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TO: Katie Button
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SUBJECT: Domestic Hospital Partnership Sites

Katie:

We have now received a good list of domestic hospital partnership cities from Jim Smith at AIHA, which I have enclosed. I have also enclosed a note from our public outreach group that flags other activities of interest that have ties to these same cities.

We look forward to working with you and Melanne, if the First Lady decides to visit any of these locations.

Best regards,

Donald L. Pressley

Encs: a/s

*Melanne-
FYI
Katie -
Keep where
we can
find it!*

LPA/PL Feedback on AIHA list of cities for FLOTUS events

***NB:** In addition to information provided below, OP can do a search of USAID funding by state to identify grantees and contracts; we can also do a list of registered PVOs headquartered in each state.

Louisville, KY: was a prospect for a Lessons Without Borders (LWOB) event that was held in Nashville, instead. We still have LWOB contacts there. Also the site of a U.S. Export Assistance Center (USEAC) where businesses can access USAID's Global Technology Network (GTN) database linking businesses with USAID country programs is in use.

Minneapolis, MN: headquarters of USAID partner Land O'Lakes (a co-op), Vice President for International Programs Martha Cashman is on ACVFA and great friend to USAID. Site of the University of Minnesota, HHH Institute, two Operation Days Work (ODW) pilot schools. Also site of a USEAC; Minnesota has signed a Memorandum of Understanding entering a partnership with USAID to expand trade opportunities for small and mid-sized enterprises through GTN.

Cleveland, OH: USEAC site linking businesses to our Global Technology Network; Toledo is on OFDA's new list of cities agreeing to assist with international emergencies.

St. Louis, MO: USEAC site providing local business with GTN access; Missouri has also signed a business promotion MOU with USAID.

Buffalo, NY: site of SUNY-Buffalo, a USAID partner institution; New York has signed a business promotion MOU with USAID; Rochester is one of OFDA's cities.

La Crosse, WI: two Operation Days Work (ODW) pilot schools are located in Milwaukee, WI.

Tucson, AZ: Hattie has Arizona contacts; site of a USEAC center with GTN access; University of Arizona, which is site of Arid Lands Center.

Richmond, VA: Virginia has a business/trade promotion MOU.

Winston-Salem, NC: Many USAID partnerships headquartered in "Research Triangle" area. Business/trade promotion MOU.

Boulder, CO: Site of USEAC; business/trade MOU; location of University of Colorado at Boulder.

Atlanta, GA: USEAC site, business/trade MOU, several higher education partners, including minority-serving institutions.

Boston, MA: Broad Meadows Middle School (winner of USAID Partnership award for their work on child labor, and also ODW pilot school) located in Quincy, MA; Boston was site of second Lessons Without Borders and numerous contacts remain; many universities; USEAC site and MOU.

Coney Island, NY: Manhattan is USEAC site, NY state has MOU.

Detroit, MI: USEAC site, state MOU.

Houston, TX: Universities.

Iowa: Iowa State (Ames) hosting 3/99 LWOB on global agriculture; state MOU.

Jacksonville, FL: several colleges in the area; state MOU.

Little Rock, AK: state MOU

Scranton, PA: nothing in particular

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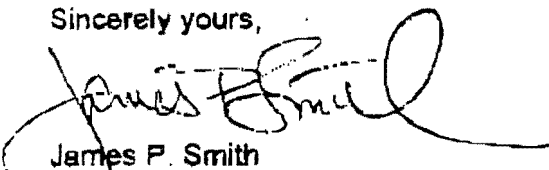
Dear Don:

I am writing to follow up on your request for a list of US communities that should be considered by the White House as they consider their outreach activities on behalf of globalization and foreign assistance. I apologize for the delay in responding; as we discussed over the phone, I wanted to complete the sustainability grant awards process before I made my suggestions.

The communities that I have identified in the attachment are, for the most part, active partners and current grantees. In a few instances, the partnership is no longer being funded by AIHA but is maintaining its partnership from other sources and has such a positive feeling for the program that it should be strongly considered. While every community that has a partnership would certainly welcome the First Lady's visit, I have attempted to first identify those communities where the partnership is especially visible and widely supported and where an event with the First Lady would be highly rewarding for all sides. I've kept this first list to a "top ten" and included a second group that would also provide good opportunities. Of course, as we develop new partnerships in support of our cooperative agreement with USAID, new candidates will emerge just as some will come off the list. The current list, however, is certainly good for the next six months.

In each instance, we would be pleased to work closely with you and the White House to structure an event that meets everyone's requirements. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely yours,



James P. Smith
Executive Director

PROPOSED AIHA PARTNERSHIP SITES

A. "Top Ten Group"

Louisville, Kentucky - Site of two partnerships including (a) a longstanding partnership between Jewish Hospital and Healthcare Services System and hospitals in St. Petersburg Russia, and (b) a newer healthy communities and women's health partnership between the Humana Foundation/University of Louisville/Jefferson County and Constanta, Romania. Senator McConnell has been a strong supporter of the former partnership; the CEO of Humana, David Jones, is heavily involved in the latter partnership and has brought a lot of local community and NGO support to the program. Any event with the First Lady should involve both partnerships.

Minneapolis, Minnesota - Hennepin County has had a highly successful partnership with Moldova since 1993. The partnership has reached out to embrace a wide array of institutions in Minneapolis. With the AIHA partnership as a base, Hennepin County is also involved in a partnership in South Africa - also funded through USAID. We anticipate that Hennepin County will continue to be involved in the next round of partnerships.

Cleveland, Ohio - Site of a two largely completed healthy communities partnership with Slovakia and a third graduated partnership with Turkmenistan. The Slovakia partnerships have involved Cleveland's public hospital system (MetroHealth) and the Cuyahoga County health department. The Turkmenistan partnership involved the Cleveland Clinic. MetroHealth's experience with the partnership was so positive that they have indicated their strong desire to team up with Case Western and Cuyahoga County's health department for an additional partnership in the NIS in support of community based primary care. Although this will be a competitive process, we foresee their being a future grantee.

St. Louis, Missouri - The partnership between the BJC Health System and hospitals in Latvia has also been graduated as a result of USAID termination in Latvia but should be strongly considered by the White House. The First Lady initiated this partnership and hosted the MOU signing at the White House in 1995. It has been very successful and highly visible. The First Lady was invited to a community celebration of the partnership in December 1998 but was unable to attend. The partners continue their relationship on their own. I am attaching a copy of a recent editorial in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that quotes the First Lady extensively.

Buffalo, New York - Buffalo has supported two partnerships, one with Tuzla, Bosnia and the other with Lviv, Ukraine. The First Lady initiated the former and the White House sponsored the MOU signing. While the partners continue to sustain their relationship in a limited fashion, USAID funds to support the continuation of our activities in Bosnia & Herzegovina are no longer available and the partnership was "graduated" in September 1998. The partnership with Lviv, Ukraine continues with limited sustainability funds. The Buffalo hospital partners in the meantime have become a single system.

La Crosse, Wisconsin - The La Crosse partnership with Dubna, Russia is legendary. This is a total community effort and I know that the First Lady would find it stimulating. President and Mrs. Clinton have visited La Crosse several times but the partnership has not been a focus.

Tucson, Arizona – A coalition of health care providers from Tucson has been involved since program inception in a partnership with hospitals in Almaty, Kazakstan, Tucson's sister city. More recently the Arizona National Guard has been involved as well. The First Lady opened the partnership's women's health center in Almaty in 1997.

Richmond, Virginia – Site of four partnerships including two partnerships involving Medical College of Virginia, one hospital partnership with Vladivostok and one health management education partnership with eastern Czech Republic. The other two partnerships involve the City of Richmond's ambulance service. The Richmond Ambulance authority has helped establish emergency medicine and disaster response training centers in Russia and Turkmenistan and is currently working with us in establishing a similar center in Uzbekistan.

Winston Salem, North Carolina – Site of a recently graduated partnership between the Novant Health System and Forsyth Memorial Hospital and Vac, Hungary. With USAID terminating in Hungary, the partnership recently graduated. It has been a real success story, however, and the community of Winston-Salem has been heavily involved.

Boulder, Colorado – Boulder's main health care provider, Boulder Community Hospital has been participating in a partnership with Tajikistan for several years, although civil unrest has prevented them from conducting as many activities as they would like in Dushanbe. The Boulder community is squarely behind the partnership model and has expressed its desire to not only continue its current partnership, but apply for an additional partnership in support of our primary care initiative in West NIS

B. The "Next 10 Good" Opportunities

Atlanta, Georgia – Institutions in Atlanta have supported successful partnerships in Tbilisi, Georgia and St. Petersburg, Russia. A sister state relationship between the two Georgia's has been promoted through the partnership and CDC has been very supportive of the partnership program as whole.

Boston, Massachusetts – Boston University and U Mass have long sponsored a partnership with hospitals in Yerevan, Armenia. The Boston Armenian community is heavily involved as well. Other Boston institutions that have supported partnership activities include Brigham and Womens and Boston Children's Hospital.

Coney Island, NY – Although the partnership between Coney Island Hospital and Odessa, Ukraine has wound down, the Odessa-Little Odessa politics are still very meaningful. The partnership had some important community outreach to the largely Ukrainian/Russian émigré community in Coney Island and Brighton Beach.

Detroit, Michigan – As the First Lady saw when she visited the partnership's neonatal intensive care unit in Lviv in 1997, Henry Ford Health System's partnership in Ukraine has had very good results. The Detroit partners have been successful in reaching out to the Ukrainian American retirees in Detroit for their monetary support. A visit by the First Lady to the retiree village in Detroit would be really well received.

Houston, Texas – Baylor supports a number of international activities including a highly successful AIHA supported partnership with Semipalatinsk. As you know, this is a swords into plowshares story with the partnership funded through Operation Sapphire.

Iowa - The Iowa-Stavropol partnership has included at one time or another all of the hospitals in the state. The partnership is administered by the Iowa Hospital Association Education Foundation and builds upon a long-standing sister state partnership that began after the Khrushchev visit. The partnership is likely to continue as part of our new program.

Jacksonville, Florida - The partnership with Murmansk has had its ups and downs but it remains a good sister cities project that dates back to the Second World War.

Little Rock, Arkansas - The partnership between the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and Volgograd State Medical University has been a small grant recipient and is somewhat narrow. Nevertheless, it is based upon a sister cities relationship and is strongly supported in Little Rock. Little Rock, incidentally is hosting the 1988 Sister Cities Conference on July 21,22; AIHA and the University are jointly supporting the health panel of the Conference.

Providence, Rhode Island - Women and Infants Hospital has a continuing partnership with Kosice, Slovakia that has been very successful in improving perinatal health care.

Scranton, Pennsylvania - Site of an ongoing health management education partnership between the University of Scranton and Universities in Slovakia. Strong support from the University and the local community.