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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service



Memorandum

Date April 11, 1995

From Director
Office of International Health
OASH

Subject National Plan for Combatting AIDS

To Arthur J. Lawrence, Ph.D.
Acting Director
Office of HIV/AIDS Policy

This responds to Dr. Lee's memorandum of March 31 in which he requested input for development of a national plan to outline the goals and objectives of the Federal Government for combatting the HIV epidemic.

I assume that the PHS agencies will respond directly on the international involvements for which they have primary responsibility. If you believe, upon receipt of materials from the PHS agencies, that they are deficient in this regard, please do not hesitate to let me know. In any case, I would expect their international initiatives to be consistent with the "U.S. International Strategy on HIV/AIDS," which PHS has worked on, in cooperation with other agencies, under the direction of Tim Wirth, Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs.

As you know, OIH as a staff office does not, with very limited exceptions (foreign currency accounts) have program-funds; and our work is largely policy, coordination and facilitation.

The following is a summary of Office of International Health involvement in HIV/AIDS issues internationally:

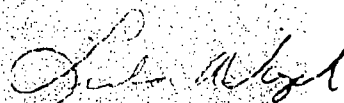
1. Preparation of the "U.S. International Strategy on HIV/AIDS" in cooperation with the Department of State and others. This strategy focuses on three action areas:
 - o Prevention of new infections
 - o Reducing personal and social impact
 - o Mobilization and unification of national and international efforts
2. Influencing U.S. and international policies and actions for the new UN Joint and Co-sponsored Program on HIV/AIDS. This is done through consultations with the Department of State to

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influence decisions/actions at UN ECOSOC and development of official U.S. positions on issues before the governing bodies of WHO and UNICEF.

3. As a part of development/pursuit of bilateral cooperation with other countries, inclusion of HIV/AIDS in the relationship. In this regard, OIH has played a particularly strong role in promotion of cooperation with India on HIV/AIDS. This has included the inclusion of AIDS as a priority area under the Indo-U.S. Vaccine Action Program, which has provided the umbrella for a range of HIV/AIDS related work, including an NIH/NIAID PAVE award, participation by Indians in meetings on AIDS Vaccine Development in the U.S., and sponsorship of a workshop in India in April 1995 on Behavioral Aspects of AIDS. We have drawn upon our Indian rupee account to support these activities at a level of about \$50,000 equivalent in rupees for each of the past 3-4 years. We endeavor to include HIV/AIDS, when appropriate, in our health cooperation dialogue with other countries as well.

Because of the unique nature of our activities, I have not filled out a chart in the format attached to the March 31 memorandum. Please let me know if you believe we need to respond in a different format.


Linda A. Vogel

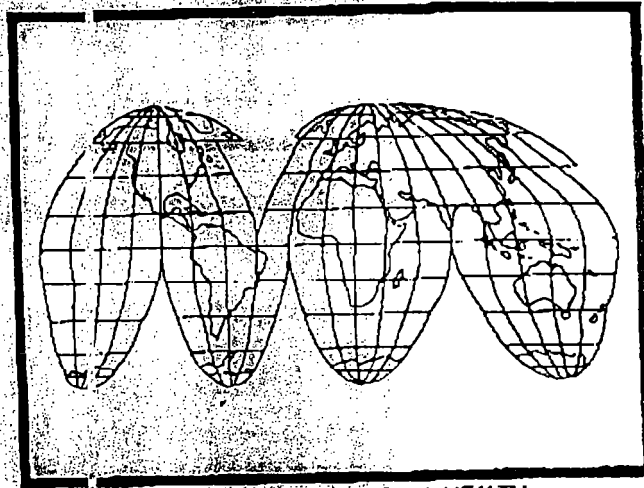
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