same now as it was then: I support South Africa's effort to provide AIDS drugs at reduced prices through compulsory licensing and parallel importing, so long as they are carried out in a way that is consistent with international agreements.

During our meeting in Cape Town in February of this year, then-Deputy President Mbeki and I again reviewed the issue and agreed to continue our efforts to resolve our differences. I am confident that we will reach a mutually satisfactory agreement.

Meanwhile, I thank you for your support of the U.S.-South Africa friendship, and for the commitment of the Congressional Black Caucus to confront the growing crisis of AIDS in Africa.

Sincerely,

Al Gore

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SUBJECT: Help!

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I need a reality check. Are our friends serious about helping us with this initiative or do they want us to do a little event-o-rama with a few mirrors and some smoke and call it a day?

In the 70 days that we have been working on this report, the Republican Senate has passed a Bill requesting \$25 million in AIDS funds for USAID and they had \$2 billion less in their 150 account. The Republican House is marking up on July 14th and they are going to request a \$35 million increase. The World Bank is planning to announce their Global AIDS Initiative in August and UNAIDS in planning to announce their Partnership for Africa Initiative in September. In the mean time, AIDS Action is going to stand up with Ron Dellums and slam us into next week at their Congressional Breakfast at the Press Club on July 20th for our failure to respond to the global epidemic....and rightly so.

We were way out ahead of these folks and now we are following instead of leading. What is up with that?!

Clearly I am either not communicating effectively or not giving them the kind of information they need to move forward.

We are quickly loosing a great opportunity to do good and look good for very little money. What should I do?

Sandy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-JUL-1999 18:40:29.00

SUBJECT: Fauci Testimony

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Revisions to Tony's testimony look good.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

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SUBJECT: Re: Meeting

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READ:UNKNOWN

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

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African Children Orphaned by AIDS

.c The Associated Press

By DEBORAH HASTINGS

LUSAKA, Zambia (AP) - The younger ones sit cross-legged, quietly waiting, like schoolchildren expecting the story hour.

The teen-agers, two feet away, are stone drunk from guzzling buckets of 100-proof, homemade beer called kachasu, and sniffing jekem - fermented human feces scraped from sewer pipes. They stab at each other with screwdrivers and swing lengths of metal pipe.

It is dark and cold and about 40 filthy, barefoot street children gather on

the dirt and concrete strip that divides this capital's main thoroughfare, waiting for Rodgers Mwewa and his promise of food. The wait is long and a melee has erupted over a stolen pair of shoes.

Into the middle of this mess wades Mwewa, a 28-year-old Zambian relief worker with more heart than common sense. Heedless of the danger, he has assembled these children in the wide center of two-lane Cairo Road, which teems with speeding minibuses. The sidewalks are worked by pickpockets, some the very ones Mwewa has come to feed.

Some 90,000 children live on the streets of Zambia. Many are the sole survivors of families destroyed by HIV. This Southern African country of 9.5

million is home to the world's highest concentration of AIDS orphans, according to the United Nations. More than half of all Zambian children - an estimated 600,000 - have lost at least one parent, most to the epidemic.

The country's future is an abandoned, lost generation.

On this recent night, they fight each other for Mwewa's pots of stewed meat and nsima, a bread-like staple made from cornmeal that has the consistency of wallpaper paste. It fills hungry stomachs but provides little nutrition.

Zambia, a British colony until 1964, is one of the world's poorest countries and one of the hardest hit by AIDS. Death is so common, coffins are sold out of brightly colored vans parked on roadsides.

Downtown Lusaka is a ragtag collection of plywood market stalls selling everything from bananas to hand-woven cloth. Its main drag is punctuated by an occasional high-rise, meagerly stocked department stores and a string of pizza and chicken joints. Their greasy fumes mix with the smells of diesel and dirt.

Foreigners are a rarity on Lusaka streets and are viewed by these desperate children as walking bags of cash. The presence of a foreign reporter and a woman from the Dutch embassy escalates the nighttime frenzy on Cairo Road.

"Please madame, please madame, give me money," they cry, with imploring looks that are sometimes practiced, sometimes predatory, but always pitiable.

The teen-agers sniff petrol, aerosol cans, anything to remain numb. Their feet are calloused to rawhide. Their clothes hang from bodies stunted by malnutrition.

Steven Chipili is 13 but looks 8. He is scooping meat and nsima with his fingers. He wears only a dirt-encrusted sweater stretching to his knees. Something is definitely wrong with him.

He wallows on the median strip, laughing demonically, as if possessed, at images only he sees. According to Mwewa, Steven was perfectly normal before he ran from police who tried to shake him down for a pocketful of panhandled money.

He was beaten, kicked and left in the street. Mwewa found him the next day and took him to the hospital. That was a few months ago. ``The boy has not been right since,' ' Mwewa says.

Last year, in the northern Copperbelt, where the mines are giving out and thousands are jobless, Steven's parents died of AIDS within four months of each other. He had no one else. So he hopped a freight train to Lusaka.

More children arrive each day and quickly learn to survive on charity, thievery and prostitution. Girls and boys who should be in grade school sell their small bodies in order to eat.

Winter is approaching in the Southern Hemisphere, and on Cairo Road, the night gets later and chillier. The teen-agers and the younger ones are now a swarming mob. They dart in and out of traffic, then grab Mwewa and surround the embassy worker's car.

``Just go!' ' screams one of Mwewa's volunteers. Mwewa is stubborn and stays. He fruitlessly tries to calm children who are screaming and tugging at the car doors.

Tyson, a 16-year-old boy nicknamed for the power of his punch, flails and cries in pain. His jaw is swollen to the size of a lemon and he wants a dentist. Now.

``Tomorrow,' ' Mwewa says, trying to reason with a violent drunk.
``Tomorrow I will take you to the dentist.' '

Days later, Tyson is dead. The TV news reports that a security guard unleashed his dog on the boy while he was begging in front of a chicken restaurant. Tyson ran onto Cairo Road and into the path of a minibus.

Mwewa spends 1.4 million kwacha on the funeral, about \$600. Most of it comes from a Canadian relief organization donation.

Wouldn't that money better serve the living?

``What am I supposed to do?' ' he says. ``It is our culture to give a good funeral.' '

Mwewa directs Fountain of Hope, a grassroots relief agency that barely lives up to its name. If current infection rates continue, the numbers of dead mothers and fathers will increase for at least 20 years, say international aid groups.

Average life expectancy here has plummeted from 56 to 37 years, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. About 20 percent of the population - an estimated one in five adults - is infected. The American rate is 0.57 percent.

Mwewa has a geology degree and used to work in the copper mines, once the backbone of the economy. ``The chemicals were making me sick,' ' he says, and

so he quit. He turned to this work, compelled by what he saw on the streets.

The impoverished government can spend next to nothing on AIDS or its orphans.

It counts on foreign relief agencies to carry an impossible load. Fountain of Hope exists on piecemeal funding from such groups.

It is similar in neighboring Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe. Their struggling governments can't cope with the epidemic's merciless march across southern Africa, where the number of victims is highest.

There are exceptions. In Uganda, a government-funded education program is credited with decreasing infection rates.

Twelve years ago, Zambia's then-president, Kenneth Kaunda, tried to inspire a national campaign against AIDS by disclosing that his own 30-year-old son had died from the disease.

It had little effect. The disease is predominantly spread by heterosexuals and birth control is not embraced here. A family's social standing increases with the number of its children.

Zambia is steeped in tribal taboos and born-again Christianity. Few speak openly of sex or say the virus' name.

In the shantytowns, it is called ``the slimming disease.'' In the villages, it is ``this thing that has come.''

No one knows how many orphans carry the virus. No one tests them because it would do no good. There is no treatment here. Even AZT, the most basic of AIDS drugs, is unaffordable in a country where \$50 a month is considered good pay.

Zambia's few orphanages are full. In the villages, children who have lost their parents and most other relatives are bundled aboard buses to Lusaka. Effectively disowned, they are told to find help in the big city.

``I put this kid on the bus and I say `Go find your uncle.' But where are they going to find this uncle? They don't. He doesn't exist,' ' says Louis Mwewa.

Louis Mwewa, no relation to Rodgers, heads Children in Need, an umbrella network representing the few orphan groups such as Fountain of Hope.

``We have to do something. But even the few of us who do something, we are reduced to beggars. I have to run up and down to get money, and all of us, we're going to the same places,' ' he said.

The government closed Fountain of Hope's drop-in center because of a cholera outbreak. So the group moved into the Kamwala shantytown, where a new school

is being built. Rodgers Mwewa needs about \$25,000 to finish the building and doesn't have it.

So far, only the foundation has been poured. Classes are held outdoors, on wobbling benches that tip every five minutes, dumping their occupants into giggling heaps. Orphans are taught English and rudimentary math on blackboards propped against jacaranda trees. One day, it is hoped, these children will pass the entrance exam for Lusaka schools.

But it will take them years, and Zambian schools are not free. Costs range from \$10 a year for the younger ones to about \$30 for the oldest.

Fountain of Hope also tries, diplomatically, to teach children about safe sex. Instructors use soda bottles to demonstrate how to use a condom.

But, said teacher Brian Mulenga, the lectures don't go far with 8-year-old boy prostitutes.

``Why don't they make condoms for children?' ' the youngsters inquire.

``They

are too big and they fall off.' ' Mulenga laughs, then snaps into seriousness.

``They really asked this,' ' he said.

Catherine Phiri, 8, has lost both parents to AIDS. She lives in Kamwala with

a charity woman who takes in orphans. She has no brothers or sisters. She doesn't even remember how she got here.

For days, she wears the same filthy blue sweater. She trudges to school on a dirt path, her bare feet sending up small clouds of dust. Always, she must pass the whitewashed concrete hut where a radio blasts South African music and leering men without jobs drink the day away.

At the school grounds, Rodgers Mwewa translates Catherine's mumbled answers in Nyanga, one of Zambia's prevailing tribal tongues. It is difficult to pull an answer or a smile from this girl. Her tiny face is hard as flint.

What does she want to be when she grows up?

She hangs her head and plucks weeds from the ground. Mwewa asks again. Finally, in a voice barely audible, she answers.

Mwewa's face is clouded by defeat.

``She wants to be a cleaning woman,' ' he says.

Just outside Lusaka, in the slums of Matero, local women banded together in 1991 to help an ever-increasing number of orphans. They named themselves Kwasha Mukwenu, which means ``help your friend.' ' They have registered more than 2,000 orphans, but can only feed about 100 a day.

The women also clothe and send some of these children to school with money badgered from relief agencies and raised by selling baked goods and batik cloth.

Under the leadership of Elizabeth Ngoma, a large woman with an infectious laugh, Kwasha Mukwenu tries to find homes for the orphans, either with distant relatives or families willing to take in strays. In some houses, grandmothers care for as many as 17 children.

For most of these children, the meal eaten here is their only one of the day.

As in every shantytown, the people of Matero walk. Cars are unaffordable. So the arrival of a truck draws a crowd.

Inside the Catholic church, some 60 children sit quietly on straw mats, balancing green plastic plates laden with nsima by the women of Kwasha Mukwenu. The youngsters smile and shyly wave, but never stop chewing.

Emanuel Daka, 14, lives in a nearby house with his mother, brother and sister. His father is dead of AIDS. His mother is dying of tuberculosis, one of Africa's most common opportunistic infections from HIV.

He is in sixth grade. English is his favorite subject, though he cannot speak it yet.

He dreams of being a priest.

"I want to preach and tell the people the truth about these people who are dying of AIDS," he says through an interpreter.

He is asked how he lives with the knowledge that his mother will soon die.

He stares at the floor. Minutes pass. "I feel very bad," he answers flatly.

"I am going to be left alone."

He is surrounded by the Kwasha Mukwenu women, who nod and continue talking and laughing. Death is nothing new. The women produce receipts for medicine to document their work. They need more money, they say. They cannot help every child.

Suddenly, one of them gasps. "Oh," she cries. "Look at him."

Tears are streaming down Emanuel's face. The thought of his mother's death has overwhelmed him.

Mulenga Kapwebwe sees children like Emanuel every day.

She is the daughter of Zambia's first vice president and a worker with California-based Project Concern International. It teaches Fountain of Hope the Byzantine skills of writing grant applications and soliciting donors.

In her world, 5-year-olds have sexually transmitted diseases. If a man will pay more for sex without a condom, so be it. The child must eat today. Tomorrow has not arrived.

"There is no age of innocence anymore," she says. "You have to get used to certain things."

Three days later, on a beautiful evening just before sunset, Rodgers Mwewa walks into a backyard party attended by international relief workers. There is a buffet, an open bar, soft music and polite conversation.

Mwewa has come straight from Fountain of Hope, where his long, depressing day ended with the arrival of a raped little girl.

Falling apart over each injustice does no good. Mwewa can do nothing more for the girl until tomorrow. To do this work requires not only compassion, but also the ability to turn it off.

He looks toward the bar and covets the numbing effect of a stiff drink.

The 8-year-old orphan stumbled into Fountain of Hope as he was leaving. She was attacked in daylight while walking alone in Kamwala. Mwewa and his volunteers cleaned her up. She was taken to the hospital.

Now he struggles to shake her image. One detail refuses to budge.

``She had blood running down her leg,'' he says in a soft voice that is swallowed up by party chatter.

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Sounds good.

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SUBJECT: FW: AIDS Action Council and compulsory licensing

TO: Thomas M. Rosshirt (CN=Thomas M. Rosshirt/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Our friends are getting slammed!

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"Zingale, Daniel" <DZingale@AIDSAction.org>

07/07/99 09:36:08 AM

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cc:

Subject: FW: AIDS Action Council and compulsory licensing

>From: rachel madow <rachel.madow@lincoln.ox.ac.uk>

>To: Multiple recipients of list <aidsact@CritPath.Org>

>Subject: AIDS Action Council and compulsory licensing

>Date: Tue, Jul 6, 1999, 10:20 PM

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>Hello AIDSACT and pals (and lurking enemies),

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>Each new quote from Daniel Zingale on the AIDS drugs for Africa protests
is

>worse (and more offensive) than the last. I know that there have been
some

>words exchanged between AIDS Action folks and individual activists on this

>subject, but I think that this latest quote from Newsweek (copied below)

>ups the ante; it's well past time for AAC to step up publicly and explain

>to activists what the cluck it's doing.

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>AAC: Are you out there? Will you defend your actions? I'm only speaking

>for myself here, but I think you owe the AIDS Drugs for Africa protesters

>some answers:

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>If you think you are making a salient strategic point about how to target

>protests, why are you making this point through the mainstream media

rather

>than in an in-house way?

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>It appears that your intention is to undermine the protest campaign and

>insulate Gore from pressure - is this your perverse misunderstanding of

>classic good cop/bad cop strategy? Or do you actually see some benefit

for

>people with HIV/AIDS in serving as the Administration's foil against AIDS
>activists?

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>And what are you doing for compulsory licensing?

>

>Rachel Maddow

>rachel.maddow@lincoln.ox.ac.uk

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>Excerpt from:

>No Money, No Meds.

>Marcus Mabry (With Debra Rosenberg and John Barry in Washington)

>Newsweek, July 12, 1999

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> "The AIDS Action Council, the largest

> AIDS lobby group in the United States, believes the
> protests against the veep are misdirected. "This is

like

> blaming Roosevelt for the Holocaust," says Council
> director Daniel Zingale."

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> http://www.javanet.com/~maddow/

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CREATION DATE/TIME:12-JUL-1999 12:38:18.00

SUBJECT: Africa Facts...in case you need them.

TO: Thomas M. Rosshirt (CN=Thomas M. Rosshirt/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

AIDS in Africa is a Serious Crisis
But Opportunities Exist for Helping to Save Millions of Lives

AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa is shattering families and communities.

v In many countries in southern Africa, between 16% (South Africa) and 26% (Zimbabwe) of the adult population (15 to 49) is already HIV+.

v UNAIDS has declared HIV/AIDS in Africa "the worst infectious disease catastrophe since the bubonic plague." In sub-Saharan Africa, each and every day more than 11,000 additional people become HIV+. In South Africa alone, at least 1,500 people a day become HIV+, 1,000 of whom are under the age of 20.

v 83% of all AIDS deaths to date, nearly 12 million people, have been in sub-Saharan Africa.

v There are over 5,500 AIDS related funerals a day in Africa. That number will rise to 13,000 a day by 2005.

v By 2010, more than 40 million children worldwide will be orphaned by AIDS; 95% in sub-Saharan Africa.

AIDS is wiping out decades of progress on a host of development objectives in sub-Saharan Africa.

v According to US Census Bureau, AIDS has already reduced life expectancy Zimbabwe from 65 to 39 years, in Uganda from 54 to 43 years, and in Zambia from 56 to 37 years. In the next few years, AIDS will reduce life expectancy in South Africa by a third, from 60 to 40 years.

v In the coming decade, AIDS will double infant mortality (infants under the age of 1) in many sub-Saharan Africa countries and triple child mortality (children ages 1 to 5).

AIDS is not only causing unfathomable human suffering it is jeopardizing the economies, the stability, and civil society of many sub-Saharan African nations.

v AIDS is a trade and investment issue. At the recent meeting with African trade and finance ministers, Professor Jeffrey Sachs, director of the Harvard Institute for International Development, stated that, "a frontal attack on AIDS in Africa may now be the single most important strategy for economic development."

v According to The Economist, a recent study in Namibia estimated that AIDS cost the country almost 8% of GNP in 1996. Another analysis predicts that Kenya's GNP will be 14.5% smaller in 2005 than it would have been without AIDS, and the per capita income will be 10% lower.

v A report released by the World Bank last week states: "The question is, will this pandemic destroy the developing nations, hard earned economic gains or will governments get their act together in time?"

Clearly time is running out.□8

v AIDS has hit professionals hard in sub-Saharan Africa, particularly civil servants, engineers, teachers, miners, and military personnel. According to one study in Kigali, Rwanda, 34% of people with post-secondary education were HIV positive, compared to 18% of those with primary education, and civil servants were more than three times more likely to be HIV positive than farmers. Increased benefits and training costs, and disruption due to sick and bereavement leave are seriously affecting both the private and public sectors. Companies like British Petroleum and Barclay Bank told us that they are now hiring two employees for every one skilled job, assuming that one will die of AIDS.

v AIDS is a security issue. According to the Economist, □&the estimated HIV prevalence in the seven armies embroiled in the Congo range from 50% for the Angolans to 80% in Zimbabweans□8. Recent reports confirm that 40% of the South African military is already HIV positive. US military officials have raised this as a serious stability concern.

v A South African anti-crime institute has linked the growing number of children orphaned by AIDS to future increases in crime and civil unrest. Without appropriate intervention, many of the 2 million children projected to be orphaned by AIDS in South Africa will raise themselves on the streets, often turning to crime, drugs, commercial sex, and gangs for survival. This not only effects social stability but also dramatically increases their risk of HIV.

Determined leadership and partnerships have made, and are continuing to make, an extraordinary difference, saving millions of lives.

v Uganda has been the world leader in demonstrating that even a country with limited resources and low levels of literacy could turn the tide on a burgeoning epidemic. President Museveni demonstrated bold leadership early on, making every government ministry take the problem seriously, and develop and implement its own plan for reducing stigma and transmission, and caring for those who become sick.

v Uganda has created an enabling environment for donors, such as the US, to be active partners in the battle against AIDS. The US has invested \$46 million in HIV prevention and care in Uganda (26% of all donor AIDS funding), and as a result, HIV rates have been slashed by more than half. Through stigma reduction, education, HIV counseling and testing, treatment of STDs, and community based HIV care and support, Uganda has begun to turn the tide.

v Countries such as Zambia, Malawi, Uganda, and Kenya have begun to develop initiatives to respond to the growing number of children orphaned by AIDS. In the longstanding African tradition, communities are finding creative ways to support the village in its efforts to raise its children, but the growing number of orphaned children already overwhelms many of these villages.

v Through micro-finance programs like FINCA (Foundation for International Community Assistance), women are receiving loans, starting small businesses, and with increased household incomes, taking in children orphaned by AIDS. With support of non-governmental organizations, communities are coming together to deal with school fees, nutritional assistance, immunization and oral hydration, counseling, and the range of other needs that arise for orphaned children. These efforts are low cost strategies designed to empower women, protect children, and support extended families and communities in carrying for their own. For a small fraction of the cost of one orphanage bed an entire community of vulnerable children can receive care. The problem is that only a very small number of children receive even this modest level of support.

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SUBJECT: NY Times AIDS Overview

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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Jason E. Franklin

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To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

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Subject:NY Times AIDS Overview

FYI

The New York Times has put together a compendium of their articles about AIDS for the past few years, plus an overview of the epidemic at the following site.

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/national/science/aids/sci-aids-overview.html>

Enjoy.

Jason

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CREATION DATE/TIME:14-JUL-1999 14:02:00.00

SUBJECT: Re: AIDS in Africa Roll-Out

TO: Sarah A. Bianchi (CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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To: Ron Klain/OVP@OVP

cc: Richard Socarides/WHO/EOP@EOP, Thomas M. Rosshirt/OVP@OVP

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Sandy

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SUBJECT: re: Roll-out of Africa report

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

READ:UNKNOWN

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Perhaps I was not clear in the meeting yesterday.

As you know, the President has asked that a report be released in response to our trips to Africa laying out both the crisis and our proposed plan of action. This initiative, not only the money piece but the First Lady's meeting and other wrap around events, are the plan of action. I am not sure that it makes sense to release the report after the plan of action has already been released.

What do you think?

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Plan of Action

The Background

Throughout the Mission's travel in Africa, it was clear that President Clinton's "Partnership with Africa" is making hope a reality, even at the village level. From Kampala to Cape Town, people across Africa know of this historic alliance, and many were anxious to show their gratitude. Unfortunately, AIDS threatens to decimate this partnership, as it has decimated everything in its path. To protect and defend this legacy of growth and opportunity, and the children and families who depend on it, an aggressive AIDS initiative, involving concrete action both at home and abroad, is essential.

Given the magnitude of the AIDS pandemic and its devastating impact on child survival, economic development, trade, regional stability, and civil society in Africa today, and in India tomorrow, the President established a Global AIDS Emergency Working Group. Included were the National Security Council, Office of Management and Budget, Office of the Vice President, USAID, and the Departments of Defense, State, Treasury, Commerce, and HHS. The Office of National AIDS Policy coordinated this effort, and together the Working Group and the members of the Presidential Mission made specific recommendations. These recommendations formed the basis of The Plan of Action now put forward by the Administration.

The Goals

UNAIDS, in cooperation with its bi-lateral and multi-lateral partners, has laid out a series of goals for the next five years as described below. The Administration seeks to further these goals through a two-pronged initiative entitled "Joining Forces for LIFE".

1. The incidence of HIV infection will be reduced by 25% among 15-24 year olds by 2005. (Currently 2 million young adults are infected each year in Sub-Saharan Africa)
2. At least 75% of HIV infected persons will have access to basic care and support services at the home and community levels, including drugs for common opportunistic infections (TB, pneumonia, and diarrhea). (Currently, less than 1% of HIV infected persons have such access.)

3. Orphans will have access to education and food on an equal basis with their non-orphan peers.
4. By 2002 domestic and external resources available for HIV/AIDS efforts in Africa will have doubled to \$300 million per year. (Currently, approximately \$150 million per year is spent on HIV/AIDS prevention in sub-Saharan Africa.)
5. By 2005, 50% of HIV infected pregnant women will have access to interventions to reduce mother-to-child HIV transmission. (Currently, less than 1% of HIV infected pregnant women have access to such services in sub-Saharan Africa.)

The Initiative

Joining Forces for LIFE: Leadership and Investment in the Face of an Epidemic An AIDS in Africa Initiative

I. Increasing the US Government investment in the global battle against AIDS to begin to reflect the magnitude of this rapidly escalating pandemic.

Making a difference in Africa requires broader political commitment, enhanced community mobilization efforts and, most urgently, increased resources. In 1998, international aid agencies contributed \$150 million of the \$165 million spent on AIDS prevention in Africa. Compared to other health programs, this amount is woefully insufficient. For example, in 1998, over \$500 million was spent for basic childhood immunization programs in Africa. Based on our experience in those countries that are starting to demonstrate success, such as Uganda and Senegal, UNAIDS and donors now agree that a minimum of \$600 million is needed in Africa per year for AIDS prevention alone (\$2 per adult per year).

While it should not be the sole responsibility of the US Government to fund this international response, we acknowledge the leadership role that the US plays globally and the urgent need to act. To that end, the Administration proposes a new multi-year initiative that will commit an additional \$105 million in FY2000 to the battle against AIDS in Africa. In FY1999, the US Government spent \$74 million on AIDS in Africa through USAID and \$30 million through the Department of Health and Human Services.

This initiative will double the existing effort and enable us to move forward on four critically important and interconnected fronts including:

Containing the AIDS Pandemic (\$50 million) Implement a variety of prevention and stigma reduction strategies including: HIV education; engagement of political, religious and other leaders; voluntary counseling and testing; interventions to reduce mother-to-child transmission (MTCT); and, increased access to opportunity (education, income generation), especially for women and youth. Enhance training and technical assistance efforts.

Providing Home and Community-Based Care (\$25 million) Deliver counseling, support palliative and basic medical care including treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, opportunistic infections (OIs), and tuberculosis (TB) through community-based clinics and home-based care workers.

Caring for Children Orphaned by AIDS (\$12.5 million) Assist families, extended families, and communities in caring for their children through a multi-sectoral response including micro-finance, child survival, education/training, health, mental health, and nutrition assistance.

Planning, Infrastructure, and Capacity Development (\$12.5 million) Strengthen host country ability to plan and implement effective interventions. Strengthen the capacity for effective partnerships between local government and community based organizations. Strengthen surveillance systems to track and target HIV/AIDS programs.

II. Building partnerships with other key stakeholders to maximize our impact on the rapidly expanding pandemic.

Increasing resources for AIDS is critical, but is not sufficient to achieve the outcomes we desire. Political commitment of leaders and of various segments of civil society is a pre-condition for success. Moreover, resources from the US need to be coordinated with those of other donors, the private sector, and national governments to ensure synergy, as well as to maximize leveraging of others' resources. Support for community level action and organizations is required to spearhead the fight against AIDS. Building partnerships with several key stakeholders will maximize the impact of the increased US resources.

Multi-lateral Partners Meeting On September 7, 1999, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will convene a meeting of donors, The World Bank, UNAIDS, international foundations, CEOs and others to discuss how we can best enhance and coordinate our AIDS efforts in Africa and around the world.

African Leaders Summit The Administration will promote an AIDS summit for select African Heads of State...

UN Conference on Children Orphaned by AIDS The United Nations, in conjunction with the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, The White House Office of National AIDS Policy, The Magic Johnson Foundation and a variety of NGOs, will organize a conference on December 1, 1999 (World AIDS Day) to focus attention on the growing number of children orphaned by AIDS worldwide. Special emphasis will be placed on assessing the needs of orphaned children in sub-Saharan Africa and the Americas. Participants will include noted experts on the priority issues identified by the Joint United Nations Programme for HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), UNICEF, and other UN agencies.

Private Sector Partnerships.

Business The White House will facilitate a meeting of business leaders who are active in Africa. The meeting will be co-chaired by business leaders who are dedicated to working on supporting AIDS programs in Africa. Given the impact that AIDS is having on businesses as well as the overall economic-impact on African countries, such a meeting will encourage business commitment and involvement in AIDS programs. These will include AIDS in the workplace education, outreach to communities, and increased funding support for AIDS efforts.

[Labor *The White House will host a meeting of US and African labor leaders. The meeting will be co-chaired by the AFL-CIO. The success of the AFL-CIO and its Solidarity Center in South Africa (supported by USAID) in working with the Council of South African Trade Unions to include AIDS as a key labor outreach and policy issue provides a model for similar action elsewhere. Outcomes include the education of labor leaders and organizations and securing their commitment to fighting AIDS. USG involvement will include the Department of Labor and USAID.*]

Religious Leaders Summit The White House will facilitate a meeting of African, American, and other religious leaders to discuss the important role of communities of faith in the fight against AIDS. In Uganda and Senegal it is very clear that the involvement of religious communities and leaders had a dramatic impact on the ability of these two countries to reduce HIV prevalence or to maintain it at low levels over time. The outcome of such a meeting would be to increase the level of attention to the need for involving religious communities, to increase these organizations' and leaders' commitment to AIDS, and to identify their needs for support.

[Diplomatic Initiatives ONAP and the Department of State will increase their efforts to focus on US and African ambassadors' efforts to increase attention to AIDS in the diplomatic community. Working with State, other nations' diplomatic communities, and with UNAIDS, ONAP will support the development of a multi-country diplomatic initiative that coordinates AIDS messages and action across multiple countries diplomatic corps. The outcome of such efforts will continue to educate our ambassadors, as well as to apply concerted pressure on governments via a common and unified diplomatic set of messages to act on AIDS.]

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SUBJECT: Re: A Change to the Report

TO: Stefani J. Pashman (CN=Stefani J. Pashman/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

No we can't. The fact of the matter is that we need to see if we can't beef that piece up a bit since this entire report and initiative is based on a Presidential Mission to Africa to look at the issue of children orphaned by AIDS and children affected by AIDS.

Sorry about that!

Call if you have any questions.

Plan of Action

The Background

Throughout the Mission's travel in Africa, it was clear that President Clinton's "Partnership with Africa" is making hope a reality, even at the village level. From Kampala to Cape Town, people across Africa know of this historic alliance, and many were anxious to show their gratitude. Unfortunately, AIDS threatens to decimate this partnership, as it has decimated everything in its path. To protect and defend this legacy of growth and opportunity, and the children and families who depend on it, an aggressive AIDS initiative, involving concrete action both at home and abroad, is essential.

Given the magnitude of the AIDS pandemic and its devastating impact on child survival, economic development, trade, regional stability, and civil society in Africa today, and in India tomorrow, the President established a Global AIDS Emergency Working Group. Included were the National Security Council, Office of Management and Budget, Office of the Vice President, USAID, and the Departments of Defense, State, Treasury, Commerce, and HHS. The Office of National AIDS Policy coordinated this effort, and together the Working Group and the members of the Presidential Mission made specific recommendations. These recommendations formed the basis of The Plan of Action now put forward by the Administration.

The Goals

UNAIDS, in cooperation with its bi-lateral and multi-lateral partners, has laid out a series of goals for the next five years as described below. The Administration seeks to further these goals through a two-pronged initiative entitled "Joining Forces for LIFE".

1. The incidence of HIV infection will be reduced by 25% among 15-24 year olds by 2005. (Currently 2 million young adults are infected each year in Sub-Saharan Africa)
2. At least 75% of HIV infected persons will have access to basic care and support services at the home and community levels, including drugs for common opportunistic infections (TB, pneumonia, and diarrhea). (Currently, less than 1% of HIV infected persons have such access.)

3. Orphans will have access to education and food on an equal basis with their non-orphan peers.
4. By 2002 domestic and external resources available for HIV/AIDS efforts in Africa will have doubled to \$300 million per year. (Currently, approximately \$150 million per year is spent on HIV/AIDS prevention in sub-Saharan Africa.)
5. By 2005, 50% of HIV infected pregnant women will have access to interventions to reduce mother-to-child HIV transmission. (Currently, less than 1% of HIV infected pregnant women have access to such services in sub-Saharan Africa.)

The Initiative

Joining Forces for LIFE: Leadership and Investment in the Face of an Epidemic An AIDS in Africa Initiative

I. Increasing the US Government investment in the global battle against AIDS to begin to reflect the magnitude of this rapidly escalating pandemic.

Making a difference in Africa requires broader political commitment, enhanced community mobilization efforts and, most urgently, increased resources. In 1998, international aid agencies contributed \$150 million of the \$165 million spent on AIDS prevention in Africa. Compared to other health programs, this amount is woefully insufficient. For example, in 1998, over \$500 million was spent for basic childhood immunization programs in Africa. Based on our experience in those countries that are starting to demonstrate success, such as Uganda and Senegal, UNAIDS and donors now agree that a minimum of \$600 million is needed in Africa per year for AIDS prevention alone (\$2 per adult per year).

While it should not be the sole responsibility of the US Government to fund this international response, we acknowledge the leadership role that the US plays globally and the urgent need to act. To that end, the Administration proposes a new multi-year initiative that will commit an additional \$105 million in FY2000 to the battle against AIDS in Africa. In FY1999, the US Government spent \$74 million on AIDS in Africa through USAID and \$30 million through the Department of Health and Human Services.

This initiative will double the existing effort and enable us to move forward on four critically important and interconnected fronts including:

Containing the AIDS Pandemic (\$48 million) Implement a variety of prevention and stigma reduction strategies including: HIV education; engagement of political, religious and other leaders; voluntary counseling and testing; interventions to reduce mother-to-child transmission (MTCT); and, increased access to opportunity (education, income generation), especially for women and youth. Enhance training and technical assistance efforts.

Providing Home and Community-Based Care (\$23 million) Deliver counseling, support palliative and basic medical care including treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, opportunistic infections (OIs), and tuberculosis (TB) through community-based clinics and home-based care workers.

Caring for Children Orphaned by AIDS (\$10 million) Assist families, extended families, and communities in caring for their children through a multi-sectoral response including micro-finance, child survival, education/training, health, mental health, and nutrition assistance.

Planning, Infrastructure, and Capacity Development (\$19 million) Strengthen host country ability to plan and implement effective interventions. Strengthen the capacity for effective partnerships between local government and community based organizations. Strengthen surveillance systems to track and target HIV/AIDS programs.

II. Building partnerships with other key stakeholders to maximize our impact on the rapidly expanding pandemic.

Increasing resources for AIDS is critical, but is not sufficient to achieve the outcomes we desire. Political commitment of leaders and of various segments of civil society is a pre-condition for success. Moreover, resources from the US need to be coordinated with those of other donors, the private sector, and national governments to ensure synergy, as well as to maximize leveraging of others' resources. Support for community level action and organizations is required to spearhead the fight against AIDS. Building partnerships with several key stakeholders will maximize the impact of the increased US resources.

Multi-lateral Partners Meeting On September 7, 1999, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will convene a meeting of donors, The World Bank, UNAIDS, international foundations, CEOs and others to discuss how we can best enhance and coordinate our AIDS efforts in Africa and around the world.

African Leaders Summit The Administration will promote an AIDS summit for select African Heads of State...

UN Conference on Children Orphaned by AIDS The United Nations, in conjunction with the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, The White House Office of National AIDS Policy, The Magic Johnson Foundation and a variety of NGOs, will organize a conference on December 1, 1999 (World AIDS Day) to focus attention on the growing number of children orphaned by AIDS worldwide. Special emphasis will be placed on assessing the needs of orphaned children in sub-Saharan Africa and the Americas. Participants will include noted experts on the priority issues identified by the Joint United Nations Programme for HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), UNICEF, and other UN agencies.

Private Sector Partnerships.

Business The White House will facilitate a meeting of business leaders who are active in Africa. The meeting will be co-chaired by business leaders who are dedicated to working on supporting AIDS programs in Africa. Given the impact that AIDS is having on businesses as well as the overall economic-impact on African countries, such a meeting will encourage business commitment and involvement in AIDS programs. These will include AIDS in the workplace education, outreach to communities, and increased funding support for AIDS efforts.

[Labor *The White House will host a meeting of US and African labor leaders. The meeting will be co-chaired by the AFL-CIO. The success of the AFL-CIO and its Solidarity Center in South Africa (supported by USAID) in working with the Council of South African Trade Unions to include AIDS as a key labor outreach and policy issue provides a model for similar action elsewhere. Outcomes include the education of labor leaders and organizations and securing their commitment to fighting AIDS. USG involvement will include the Department of Labor and USAID.]*

Religious Leaders Summit The White House will facilitate a meeting of African, American, and other religious leaders to discuss the important role of communities of faith in the fight against AIDS. In Uganda and Senegal it is very clear that the involvement of religious communities and leaders had a dramatic impact on the ability of these two countries to reduce HIV prevalence or to maintain it at low levels over time. The outcome of such a meeting would be to increase the level of attention to the need for involving religious communities, to increase these organizations' and leaders' commitment to AIDS, and to identify their needs for support.

[Diplomatic Initiatives ONAP and the Department of State will increase their efforts to focus on US and African ambassadors' efforts to increase attention to AIDS in the diplomatic community. Working with State, other nations' diplomatic communities, and with UNAIDS, ONAP will support the development of a multi-country diplomatic initiative that coordinates AIDS messages and action across multiple countries diplomatic corps. The outcome of such efforts will continue to educate our ambassadors, as well as to apply concerted pressure on governments via a common and unified diplomatic set of messages to act on AIDS.]

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-JUL-1999 18:26:56.00

SUBJECT: Congressional List for AIDS in Africa Event

Here is a suggested list of interested Members of Congress -- a combination of CBCers, Appropriators and folks on the Africa Subcommittee of House

TO: Sarah A. Bianchi (CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/O=OVF@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

CBC -- Clyburn, Waters, Christenson, Jackson-Lee, Kilpatrick, Payne, Meeks, Jefferson, Lewis

non-CBC approps -- Pelosi, Porter, Lewis, Delauro, Murtha, Obey, Rotce, Houghton, Campbell

Senate

Kennedy, Leahy, Specter, Harkin, Frist, Brownback, Feingold

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CREATION DATE/TIME:15-JUL-1999 18:37:44.00

SUBJECT: Re: Room 450

TO: Wendy Hartman (CN=Wendy Hartman/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

OOPS! I haven't but will be happy to call if someone who does the events will let me know how much time we need.

Thanks!

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CREATION DATE/TIME:15-JUL-1999 13:37:51.00

SUBJECT: Re: VP International AIDS Event Monday

TO: Anthony R. Bernal (CN=Anthony R. Bernal/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Yes. They are on our original list.

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-JUL-1999 13:43:38.00

SUBJECT: Re: VP International AIDS Event Monday

TO: Sean P. Maloney (CN=Sean P. Maloney/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

We are still working on the final draft of the deliverables section but I am more than happy to share it with you.

I don't think the President needs to sign off on it, but I would feel a lot better if you would look at it and let me know what you think.

I do want to send a little memo or weekly report or whatever is appropriate to let him know that this thing is done and being released on Monday. Any suggestions?

Sandy

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-JUL-1999 16:05:58.00

SUBJECT: Re: VP International AIDS Event Monday

TO: Sean P. Maloney (CN=Sean P. Maloney/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Absolutely! A draft is on the way to your office.

Thanks bunches!

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-JUL-1999 20:31:27.00

SUBJECT: Re: AIDS/Africa Event

TO: Laura M. Quinn (CN=Laura M. Quinn/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thanks. Keep your figures crossed that he is well and available. I hope so!

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-JUL-1999 13:38:13.00

SUBJECT: Re: VP International AIDS Event Monday

TO: Sarah A. Bianchi (CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I agree.

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003. email	Sandra Thurman to BigBob411@aol.com at 21:07:50.00. Subject: Re: Rollout. (partial) (1 page)	07/16/1999	P6/b(6)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-JUL-1999 21:07:50.00

SUBJECT: Re: Rollout

TO: BigBob411@aol.com (BigBob411@aol.com [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hey there! The VP is making the announcement. I would love for you to join us. Both Todd and Daniel are out of the office and I don't have e-mail addresses for all the Council members, but I will call as many as I can to give them a heads up.

Call me over the weekend [REDACTED] P6/(b)(6)

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Big hugs!

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CREATION DATE/TIME:17-JUL-1999 12:47:42.00

SUBJECT: Draft press release

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

READ : UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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Sarah A. Bianchi@OVP
07/16/99 07:16:37 PM
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To: Sandra Thurman/OPD/EOP@EOP, Todd A. Summers/OPD/EOP@EOP
cc:
Subject:Draft press release

Here's my attempt at a press release. Please please edit away and fixed whatever I messed up.

sb

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Vice President

For Immediate Release
Thursday, July 15, 1999

Contact:
(202) 456-7035

VICE PRESIDENT GORE ANNOUNCES ADMINISTRATION WILL SEEK \$100 MILLION INITIATIVE – A RECORD INCREASE IN FUNDS TO FIGHT GLOBAL AIDS

Washington, DC -- Vice President Al Gore today announced that the Administration will seek the largest-ever budget increase in the history of the U.S. effort to fight global AIDS – a new investment of \$100 million. The Vice President also unveiled a new report from White House AIDS Director Sandra Thurman that assesses the AIDS crisis in Africa and recommends this investment. In addition, the Vice President also announced a number of efforts to encourage other public and private entities across the world to address global AIDS.

"AIDS in Africa is one the worst infectious disease catastrophes in the history of modern medicine," Vice President Gore said. "More than twelve million have died. More than twenty million are now infected. We hope it will help us all act decisively, as a community of nations, to reach out to confront the crisis of AIDS in Africa – and turn back this tide of horror." Today, the Vice President:

RELEASED A NEW REPORT ON THE PRESIDENTIAL MISSION ON CHILDREN ORPHANED BY AIDS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. Last December, President Clinton directed Sandy Thurman, the Director of AIDS Policy, to go on a fact-finding mission to assess the problem of HIV/AIDS in Africa. Today, the Vice President is releasing the report that includes new findings and a plan of action resulting from this mission. The report finds that:

- **AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa is one of the largest health crises in the history of the world.** In the past decade, twelve million people in sub-Saharan Africa have died of AIDS -- one quarter of them children -- and each day AIDS buries another 5,500 women and children. Over the next decade, AIDS will kill more people in sub-Saharan Africa than the total number of casualties in all of the wars of the 20th century combined. By 2005, the daily death toll will reach 13,000 people per day.
- **Millions of children will be orphaned by this epidemic.** In some areas up to one-quarter of all children already live with an HIV-positive parent. In the next decade, more than forty million children in sub-Saharan Africa will lose a parent to HIV/AIDS.
- **This epidemic has a devastating impact in all aspects of life in sub-Saharan Africa.** AIDS is undermining much of the progress in development that has been made in Africa. AIDS is reducing

life expectancy by more than 20 years in some countries. Many children are dropping out of school to care for dying parents undermining improvements in education and it will continue to have a major impact on the economy, hitting a range of professionals, from teachers to military to business leaders.

UNVEILED NEW \$100 MILLION INITIATIVE TO COMBAT HIV/AIDS IN AFRICA. The Vice President also unveiled a new initiative to nearly double the existing efforts to prevent and treat AIDS and move forward on four critically important and interconnected fronts including:

- **Containing the AIDS Pandemic.** A new \$48 million initiative would be used to implement a variety of prevention and stigma reduction strategies including: HIV education; engagement of political, religious and other leaders; voluntary counseling and testing; blood supply screening, and, interventions to reduce mother-to-child transmission (MTCT). In addition, the Department of Defense (DoD) will work with African militaries to provide educational material and training on AIDS prevention.
- **Providing Home and Community-Based Care.** This \$23 million investment will be used to deliver counseling, support palliative and basic medical care including treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, opportunistic infections, and tuberculosis (TB) through community-based clinics and home-based care workers and enhance training and technical assistance efforts.
- **Caring for Children Orphaned by AIDS.** This new \$10 million initiative will be used to assist families, extended families, and communities in caring for their children through nutrition assistance and related programs.
- **Strengthening Prevention and Treatment by Augmenting Planning, Infrastructure, Disease Surveillance, and Capacity Development.** This \$19 million initiative will help strengthen host country ability to plan and implement effective interventions. It will also strengthen the capacity for effective partnerships between local government and community based organizations. Strengthen local surveillance systems to track the spread of HIV infection, AIDS, and the effects of interventions to enable the best targeting of HIV/AIDS prevention programs.

This United States Government investment would be provided through AID (\$55 million), HHS (\$35 million) and DOD (\$10 million) and will be fully offset.

ENGAGING OTHER PARTNERS TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. Addressing the crisis of AIDS will require a broad-based commitment from public and private partners across the globe. The Vice President also unveiled a series of new initiatives to enhance efforts to address this problem including:

- **Multi-lateral Partners Meeting to Enhance Coordination Around the World.** On September 7, 1999, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will convene a meeting of donors, The World Bank,

UNAIDS, international foundations, CEOs and others to discuss how we can best enhance and coordinate our AIDS efforts in Africa and around the world.

- **A United Nations Conference on Children Orphaned by AIDS.** The United Nations, in conjunction with the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, The White House Office of National AIDS Policy, The Magic Johnson Foundation and a variety of NGOs, will organize a conference on World AIDS Day to focus attention on the growing number of children orphaned by AIDS worldwide, with a special emphasis on sub-Saharan Africa.
- **New partnerships with private sector leaders to address this crisis, such as the religious, business and labor communities.**
 - Given the impact of AIDS on businesses active in Africa as well as the overall economic-impact on African countries, the White House will facilitate a meeting of business leaders to encourage commitment and involvement in AIDS programs, such as workplace education, outreach to communities, and increased funding support for AIDS efforts.
 - The White House will host a meeting of US and African labor leaders, co-chaired by the AFL-CIO, to build on successes in working with the Council of South African Trade Unions to address AIDS.
 - The White House will also facilitate a religious summit of African, American, and other religious leaders to discuss the important role of communities of faith in the fight against AIDS. In Uganda and Senegal it is very clear that the involvement of religious communities and leaders had a dramatic impact on the ability of these two countries to reduce HIV prevalence or to maintain it at low levels over time.

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SUBJECT: Press Calls For Africa/AIDS Event

TO: Melissa B. Ratcliff (CN=Melissa B. Ratcliff/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Nathan B. Naylor (CN=Nathan B. Naylor/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Sarah A. Bianchi (CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Last week we mentioned several specialty press folks that we ought to contact.

They included the following:

- Tom Lipman	Washington Post
- Lollie Waymouth	Newsweek
- April Ryan	AP

I have a special request for Steve Sternberg from USA Today who is writing much of the article in Monday's paper. He was with us for part of our advance trip to Africa and I would love to invite him. Is that OK?

Have we notified the press that Archbishop Tutu is joining the Vice President for this event?

Thanks!

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CREATION DATE/TIME:18-JUL-1999 13:22:44.00

SUBJECT:

TO: Sarah A. Bianchi (CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Here is what I was thinking for the "clutch" with the VP:

- Daniel Zingale, ED, AIDS Action
- Roberto Posada, ED, AIDS Action Foundation
- Elizabeth Birch, ED, Human Rights Campaign
- Nils Dulare, President, Global Health Council
- Bill Harris, President, Children's Research and Education Institute
- David Dinkins, Chair, Black Leadership Coalition on AIDS

Both Bill Harris and David Dinkins were on the trip to Africa with us. Also, I assume that Archbishop Tutu, Olivia (the young woman from Uganda), and Members of Congress will be included.

I am working on bio info for Olivia. I will pass it along as soon as I can. Thanks.

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004. email	Sandra Thurman to meiskowitz@aol.com at 09:11:18.00. Subject: draft of VP's AIDS announcement speech. (partial) (1 page)	07/18/1999	P6/b(6)

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 18-JUL-1999 09:11:18.00

SUBJECT: draft of VP's AIDS announcement speech

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

READ: UNKNOWN

TEXT:



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09:09 AM -----

Thomas M. Rosshirt@OVP
07/17/99 10:38:41 PM
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To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
cc: acabrera@cais.com @ inet
Subject: draft of VP's AIDS announcement speech

Vice President Al Gore
Global AIDS Initiative
Monday, July 19, 1999

God bless you, Olivia. Thank you for traveling halfway around the world to try to teach us what it means to live in a world ripped apart by AIDS. And thank you for teaching us also about hope, courage, and human dignity. As we move forward in our global fight against AIDS, we will keep you in our hearts.

Archbishop Tutu ☐) across oceans and nations, you are a universal messenger of mercy and compassion. Thank you for bringing the moral power of your ministry here to Washington today to strengthen us in our cause. Congressman Clyburn, I want to thank you and the Congressional Black Caucus for serving so uncompromisingly as the conscience of the Congress -- and for sounding the alarm about the growing crisis of AIDS in Africa and around the world.

I also want to thank AIDS Action and so many other organizations and individuals here today, not only for your successful record of fighting AIDS here at home; but also for reminding those of us in this part of the world, of our moral duty to do more to fight AIDS in the rest of the world.

I am honored to be with you today to announce an important step forward in our global battle against AIDS.

There is nothing in our memory or experience that rivals the scope or scale of the AIDS crisis in Africa. More than twelve million people have already died ☐) one quarter of them children. Twenty million more men, women, and children are now infected. And every day, 11,000 more

people become HIV positive □) more than half of them under the age of 25.

Young lives are being lost; families torn apart; businesses are failing, economies collapsing; and yet the epidemic is galloping onward, and gaining speed. The story Olivia just told us -- multiply that by forty million. That is the number of children who will be orphaned by AIDS in Africa over the next ten years □) the same number of children that attend public school today in the United States.

Right now, from Kampala to Cape Town, we are working to stem the rising tide of HIV infection, to prolong the lives of those who are sick, and to stitch together a network of family support systems for the growing number of orphans. But we have so much more to do.

That is why -- on World AIDS Day last year -- the President asked our AIDS Czar, Sandy Thurman, to lead a fact-finding mission to Africa and to report back to the White House on new steps to confront this growing crisis.

Following upon this report, I am pleased to announce today that the President and I -- as part of our sustained commitment to fight global AIDS -- will send to Congress a proposal for a \$100 million increase in the next fiscal year to fight AIDS in Africa, Asia, and around the world. This largest-ever increase will double our investment in HIV prevention and AIDS treatment in Africa □) while providing new resources for stricken regions around the world.

We are proud to increase our global effort against AIDS, but no nation can win this war on its own. We will challenge our G-8 partners and other donors to match America's increased commitment, and we will work diligently with foreign governments, corporate leaders, NGOs, and faith communities to leverage much needed funds, and maximize their impact in the global battle against AIDS.

As Archbishop Tutu has said -- this is a holy war. For all our friends here and around the world willing to go deep into the heart of this horrible suffering to wage and win this war -- let us hear and heed the words of South African poet, Mongane Wally Serote:

□&remember
the passion of our hearts
the blinding ache and pain
when we heard the hysterical sobs
of our little children crying against fate

we heard these, we knew them, we absorbed them
but we surged forward
knowing that life is a promise, and that that promise is us"

Thank you, and God bless you all.

Message Sent

To: _____

Sandra Thurman/OPD/EOP@EOP

Laura M. Quinn/OVP@OVP

Ron Klain/OVP@OVP

Richard M. Saunders/OVP@OVP

Erica J. Barks-Ruggles/NSC/EOP@EOP

Sarah A. Bianchi/OVP@OVP
Richard Socarides/WHO/EOP@EOP
Robert D. Kyle/OMB/EOP@EOP
Keri A. Eisenbeis/OMB/EOP@EOP

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-JUL-1999 20:59:24.00

SUBJECT: You are a hero

TO: Jacob J. Lew (CN=Jacob J. Lew/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I hope you were pleased with the event today.

Please know how grateful we all are for your hard work in making this a reality. I know it was not easy nor particularly popular with some of our colleagues.

Sandy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-JUL-1999 21:05:27.00

SUBJECT:

TO: 4249 (4249 @ WHCA [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

'twas lost! re-typed in, saved & faxed to Michael :)

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-JUL-1999 09:17:08.00

SUBJECT: Re: AIDS Event

TO: Sarah A. Bianchi (CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Not unless we want to reenergize the AIDS drugs in South Africa discussion
and make the groups mad at the same time.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-JUL-1999 08:44:03.00

SUBJECT: Re: Monday morning draft of VP's AIDS announcement

TO: Thomas M. Rosshirt (CN=Thomas M. Rosshirt/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

this is not sandy -- its michael -- and you, my friend, are a GREAT
american hero for the powerful way you ended that speech! it just goes to
show -- a little chocolate and a blue slide can make a world of
difference.

she had to run to a meeting with the CBC chiefs of staff -- back soon.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-JUL-1999 09:09:05.00

SUBJECT: Re: in response to Michael's message

TO: Thomas M. Rosshirt (CN=Thomas M. Rosshirt/O=OVP@OVP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

thanks guy -- also on the speech -- OMB thinks that "Asia" should be taken out of the list of where the \$ goes.....Africa and around the world.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-JUL-1999 20:59:57.00

SUBJECT: Today's event

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

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

The AIDS announcement went very well. I hope you were pleased with the USA Today article.

Thanks for your help.

Sandy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-JUL-1999 21:05:16.00

SUBJECT: Re: You are a hero

TO: Jacob J. Lew (CN=Jacob J. Lew/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Your staff has been wonderful. We are giving you most of the credit
whether you like it or not....so just smile and be gracious about it.

It is a Southern thing....

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-JUL-1999 11:47:45.00

SUBJECT: Big Thanks

TO: Robert D. Kyle (CN=Robert D. Kyle/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate all of your incredible work in making this initiative a reality. Please extend my thanks to your incredible crew. I hope that some of them got to come to the announcement. It was pretty powerful.

Sandy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-JUL-1999 12:45:48.00

SUBJECT: Big Thanks!

TO: Richard J. Turman (CN=Richard J. Turman/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thanks so much for all of you guidance and hard work on making the AIDS initiative a reality. If we do another two or three initiatives like this I just might begin to understand OMB lingo!

I think we deserve a martini, don't you?

Sandy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

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

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-JUL-1999 12:38:41.00

SUBJECT: Thanks!

TO: Daniel N. Mendelson (CN=Daniel N. Mendelson/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thanks so much for all of your hard work to make the AIDS initiative a reality. We are very lucky to have you...and we know it (even when we are pushing, griping and complaining!).

Sandy