

VIDEO REQUEST PROPOSAL

TODAY'S DATE 11/10/97

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TO: Stephanie Streett
Director of Scheduling & Advance

FROM: Mike McCurry *MC*
Press Secretary

REQUEST: An audio message for the ABC/Walt Disney
Christmas radio show.

PURPOSE: For the President to extend holiday greetings
for the ABC radio/Walt Disney Christmas
Special.

DATE AND TIME: The special will be completed December 1st.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT: Walt Disney/ABC Cap Cities

BACKGROUND: This greeting would be aired Christmas Eve on
over 350 affiliate ABC radio stations and all
of Armed Forces radio and television stations
around the world.

Others participating in this special include
Dan Aykroyd, Tim Allen and Whitney Houston as
well as many other Disney/ABC favorites.

Counsel has already approved the suggested
script and reasons for this video.

DURATION: 30 seconds.

REMARKS ATTACHED: Suggested script attached.

STAFF CONTACT: Laura Schwartz x65655

ORIGIN OF PROPOSAL: Laura Schwartz

Merry Christmas from Walt Disney World '97

President Bill Clinton

Hello, this is President Bill Clinton. I'd like to thank Dan Aykroyd and Walt Disney World for giving me a chance to share a moment with everyone listening to this program. This Christmas is very special for our family, because it's kind of a first holiday homecoming. Our daughter Chelsea went off to college in California this year. Of course we've missed her a great deal, and having her back for these few days reminds us of what's most important about the holidays -- the time it gives us to spend with our families and loved ones.

When I think back to all the Christmases we shared as Chelsea was growing up, it was hard to imagine the day she'd be grown and off on her own. And now, it seems like it all went by so fast. That's why I know we will always treasure this Christmas so much -- because it's brought us all back together after being apart for the first time. I hope wherever you are this holiday season, you're with those you love, too. And Hillary, Chelsea and I want to wish each and every one of you the best of Holidays, and a very Happy New Year.

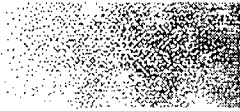
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Laura D. Schwartz

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To: Laura K. Capps/WHO/EOP

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Subject: Re: Harvard School of Public Health, drunk driving PSA 

Harvard:

Very close -- not over 28 -- they have to put a tag on the end and a voice over which is 2-3 seconds. We'll time it and try to get real close.

Walt Disney Audio:

Wanted to let you know it's for a Christmas show where people talk of their favorite Christmas memory -- or feeling. Walt Disney sent the suggested script but it means nothing and they are good with something about Chelsea's homecoming or any Christmas memory about a family Christmas here at the white house- whatever! they would like 60-90 seconds preferably 90 or so -- I'm sure POTUS can go and one to whatever we need. How do we do this -- do we have to prepare a script -- or just background on what Disney is looking for and the amount of time? I think I'll call Nancy about this -- what do you think?

Thanks -- these are the only two that I have background on -- if you need help tracking down the other contacts -- let me know.

Laura

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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DATE:	November 17, 1997
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COMMENTS:	World AIDS Day PSA script---- DRAFT

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I'd like to take a few moments to remind all our young people that only you have the power to keep yourself safe from AIDS. Get the facts about HIV and AIDS and use them. This deadly virus does not discriminate. HIV doesn't care if you are male or female, gay or straight, rich or poor, black, white, yellow, brown or red. If you put yourself at risk, chances are you will get the virus.

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

One last thing. No one is better at communicating with young people than young people themselves. I urge you to share the facts about HIV and AIDS with your peers, whether formally through education and prevention programs, or through every day conversation. Take responsibility and become part of the solution. We need to fight ignorance with education. We need to fight fear with facts. We need to fight indifference with compassion. And most importantly, we need to fight AIDS, not people with AIDS.

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To: June Shih/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: Youth and AIDS Remarks

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

Points for POTUS Remarks on Youth and AIDS

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

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

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

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

*** Knowledge is power and education is the key.**

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

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

You are important -- to your family, to your friends, and to us all. You have the capacity and potential to make a big difference -- in your own life and in our nation's future. But you have

to take responsibility for your health, your education, and your safety -- if you are going to get there. Talk to your friends. Support each other. And reach out to adults -- your parents, your teachers, and others in your community that you trust -- for help, for advice about preventing HIV, and for the support you need to do what's best for you. It can save your life.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

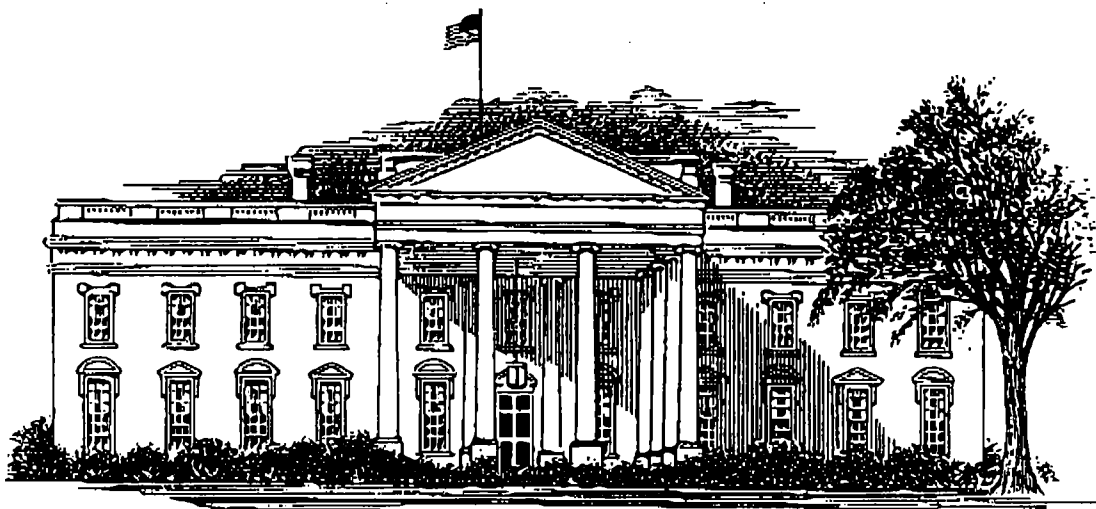
spreading the word, not the virus.

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

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

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Date: 11/13/97

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TO: Stephanie Streett, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Scheduling

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

REQUEST: Participation in MTV Youth and HIV/AIDS special broadcast.

PURPOSE: Commemoration of World AIDS Day and to underscore the Administrations commitment to fighting HIV and AIDS.

BACKGROUND. MTV is hosting a two-hour live Youth and AIDS special to commemorate World AIDS Day. The special will be introduced by President Clinton in the Oval Room. World AIDS Day is sponsored by the President and was first observed on December 1, 1987. The special is a national reminder to strengthen the global effort to combat the AIDS pandemic, which continues to spread. This organized effort is designed to encourage people to get tested and to get vaccinated. The 1997 World AIDS Day theme, "Give Children Hope in a World with AIDS," challenges people around the world to contemplate the long-term repercussions of the AIDS pandemic, and not lose sight that AIDS affects everyone.

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

DATE & TIME: Taped to be aired Monday, December 1, 1997.

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DURATION: Ten minutes.

LOCATION: Oval Office or Roosevelt Room.

PARTICIPANTS: The President

**OUTLINE OF
EVENT:**

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REMARKS: Brief introductory remarks.

MEDIA: No.

FIRST LADY: No.

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PRESIDENT:** No.

RECOMMENDED

BY: Bruce Reed, Sandra Thurman

CONTACT: Sandra Thurman or Todd Summers (202) 632-1090

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LENGTH: 707 words

HEADLINE: Proclamation 6959 -- World AIDS Day, 1996

HIGHLIGHT:

By the President of the United States of America

BODY:

A Proclamation

We dedicate World AIDS Day to the memory of those we have lost to HIV and AIDS and to our quest to help those who are living with this disease. The theme of this ninth observance of World AIDS Day, "One World, One Hope," reminds us that AIDS is a global pandemic and that HIV recognizes no geographic boundaries. Today, an estimated 21.8 million adults and children worldwide are living with HIV/AIDS, and we anticipate that as many as 3 million more will become infected with HIV in this year alone.

Of the almost 6 million men, women, and children around the world who have died of AIDS, more than 330,000 have been Americans. Each day, 100 of our fellow citizens lose their lives to this disease, and nearly 200 more are diagnosed with AIDS. The threat that HIV and AIDS pose to our Nation and the world has demanded a national response involving government, industry, communities, families, and individuals. We have put our best scientific minds to work on research, and our most talented public health professionals have strived to prevent the spread of this epidemic. Parents, teachers, clergy, and other civic leaders have worked together to educate and protect young people and other groups who are so vulnerable to -- and devastated by -- the scourge of HIV and AIDS.

At long last, this investment of our time, attention, and resources in science and public health has begun to pay dividends. The past 12 months have offered us reasons for real hope and optimism after so many years of sadness and despair. New treatments, approved in record time, are showing remarkable results in arresting the development of HIV disease and are beginning to improve the health of those who are living with the virus. We have worked hard to provide access to these promising treatments for as many people as possible. We have tripled funding for AIDS drug assistance programs, and we have increased support for the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act by 30 percent during the past 12 months. We have also preserved the Medicaid program, which provides care to more than half of Americans living with AIDS, including more than 90 percent of the children with AIDS.

We are heartened by our success in reducing the risk of perinatal transmission of HIV from mother to child. For the first time since this epidemic began in 1981, we have seen an actual reduction in the number of infants born with HIV. It is within our grasp to virtually eradicate pediatric HIV disease by the end of this century. Our efforts to prevent other types of HIV

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transmission are also showing signs of progress. But we must remain vigilant to the continuing need for prevention, reducing the number of new infections year by year until the day when we can eliminate this disease.

As we move forward in this battle, we do so with renewed hope for the future. Let us observe World AIDS Day by intensifying our search for an end to the epidemic, for a cure for those who are living with HIV and AIDS, and for a vaccine to protect all citizens of the world from this relentless killer. And let us reaffirm our commitment to protecting the rights of all those who are living with HIV.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim December 1, 1996, as World AIDS Day, and I invite the Governors of the States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, officials of other territories subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and the American people to join me in reaffirming our commitment to combating HIV and AIDS and to reach out to those living with this disease.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-first.

William J. Clinton

[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 8:45 a.m., November 29, 1996]

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November 30, 1993

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HEADLINE: Proclamation 6632 -- World AIDS Day, 1993

HIGHLIGHT:

By the President of the United States of America

BODY:

A Proclamation

AIDS and HIV disease have cut short the lives of many Americans who had so much to contribute. They have plagued our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, and our friends and coworkers. The devastating effects of AIDS have touched all of us. More than one million of our fellow citizens are infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Since January 1981, more than 340,000 Americans have developed AIDS, and more than 200,000 have died from complications resulting from AIDS.

On this World AIDS Day, we recognize and are humbled by the global impact of HIV disease. The World Health Organization estimates that more than 14 million people worldwide are infected with HIV and that more than 2.5 million have developed AIDS. By the end of this century, more than 30 million people will have been infected with HIV and, of those, more than 10 million adults will have developed AIDS.

The extent of HIV infection is overwhelming, but we must not allow ourselves to despair in the face of these daunting statistics. Instead, we must accelerate our efforts to find effective treatments, a vaccine, and an eventual cure for this scourge that haunts us.

This Administration has undertaken a new commitment to AIDS research and prevention and to the development of improved care and treatment for those with HIV disease. Through the strengthened Office of AIDS Research at the National Institutes of Health, we are increasing our efforts to improve treatments and working more effectively to find a cure for HIV and AIDS.

State governments and public health officials across our Nation have mobilized to educate the public and address the needs, not only of persons with AIDS, but also of their families and loved ones. Communitybased organizations throughout the country have provided education, care programs, and support to those coping with HIV and their families. Volunteers across America, members of local service organizations, church groups, gay and lesbian service organizations, and thousands of individuals have heard the summons to action and have given selflessly of their time and energy. Those who labor to hasten the end of this terrible epidemic deserve our deep appreciation and admiration.

Education is our most effective tool in preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS. We need to ensure that all Americans will protect their lives and the lives of

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their loved ones by making safe and healthy choices. Government alone cannot solve this crisis. We all must look deep within our souls to find the compassion, the values, the spirit, and the commitment that will allow us to conquer this modern-day plague.

I call upon every American to join in the effort to fight the spread of HIV and to treat those living with HIV with dignity and respect. We all hope and pray for the day when we discover a cure and a preventive vaccine. Until that day -- which I know will come -- we all must work together, strengthen our resolve to marshal the resources necessary to end the epidemic, and increase our compassion for those who need our help in their struggle against HIV disease.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim December 1, 1993, as World AIDS Day, and I invite the Governors of the States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, officials of other territories subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and the American people to join me in reaffirming our commitment to combatting HIV/AIDS and to helping those living with this disease.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighteenth.

William J. Clinton

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May 25, 1994

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LENGTH: 866 words

HEADLINE: Proclamation 6694 -- Pediatric and Adolescent AIDS Awareness Week, 1994

HIGHLIGHT:

By the President of the United States of America

BODY:

A Proclamation

Ten thousand children in the United States today are living with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Ten million children worldwide will become infected with HIV before the millennium. Over 5,000 cases of pediatric AIDS and 1,500 cases of AIDS in adolescents ages 13 through 19 have been reported in this country alone. The tragedy is magnified for our youth, as the epidemic reaches far beyond those actually infected -- it will leave up to 125,000 children and teenagers orphaned in this country by the end of this decade. By the year 2000, AIDS will be one of the five leading causes of death among American children ages one to four.

It is agonizing to watch our young suffer and die. It is all the more painful because we have been frustrated thus far in our efforts to find a cure. But we must not give up hope nor stand by idly. With hard work, we will find that cure. Moreover, HIV and AIDS are preventable. Americans can stop AIDS with targeted, linguistically specific, and culturally based prevention education for people in all age groups. If we are to overcome the HIV epidemic, communities must address difficult and controversial issues surrounding sexuality, drug abuse, and health care delivery.

The effects of infection by HIV are different in children than in adults. Infected infants get sicker faster, their immune systems may deteriorate more rapidly, and treatments that are helpful to adults may not be helpful for children.

It is imperative to continue the research now being done to study ways to prevent transmission of HIV from mother to infant. We must also develop and refine treatments that increase the survival time and quality of life of HIV-infected infants, children, and adolescents.

As a people, we must see to it that those among us living with HIV and AIDS are allowed to enjoy productive lives for as long as possible. We must put aside our differences and recognize the necessity of working together to defeat our common enemy -- HIV. I challenge all Americans to join the fight. And we must educate people about the true nature of HIV so that the discrimination and fear born of ignorance and translated into ostracism and discrimination can be stopped.

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Many communities across the country have already realized the grave dangers posed to our society by HIV and have responded by reaching out to battle the disease. More people must become involved now, or many more lives will be needlessly lost. This Administration, through the Office of National AIDS Policy and its Cabinet agencies, has joined with community-based AIDS organizations, families, businesses, professional associations, churches, schools, and universities to fight HIV and AIDS. Early intervention and educational resources must be made available, especially to youth and other high-risk groups. One in five of all reported AIDS cases is diagnosed in the 20-29 year old age group, meaning that these people were adolescents when they became infected.

The single most important step taken by my Administration in the fight against HIV and AIDS is the introduction to the Congress of the Health Security Act of 1993. All people living with HIV and AIDS, especially our children, must often fight not only the disease, but also a health care system likely to deny them coverage in their moment of greatest need. This Administration is absolutely committed to ensuring every American adequate health care coverage that will never be taken away. To do any less in a nation as resourceful as ours would be unacceptable.

Remembering that every person living with HIV and AIDS is someone's child, we must work together tirelessly to find a cure. We must distribute our human and financial resources across the Nation to strengthen and expand programs for HIV and AIDS education, treatment, research, and prevention.

We can stop the terrible harvest of children and adolescents wrought by HIV and AIDS. Working together we have the power to stop this plague.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week of May 29 through June 4, 1994, as Pediatric and Adolescent AIDS Awareness Week. I call on the people of America, the Governors of the 50 States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, and officials of other areas under the flag of the United States of America, to join with me in the continuing fight against HIV and AIDS and to remember especially during this week children and young people living with HIV and AIDS and their families.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighteenth.

William J. Clinton

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HEADLINE: Proclamation 6759 -- World AIDS Day, 1994

BODY:

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

On this World AIDS Day, we recognize the countless determined individuals who have provided assistance to those affected by HIV and AIDS, and we redouble our efforts to work with our international partners and to confront the enormous challenges that remain. Here and around the world, people are reaching out to those who are living with HIV and AIDS and are joining the fight to stop this epidemic. The theme of this year's commemoration, "Families and AIDS," is especially fitting. When one person suffers, the entire global family is affected. Today, we pledge to keep faith with the thousands of people living with HIV and AIDS and their families -- their mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, their friends, neighbors, and loved ones.

In slightly more than 13 years, AIDS has claimed the lives of more than 250,000 Americans -- nearly five times as many men and women as were killed in the Korean War. If current trends continue, by the end of this decade we will have lost half a million people to this insidious disease, more than our Nation's total losses in World War II. The World Health Organization estimates that 30 to 40 million people worldwide will have been infected with HIV by the end of the decade. The problem of HIV and AIDS is global, and it is one of staggering proportions. The United States will continue to work with our global partners in the worldwide battle against HIV and AIDS.

Here at home in response to the epidemic, hundreds of community-based organizations have devoted themselves to provide medical care, social and support services, respite care, meal delivery, and education and prevention programs to persons with HIV or AIDS. Together with those they serve, the men and women of these organizations -- most of whom are volunteers -- are the heroes of our common struggle.

In the past two years, our Nation has reenergized its response to HIV and AIDS. At a time of zero budget growth, funding for AIDS programs has been increased by 30 percent. AIDS research funding has risen by 25 percent, and money going to grants under the Ryan White CARE Act has been increased by 82 percent, bringing vital services to thousands of men, women, and children in need. Our research efforts have been reorganized and refocused, and they have already begun to produce results. When scientists discovered that treatment with AZT could sharply reduce the risk of HIV transmission from mothers to their unborn children, the Government acted quickly both to provide women and their health care professionals with new guidelines and to change the labeling on that drug. Already, we are saving lives.

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On World AIDS Day, we rededicate ourselves to the battle against HIV and AIDS. Our Government must continue to do its part, including reauthorizing the Ryan White CARE Act and continuing to enforce the Americans with Disabilities Act. Business and community leaders must push forward in their remarkable efforts to educate people everywhere. And every one of us must strive to reach out to those who are living with HIV and AIDS to make their paths a little smoother, to make their hearts a little lighter, and to make their lives a little richer.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim December 1, 1994, as "World AIDS Day." I invite the Governors of the States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, officials of other territories subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and the American people to join me in reaffirming our commitment to combat HIV and AIDS and to reach out with compassion to those living with this disease.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-four, and the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and nineteenth.

William J. Clinton

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HEADLINE: Proclamation 6854 -- World AIDS Day, 1995

HIGHLIGHT:

By the President of the United States of America

BODY:

A Proclamation

Today the world pauses to remember the millions of men, women, and children who are living with HIV and AIDS and to honor the memory of those who have lost their lives to this insidious disease. We renew our commitment to searching for a cure to AIDS and a vaccine for HIV, rededicate ourselves to reducing the number of people who become infected with the virus, and devote our efforts to protecting the dignity and rights of all those affected by the AIDS epidemic.

The statistics are overwhelming. Around the world, more than 18 million people are believed to be infected with HIV. In America alone, over half a million people have been struck by AIDS, and more than 300,000 have already lost their lives. Nearly 80,000 of our fellow citizens are diagnosed with AIDS and more than 40,000 are dying of the disease each year -- some 120 every day. In addition, there are an estimated 40,000 to 60,000 Americans who contract HIV annually. The impact of these numbers goes far beyond the individuals involved -- each AIDS death devastates a family, weakens a community, and changes society as a whole. HIV and AIDS present extraordinary challenges to every nation and every person on our planet.

In the past year, there has been some encouraging progress. Researchers from many countries have combined their knowledge and skills to better understand the virus that causes AIDS and its effects on the human body; new AIDS drugs are being developed and approved faster than ever before; we are beginning to find ways to rebuild immune systems destroyed by HIV so that those infected can live longer, healthier lives; and we are aggressively confronting this crisis with prevention programs at the grassroots and national levels.

But there is still much work to do. Half of all new infections occur among people under the age of 25, and one-fourth occur among teenagers. We must protect the next generation by continuing to improve the availability of health care services for those with HIV and AIDS. Since 1990, the Ryan White CARE Act has offered help and hope to hundreds of thousands of people, and we are working with the Congress to extend this vital program for an additional 5 years. However, while the CARE Act is an essential element of the safety net that protects people with HIV and AIDS, it cannot do the job alone. We must also maintain our 30-year commitment to the Medicaid program, which provides services to nearly half of all Americans living with AIDS and more than 90 percent of children with AIDS. Without the protection that Medicaid affords, these individuals and their families would lose all access to health care.

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Let us also continue to ensure that our Nation responds aggressively and humanely to the needs of people living with HIV and AIDS. Throughout this epidemic, community organizations have taken the lead in the struggle against the disease and in efforts to provide compassionate care to those in need. Across this country and around the globe, generous people perform miracles every day -- holding a hand, cooling a fever, listening, and understanding. Let us further support their efforts to build a better world by strengthening the partnership between communities and government in the work to stop AIDS.

The theme of this eighth observance of World AIDS Day, "Shared Rights, Shared Responsibilities," is a call to fight against discrimination as strongly as we fight for a cure. When one human being is persecuted because of his or her HIV status, we all suffer. Let us pledge to stand together, united against HIV and AIDS and committed to ending ignorance and prejudice.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim December 1, 1995, as World AIDS Day. I ask the American people to join me in reaffirming our commitment to combatting HIV and AIDS and in reaching out to all those whose lives have been affected by this disease.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twentieth.

William J. Clinton

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HEADLINE: Executive Order 12963 -- Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS

BODY:

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to exercise her discretion as follows:

Section 1. Establishment. (a) The Secretary of Health and Human Services (the "Secretary") shall establish an HIV/AIDS Advisory Council (the "Advisory Council" or the "Council"), to be known as the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. The Advisory Council shall be composed of not more than 30 members to be appointed or designated by the Secretary. The Advisory Council shall comply with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.).

(b) The Secretary shall designate a Chairperson from among the members of the Advisory Council.

Sec. 2. Functions. The Advisory Council shall provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary regarding programs and policies intended to (a) promote effective prevention of HIV disease, (b) advance research on HIV and AIDS, and (c) promote quality services to persons living with HIV disease and AIDS. The functions of the Advisory Council shall be solely advisory in nature. The Secretary shall provide the President with copies of all written reports provided to the Secretary by the Advisory Council.

Sec. 3. Administration. (a) The heads of executive departments and agencies shall, to the extent permitted by law, provide the Advisory Council with such information as it may require for purposes of carrying out its functions.

(b) Any members of the Advisory Council that receive compensation shall be compensated in accordance with Federal law. Committee members may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, to the extent permitted by law for persons serving intermittently in the Government service (5 U.S.C. section 5701-5707).

(c) To the extent permitted by law, and subject to the availability of appropriations, the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide the Advisory Council with such funds and support as may be necessary for the performance of its functions.

Sec. 4. General Provisions. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Executive order, any functions of the President under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that are applicable to the Advisory Council, except that of reporting annually to the Congress, shall be performed by the Department of Health and Human Services, in accordance with the guidelines and procedures established by the Administrator of General Services.

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(b) This order is intended only to improve the internal management of the executive branch, and it is not intended to create any right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity by a party against the United States, its agencies, its officers, or any person.

William J. Clinton

The White House,

June 14, 1995.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
IN PHOTO OP WITH THE AIDS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Roosevelt Room

11:26 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Good morning, and welcome. I'd like to begin by thanking Patsy Fleming for the work that she's done with me and with you and for our country on this issue; and by thanking all of you for your service on this Advisory Council. We need your advice, your wisdom, your enthusiasm, your energy, and America needs your service. And I thank you for it very much.

As you know, I have been strongly committed to an increasing federal response to the AIDS crisis. In spite of the fact that we have cut and eliminated hundreds and hundreds of programs since I have been President, we've increased overall AIDS funding by 40 percent, and funding for the Ryan White Care Act by 80 percent since I've been President.

I was very, very pleased to see yesterday how overwhelmingly the Senate voted to reauthorize the Ryan White Care Act. I've got a budget before them which would increase our funding considerably more. I hope that will pass. But the United States Senate made an important statement yesterday, almost unanimously. And I think we should all appreciate that and be grateful for it.

This terrible plague has cost our country 270,000 American lives, and over 100 every day. There are some encouraging signs on the research front, as all of you know. Scientists have discovered ways to block the transmission of HIV from mothers to children. New classes of drugs are being developed to actually repair damaged immune systems, which is very, very hopeful. These scientific advances give us all reason to hope, and should redouble our determination, even in this season of balanced budget to reinvest even more and more of our nation's wealth into medical research in AIDS and medical research of all kinds.

This is not the time to slow down and retreat. This is not

the time to give in. AIDS is a challenge which all of us face. That's what the United States Senate said yesterday. It really is a part of our common ground. I think we can attack this disease without attacking each other. And apparently, sensible, good, farsighted Americans in both parties agree.

When we begin to pit one disease against another, or one group of people against another in this country, we all wind up behind. And I felt much better about the future of our country, at least on this point, when I saw how the United States Senate conducted itself yesterday. Now, our task is to continue to marshal all the forces we've got to lift the visibility of this issue.

When I spoke about this matter in my speech at Georgetown just a few weeks ago I said that this was one area where we had to find common ground. This morning, I think we got a chance to do it. And with your help, we'll continue to make progress on it. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

Q Is the United States orchestrating the transfer of arms to the Bosnian Muslims through Arab or Middle Eastern countries or anywhere else?

THE PRESIDENT: No.

Q Mr. President, have you managed to achieve the economic soft landing?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think the economy is coming back up, if that's what you mean. We had a slow second quarter, we knew we did. But the general thrust of the economy looks strong again. The fundamental problem is now that we had a slow second quarter -- if you're going to have a long, long period of growth, you're going to have uneven periods within that.

The fundamental problem is, we've created 7 million jobs and most Americans haven't gotten a raise. Most Americans still feel economically insecure in their own circumstances because their incomes haven't gone up, because they don't think their jobs are secure, because they're worried about their family's health care. And we need an agenda in this country that I have been pushing for two years now that not only creates jobs, but also raises incomes and increases the security of families.

That is the fundamental problem. But it starts with having a good economic policy. So we wouldn't even be where we are if we didn't have the 7 million jobs and a lower unemployment rate with low inflation. So I'm proud of what we've accomplished. But it's only half the job.

Thank you.