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JAN - 4 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY
COUNCIL ON HIV/AIDS

FROM:

Patsy Fleming 

SUBJECT: Impact of the Shutdown on AIDS Clinical Trials

The partial shutdown of the Federal government, including the Department of Health and Human Services, is beginning to have a direct impact on the government's AIDS efforts.

Today, the Division of AIDS of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases informed all of its clinical trial sites that they must suspend enrollment of new subjects in clinical trials due to the shutdown. All work on the development of new protocols will also be suspended. This is designed to make sure that sufficient funds are available to contractors to continue monitoring ongoing trials for safety. This certainly brings home to all of us the impact of the intransigence of the House Republican leadership. The time lost in research efforts cannot be made up after a budget agreement is reached.

As the shutdown continues, more and more programs will be affected. We will keep you posted as these develop. As you know, both the President and the Senate have agreed that government programs should continue to be funded while negotiations continue on the seven-year budget plan. Unfortunately, the House Republicans have not gone along with this approach. The President, as he made clear yesterday, is standing firm in not being blackmailed into compromises on fundamental principles -- such as defending the integrity of the Medicaid program that is so critical to people with HIV/AIDS.

This is a very difficult time to be in government service -- it is hard to have our critical work hampered by the shutdown. However, I am also very proud of the President's leadership in this struggle.

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January 5, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION LIST

FROM: Patsy Fleming, Office of National AIDS Policy

SUBJECT: NIH-related budget issues

We talked with Dr. Steve Schnittman of the NIH Division of AIDS at the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID) to get further information on the impact of the budget impasse on AIDS research. We learned the following:

- Enrollment in AIDS clinical trials has been suspended as of yesterday. An estimated 8-to-10,000 people are currently enrolled (they will get all the services they need). An average of 25 people enroll in these trials each day. Only those who had completed the initial tests required to enroll in a trial will be allowed to enroll. All others must wait.
- Approximately 100 AIDS research units around the country involved in recruiting and enrolling patients in research programs are running out of money. Fifteen units ran out of money on Jan. 1, and many more will run out of money at the end of this month if the impasse continues.
- NIAID has stopped work on all new AIDS drug trials. There are approximately 40 trials in development at any one time.

One example of the impact of this suspension is an agreement between NIH and Merck to begin a licensing trial of a new protease inhibitor (one of the promising new AIDS drugs that have received so much press attention) in mid-January. Without that trial, Merck cannot license the drug and begin providing it to the public.

Another example is a pediatric trial of the drug 3TC by Glaxo-Wellcome. Enrollment in that trial has been suspended and there are not yet enough patients in the trial to yield the data necessary to prove the efficacy of the drug in children with HIV.

Hope this is helpful. Call me if you need more information.

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As you know, the impasse in federal budget negotiations continues, with no end in sight. Until a clearer picture of the fiscal 1996 budget emerges, it is therefore necessary for us to further restrict the activities of DAIDS-sponsored clinical trial groups in order to ensure the safety of subjects already enrolled into ongoing clinical trials. These restrictions will place the following limits on the support provided by the statistical center and operations office contractors:

No new subjects may be enrolled in trials. (This means no new subject identification numbers will be issued; subjects with numbers already issued may be entered.)

Support for the development of new protocols and for all other activities not directly related to the monitoring, conduct, and analysis of ongoing clinical trials will be suspended.

Conference calls will be limited to those necessary for the management of clinical trials with currently enrolled subjects and other calls which may be necessary for the protection of the safety of subjects already on study.

The restrictions will remain in place until we can be confident that resources needed to ensure the safety of enrolled subjects are not totally exhausted before the end of the budget impasse. If you have specific questions, please call either Steve Schnittman (301-496-8210) or Jim Balsley (301-402-2300). You should also feel free to contact me.

We regret having to take these steps, but thank you for your understanding and support.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
January 11, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR PRESIDENTIAL HIV/AIDS ADVISORY COUNCIL

FROM: Patsy Fleming, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

SUBJECT: Between snowstorms update

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Programs funded through September 30th:

A continuing resolution has been passed that includes funding for several agencies not yet covered by regular appropriations bills through the end of FY 1996. This includes the National Institutes of Health, with an overall 5.7% increase, and the Centers for Disease Control, which is flat-funded. This means that the President's requested increase of \$72.4 million for AIDS research is funded, bringing NIH AIDS research to over \$1.4 billion. This represents a total increase of 26% for AIDS research since President Clinton took office. It is the Administration's intention to distribute these funds through the Office of AIDS Research, as required by the NIH reauthorization law.

However, this also means that the President's requested increase of nearly \$35 million for CDC prevention programs has not been met, leaving CDC at the \$590 million level.

In addition, funds for the Medicaid program -- in its current structure -- were appropriated through the end of the fiscal year. Meanwhile, negotiations continue regarding the future of Medicaid. As he has made clear through the media, the President continues to advocate strongly for the retaining Medicaid as an entitlement and protected from significant cuts in its growth.

The Department of Defense appropriations bill has been signed into law. The DOD AIDS research program is funded at \$31.6 million for this fiscal year, which should permit the continuation of all elements of the DOD research portfolio, including the treatment research program. (As you know, the President has vetoed the DOD authorization bill, citing as one of the reasons the provision that would have required the immediate discharge of personnel found to be HIV positive.)

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Programs funded through January 26th:

The remaining AIDS programs are funded only through January 26th, given the absence of regular appropriations bills. Included are:

Ryan White CARE Act programs: There is only minimal disruption to these programs because of their grant cycles, however funding is provided based on FY 1995 levels. Title I jurisdictions will be receiving quarterly formula payments (instead of an annual amount) as short-term continuing resolutions permit. This means that grants due on February 1st will be made with quarterly payments. If there is a continuing delay on a year-long appropriation, there may also be a disruption of supplemental grants. Title II grants are not due until April and so there should be no disruption unless the situation is not resolved by then. The same holds true for Titles IIIB and IV. The future of the AIDS Education and Training Centers remains unresolved, though they continue to have basic operating funds in the continuing resolution. The Administration is continuing to press for the entire \$90 million increase requested by the President for CARE Act programs and the preservation of the AETCs.

Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA): Because the VA-HUD appropriation has not been resolved, it is not possible for HUD to notify HOPWA recipients of their FY 1996 award, making planning impossible. In addition, the competitive awards granted under HOPWA will also be delayed. If the final bill or continuing resolution contains the amount for HOPWA in the bill vetoed by the President, HOPWA would be funded at \$171 million, as compared to \$176 million in 1995. While this represents a slight reduction from FY 1995, it would be a positive outcome given the cuts in other housing programs.

As you can see, the continued uncertainties around the FY 1996 appropriations are creating disruptions for some AIDS-related programs.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please call my office. I will keep you posted on new developments.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 17, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR CAROL RASCO

FROM: Patsy Fleming 

SUBJECT: Goals for 1996

Long-term goals:

- (1) *Develop a comprehensive strategy for addressing the link between substance abuse and HIV transmission.* This includes better integration of HIV prevention with substance abuse prevention, development of Administration policies regarding harm reduction for substance abusers, and improved research on effective interventions and models for HIV prevention among substance abusers.
- (2) *Improve the government's efforts to find a cure, a vaccine, and a microbicide to prevent HIV transmission.* This includes an interdepartmental research plan to better integrate research efforts across the government and the Vice President's meeting with the private sector regarding increased investment in HIV-related pharmaceutical development.
- (3) *Improve communication between the government and affected communities and increase the visibility of the Administration's AIDS-related efforts.* The centerpiece of this effort will be town meetings to be held across the country. The town meetings will help to continue the dialogue fostered at the White House Conference on HIV and AIDS between the Administration and the affected communities regarding effective strategies to address all aspects of the epidemic.

Short-term goals:

- (1) Release of the *report on the state of the epidemic among adolescents.* (February)
- (2) Release of the government-wide *national plan for combatting AIDS.* (late February)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH Carol H. Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

FROM Patricia S. Fleming *PSF*
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

SUBJECT The Global AIDS Epidemic

Over the past several months, I have participated in two significant international events. I represented the U.S. at a meeting of the governing board for the new United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and I gave a speech at the 9th International Conference on AIDS and STDs in Africa. On both occasions, I was reminded of the terrible effects of the AIDS epidemic worldwide. This memo is to brief you on these issues and efforts being made to alleviate them.

Scope of the International HIV/AIDS Pandemic

While HIV/AIDS continues to be a serious problem in the U.S., in many developing countries the epidemic is much more advanced. One million people in the U.S. have been infected with HIV; another 18 million people around the world suffer the same fate. Over three-quarters of worldwide HIV infection occurs through heterosexual transmission. At the global level, women and men are affected by HIV in almost equal numbers, usually in the prime of their economically productive years. By the year 2000, experts estimate that as many as 40 million people around the world will be HIV positive. Ninety percent will live in developing countries. Close to five million children will have been orphaned in this decade alone with estimates that the numbers will increase to 15 million worldwide by the year 2000.

Implications for Development

The pandemic's social and economic toll in the developing world is becoming increasingly apparent. As in the U.S., the health care costs for people with HIV/AIDS over the course of their illness is very high. Some countries currently spend one-quarter to one-half of their health budget on AIDS-related care, with studies indicating that this could rise to as much as 80 percent in parts of Africa and Asia by the year 2010. Socio-economic studies have shown decreases in overall domestic savings and investment levels, negative effects on foreign investments, reductions in the volumes of imports and exports, and reduction in receipts from tourism.

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The epidemic is having serious effects on other areas of society. Industries such as mining and trucking in Southern Africa are already experiencing major labor shortages due to high HIV prevalence among workers. Some countries are reporting evidence of human rights abuses. Organized prostitution rings have been coercing young girls into having unprotected sex resulting in thousands of new infections. Civil strife and war have also resulted in the abuse of women and children including rape, fostering the spread of HIV and isolating individuals from their communities and families. High infection rates among police and military personnel are threatening not only internal and national security but social and political stability.

The Role of the United States

The U.S. has been a major source of bilateral and multilateral funds for international HIV/AIDS activities. The Agency for International Development, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and their non-governmental partners, and the National Institutes of Health have provided unparalleled technical assistance to AIDS programs in developing countries since 1986. If U.S. development assistance is reduced by the levels proposed by Congress, I am convinced that it will have a direct and immediate impact on the ability of the world to overcome the challenge of HIV, due not only to the diminished U.S. contribution, but also the political leverage that we bring to bear as a world leader. I am also convinced that important U.S. foreign policy goals including democratization, economic development and peacekeeping may be compromised as the number of AIDS cases worldwide escalates.

UNAIDS

Currently, a major effort towards greater coordination of resources allocated for HIV/AIDS within the UN system is underway. The governing bodies of WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, UNESCO and the World Bank have formed a new, joint and co-sponsored program which became operational on January 1, 1996. UNAIDS will strengthen national capacity through policy development and research, technical support, advocacy and coordination at county, intercounty and global levels. As one of the donor countries providing strong leadership on this new program, the U.S. has an obligation to commit the resources it has promised and see the initiative through. The U.S. is contributing approximately 25 percent of the budget and has provided significant leadership in the shaping of the program. A global appeal will solicit additional support from nontraditional donor countries as well as encourage developing countries to increase contributions from their own national budgets. We have high hopes that this program will make a difference.

Lessons and Challenges

We have learned many valuable lessons in our struggle against HIV/AIDS. We have learned that HIV/AIDS is not "an outbreak, but part of the human condition" according to Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS. We have learned that condoms will never be

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enough; risk behaviors and the circumstances that lead people into them are complicated and dynamic. We have learned that we need to lower the social, cultural, religious and moral constraints on our ability to talk openly about human sexual behavior and raise the low status of women that impedes their capacity to negotiate safe sex with their partners. We have learned that we need to empower women around the world by increasing their access to economic resources and education. We also have learned that we need to end the marginalization and stigmatization of gay men, commercial sex workers, poor people and injecting drug users that limit their access to information, condoms, health care and social support for behavior change.

As the epidemic has progressed, so has our knowledge and understanding about what we need to do to prevent and control its spread. We must continue to build on successes exemplified by USAID's program in Thailand which has seen a decline in infection rates over the past several years. We are working with countries to improve services and education for people with sexually transmitted diseases which has been shown to reduce HIV transmission dramatically.

We have made important gains over the past decade and with your continued support, we can maintain our global leadership in bringing this pandemic to an end.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 18, 1996

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MEMORANDUM FOR CAROL H. RASCO

FROM: Patsy Fleming *PF*

SUBJECT: Video request

Attached is a request for a video taping by the President for the March meeting sponsored by the CDC for state and community leaders in HIV prevention. This is, in a sense, the annual convention on HIV prevention. It would be an important opportunity for the President to reaffirm his commitment in this area and to provide support for the tremendous work these folks are doing.

VIDEO REQUEST PROPOSAL**Date: 01/18/96**

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TO:

Stephanie Streett
Deputy Assistant to the President &
Director of Scheduling

Anne Walley
Deputy Assistant to the President &
Director of Scheduling

FROM:

Carol H. Rasco, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

REQUEST:

Video message for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
"HIV Prevention Community Planning Co-Chairs Meeting"

PURPOSE:

This annual CDC meeting of 800+ participants from all 50 states is a prime opportunity to indicate the Administration's strong support for AIDS prevention and for partnership with states and communities.

DATE AND TIME:

Conference opens March 7, 1996.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

BACKGROUND:

Approximately 800 AIDS prevention leaders from all 50 states, DC, and Puerto Rico will attend this meeting in Atlanta GA. This is a one-time usage.

DURATION:

Three to five minutes

REMARKS ATTACHED:

Script is attached to the request.

STAFF CONTACT:

Richard Sorian, Office of National AIDS Policy, 632-1090

ORIGIN OF PROPOSAL:

Office of National AIDS Policy

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Video

- This video is for the opening of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention "HIV Prevention Community Planning Co-Chairs Meeting"
- The video allows the President to demonstrate the Administration's strong commitment to AIDS prevention and to partnership with states and communities.
- Approximately 800 community leaders in HIV/AIDS prevention will be meeting for two days in Atlanta GA to discuss a series of issues related to prevention of AIDS. The Community Planning Process was launched by the Clinton Administration in 1993 to improve local input to prevention programs.

DRAFT SCRIPT

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Video

The PRESIDENT:

It's a pleasure to join you today for the annual HIV Prevention Community Planning meeting. I'm sorry I can't be there with you in person.

I'd like to thank Dr. Satcher and Dr. Gayle and their team of committed public health professionals for their remarkable leadership in our national fight against HIV and AIDS.

And let me thank each and every one of you for your work on the front lines of this epidemic. In community after community across this great nation, you provide the thoughtful leadership and passionate commitment that is needed to turn the tide in this epidemic.

I am proud of the work we have done together to create the community planning process. In its short history, this effort has already transformed HIV prevention from a top-down bureaucratic approach to a bottom-up community effort. Working in partnership we have provided millions of Americans with the kind of honest, targeted information they need to protect themselves and their loved ones from HIV.

But you and I know that the job is not yet done. Not when forty to sixty thousand Americans are still becoming infected with HIV each year. Not when seventy to eighty thousand of our brothers and sisters are being diagnosed with AIDS every year. And not when more than one hundred Americans are dying of AIDS every day.

We have a lot more to do and I am confident that with you leading the way we will reverse these truly troubling trends.

In December, at the historic White House Conference on HIV and AIDS, I called on our public health professionals to work toward a very important goal -- to reduce the number of HIV infections each and every year until there are none.

THE PRESIDENT:

It will take a national effort, beginning in communities like yours, to achieve that important goal. And we will need the help of businesses, schools, churches, and other community organizations to get there.

We all recognize that changing behavior is very difficult. And this is especially true among young people. I am troubled by the continued rise in new infections among teenagers. Too many young people seem to believe they are either bulletproof or doomed to a life of misery. In either case, they take risks with their health and increasingly those gambles are resulting in deadly consequences. We've got to break that death spiral and we've got to do it now.

We also must do more to break the grip that illegal drugs have on too many Americans. And we must strengthen the link between AIDS prevention and drug abuse prevention efforts.

My Administration remains committed to leading the fight against AIDS. Our recently released national plan makes clear that that fight includes three important elements: a search for a cure and a vaccine; comprehensive care for all those who are living with HIV and AIDS; and a continued effort to reduce new infections through prevention.

Together we can reach those goals and change the future of our country.

Thank you and God bless you.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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January 19, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION LIST

FROM: Patricia S. Fleming, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy *PSF*

SUBJECT: Interdepartmental HIV/AIDS Research Plan

On December 6, 1995, President Clinton directed me to convene a working group of the Interdepartmental Task Force on HIV/AIDS to develop an interdepartmental plan and budget for HIV/AIDS biomedical and behavioral research. That working group is to be chaired by the director of the Office of AIDS Research at the National Institutes of Health, Dr. William Paul.

I hope that you can join Carol Rasco, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, Dr. Paul, and me at a strategy meeting for developing this plan on *Thursday, January 25, 1996 at 3 p.m.* in Room ~~241~~²⁴⁸ of the Old Executive Office Building. Our purpose will be to arrive at a common understanding of our objectives and the process we will institute to develop this plan.

I know that each of your agencies has developed plans of your own for AIDS research; the purpose of this interdepartmental working group is to assure that all of our strategies are well coordinated and together are addressing the highest priorities to prevent and treat HIV infection and AIDS.

The President has made this plan a top priority and has asked that it be presented to him within 90 days. That is a tall order, but building on the excellent work that is already in place, I am confident we can meet it.

Your attendance at this meeting is very important. It would be helpful if you brought to the meeting your principal AIDS research official.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, January 25th at 3 p.m. Please respond to my office at 202-632-1090 regarding your attendance. Please provide at that time clearance information needed for access to the Old Executive Office Building for you and anyone accompanying you to the meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important effort.

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cc: Carol H. Rasco, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

JAN 23 1996

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The Honorable Brian Atwood
Administrator
Agency for International Development
Washington, D.C. 20523

Dear Brian:

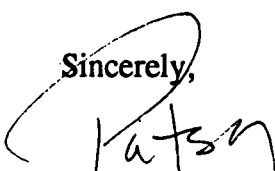
I realize that this is a very difficult time for USAID given the ongoing budget negotiations. We are all hoping that these matters will be resolved soon and that the resolution is satisfactory.

I am writing to express continued support for full funding -- \$121 million -- for the HIV/AIDS program. Over the past several months, I have participated in two significant international events; the governing board meeting for UNAIDS and the 9th International Conference on AIDS and STDs in Africa. On both occasions, I was reminded of the devastating impact this epidemic has had worldwide, and the critical role that your agency has played in leading the world through this crisis.

Full funding for the HIV/AIDS programs would allow us to maintain our strong bilateral activities and partnerships with communities, governments, international agencies and the private and voluntary sector. In addition, it would permit a US contribution of \$25 million to UNAIDS for 1996. As you know, the US led the initiative to create the UNAIDS program and has assumed a key leadership position on the governing board. I am very aware of the political and economic realities of our current environment, however we must also be aware of the global realities. It is important for us to make every effort to keep our commitment to our bilateral agreements, and to UNAIDS, by providing both the technical and financial assistance they need to carry out their HIV/AIDS programs.

I am sending you a copy of remarks made by President Clinton on the occasion of the recent White Conference on HIV and AIDS. We urge your complete support in helping the President fulfill his promises.

Sincerely,


Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 24, 1996

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MEMORANDUM FOR PHIL LEE

FROM: Patsy Fleming *PF*

SUBJECT: Thursday's meeting on AIDS research

The following is a complete list of who will be attending the meeting at 3 p.m. on Thursday. Please let me know about additional people who need to be cleared in for the later meeting.

White House:

Carol H. Rasco, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
Patsy Fleming, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy
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Theresa Toigo, Acting Deputy Commissioner for HIV/AIDS, FDA
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE JESSE BROWN

FROM: Patricia S. Fleming *PSF*
SUBJECT: Veterans with AIDS

I recently received a disturbing letter from a young African-American female veteran with AIDS. She has described a situation that is difficult to understand, given the excellent care usually afforded our veterans.

Would you please look into this matter for me? Please respond directly to Ms. Elise Dewey and send me a copy.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Mr. Thomas Trengali
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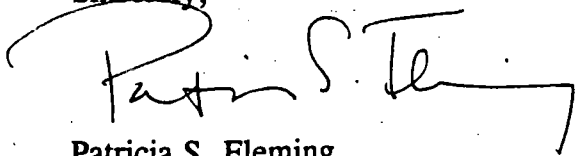
Dear Mr. Trengali:

I have been asked to respond to your November 1 letter to President Clinton regarding the White House Conference on HIV and AIDS. I am sorry that you were not able to participate in the conference, but let me assure you that it was an important point in our national battle against AIDS.

More than 250 persons from 37 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia participated in a full day of detailed discussions on the major issues related to HIV and AIDS. The comments we have received from participants and those who watched the proceedings around the country are very heartening. I have enclosed a copy of the President's remarks to the conference for your information.

My office and other parts of the Clinton Administration are already at work to carry out the policy initiatives discussed at the conference and are continuing our dialogue with members of the affected community to make sure that we have their input. I appreciate your continuing interest in these issues and welcome your ideas.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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November 1, 1995

Mr. President Bill Clinton
White House
Washington DC

Dear Mr. President:

I am finding myself for the first time in my thirty one years of life extremely moved to write you. Not knowing how to address this letter or even if you will ever have a chance to see it I feel that I must try. I am writing in regard to the December 6th conference on HIV and Aids. I am a thirty one year old gay divorced extremely proud father of a wonderful daughter of three 1/2 years old. I am also HIV POSITIVE. Two years ago when I found out my status I became on a self destruction mission. (and may I add I did a very good job at it.). After some time I have tried to take control of an uncontrollable situation. I am a board member for AIDS SERVICES FOR THE MONADNOCK REGION. I decided to become a board member and help because I remember how alone I felt with this secrete. I am no longer ashamed of being HIV positive and if I can help even one person realize they are not alone, It is very much worth talking publicly about being HIV positive.

I am not a person to write the President of the United States, but when I heard about the conference I knew I had to. First let me say thank you for the bottom of my heart. Second I am asking if I could attend. I read that HIV positive persons will be asked to attend, so as they say I am the needle in the Haystack. Being on the board of Aids Services is extremely channeling. I am in a community that wants to believe that HIV and Aids does not exist. I am a person saying that it does. I wake up each morning and cry when I think of my daughter. The fact that I may not see her grow up. I am an extremely active father with an ex-wife that believes that a father should be an equal as the mother. My daughter lives with me three to four days a week and I thank God for that. But I want to be there for my daughter for very much longer. I want to be there when she needs her father for help, love and just for a hug.

I am asking to attend your conference to help in my fight and validation for myself. I want to bring to the Monadnock community a sense of ownership. I want to help HIV and Aids individuals see that we are not alone. Even though the community might not see that the epidemic has hit all walks of life, I want to make some small difference.

So I ask you, hoping that someone will pass on this letter to you, for an invitation to attend a conference about myself.

Thank you

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION LIST

FROM: Patricia S. Fleming, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

SUBJECT: Presidential Advisory Council Recommendations

At its December 8 meeting, the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS approved a number of recommendations regarding Federal HIV/AIDS policy and programs. I am enclosing a copy of these recommendations and ask that you share them with the relevant officials in your agency for consideration.

The President appointed the advisory council in the hope that its diverse membership from around the nation would provide new ideas and insights into improving the government's response to the epidemic. It is the President's hope that we are as responsive as possible to these recommendations.

My office will be in touch soon with your staff to discuss how we can move forward in responding to the Council.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Enclosure

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Mr. David Scondras
President
Search for a Cure
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Dear Mr. Scondras:

Dr. Scott Hitt, chairman of the President's Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS, has shared with me a copy of your December 18 letter to him regarding follow-up to the White House Conference on HIV and AIDS.

First, let me say how glad I was that you were able to participate in this historic conference. From all indications, the conference was a great success and has paved the way for some important action in the coming months. My office is committed to aggressively following up on the suggestions and recommendations that emerged from those discussions and plans to continue the close collaboration with AIDS organizations, community groups, and individuals affected by this epidemic.

Your letter makes reference to two of the initiatives discussed at the conference -- the Vice President's meeting with pharmaceutical industry representatives and NIH scientists and the comprehensive AIDS research plan and budget for all federal agencies. Let me assure you that both items are on track despite the vagaries of weather and government shutdowns.

The purpose of the Vice President's meeting is to continue a dialogue between the pharmaceutical industry and the research community regarding possible impediments to the development, manufacture, and marketing of AIDS vaccines, therapeutics, and microbicides. This is intended to be a very targeted and specific meeting designed to identify, from the perspective of industry, problems in this area and potential solutions. This follows on the critical contributions made by the AIDS Drug Development Task Force which, as you know, included several members of the affected community. Once this meeting is concluded, we will, of course, consult with the community to get its reaction to these recommendations.

Similarly, the development of a comprehensive AIDS research plan and budget for federal agencies builds on the progress we have made at the National Institutes of Health through the strengthening of the Office of AIDS Research and the appointment of Dr. William Paul as director of that office. The President has asked Dr. Paul to extend that work -- which has

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Mr. David Scondras

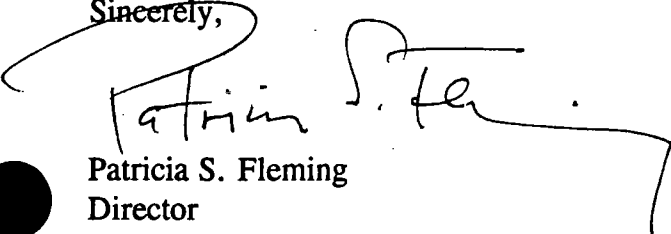
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been done in close consultation with the affected community -- to other federal agencies, including the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Energy. Once Dr. Paul has completed this task, we will again consult with the affected community to get its reaction and input.

Throughout my tenure in this position and my nearly ten years of work on this epidemic, I have firmly believed that the only way to successfully address the myriad of concerns raised by HIV and AIDS is for government, industry, academia, business, and communities to work together. I have and will continue to work hard to ensure that the affected community has a voice in this process and to make sure that voice is heard.

Thank you again for your views on these very important issues.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
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December 18, 1995

R. Scott Hitt, M.D.
Chair, Presidential Advisory
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AIDS Project Los Angeles
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Los Angeles, CA 90028

Dear Dr. Hitt:

It was a pleasure meeting you at the White House Conference on HIV and AIDS. Thank you for your kind words on the quality of my presentation, and for indicating that you are willing to review ideas that I have about ways to speed up the research effort.

The purpose of this letter is to outline some concerns that I and others have regarding the implementation of two major initiatives the President announced on December 6th. My hope is that you share them, and will intervene on behalf of AIDS treatment advocates like myself, who have studied the research effort in detail and feel that we must be included in any serious attempt to rectify policies and problems which slow down the research effort.

We believe that both the meeting of industry and government representatives, to be chaired by Al Gore, and the 90 day report from William Paul, with recommendations for the strategic coordination of all inter-agency federal AIDS research, are potentially quite important. I have been calling for similar meetings for many years.

Their significance will in part be determined by their perceived legitimacy, and the degree to which the President implements their recommendations. As you may be aware, there are no plans to involve people with HIV and AIDS or treatment advocates in either meeting.

I know this firsthand because a member of my staff has spoken with Skila Harris in Tipper Gore's office, and Wendy Wertheimer in the Office of AIDS Research. We were instructed to contact Ms. Harris and Ms. Wertheimer, with regard to each initiative, respectively, by the White House Office of Political Affairs, and the OAR. I would like to make it clear that while neither individual had what we would consider "good news", both were responsive to our telephone calls and helpful in terms of providing information.

According to Ms. Harris, the President has asked Vice-President Gore to convene a meeting of government officials and significant industry actors who work on AIDS drugs and therapies. The purpose of the meeting is, as you know, to discuss ways to minimize the institutional

barriers and economic disincentives that impede progress. At our request, Ms. Harris confirmed her understanding that this would be a single meeting, and that it would not be open to input from select members of the AIDS treatment advocacy community.

Ms. Wertheimer informed us that the strategic plan for a coordinated research agenda would be put together by unspecified members of the federal government (presumably from the OAR, others at the NIH, the FDA, and the CDC). Again, there would be no input from community activists.

We feel quite strongly that this is a mistake with regard to both meetings. It makes far more sense politically for input from AIDS activists to be solicited proactively, rather than to wait for their reaction. The chances for addressing problems in a meaningful way will be greatly enhanced if those most affected by them have the chance to be represented, thereby ensuring that all concerns are addressed.

In holding these meetings the President has both the opportunity to speed up the pace of AIDS research and strengthen his support among the tens of millions of Americans who are either sick with HIV, or are the friends or relatives of someone who has been infected with the virus, provided, the Administration is careful to avoid giving credence to criticism that the eventual recommendations will be inadequate as a result of the exclusion of AIDS treatment advocates.

This is especially true in the case of the Vice President's meeting because the only non-governmental actors present will be those with a profit motive. Insofar as there is widespread agreement from both governmental and private actors that they cannot articulate, much less address some of the problems that need a remedy, there is little reason to expect much in the way of substantive change to be recommended.

For example, company representatives are extremely nervous about articulating their concerns about the FDA's handling of biologics, due to their dependency upon that agency for a variety of approvals. While some FDA officials privately acknowledge that there are problems with their review process, they have refrained from publicly criticizing it for political reasons. Nonetheless, the biologics review process is directly responsible for unnecessarily slowing down research on a number of potentially useful immunotherapies.

Another example of an issue that is not likely to be raised is the experience with PMPA. NIH's cumbersome mechanism for identifying and moving on important research results have added at least a year to the process of determining the efficacy of the drug. The Gilead corporation's concern about the marketability of a non-oral formulation of their product threatens to add an additional year prior to Phase I testing of PMPA in humans. In the aggregate, these problems could delay for several years our definitive understanding of the usefulness of this therapy, which conceivably could clear HIV infection in neonates, given the data on its success with SIV in macaques. Neither the NIH, nor Gilead is likely to raise or resolve this specific problem or the underlying root causes that give rise to these obstacles.

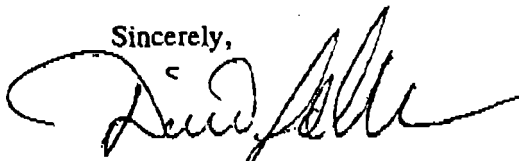
Further, we are not convinced that the long list of complex barriers to efficient research can be sufficiently articulated, examined, and ultimately resolved through a single meeting. Incidentally, it is unclear whether representatives from the biotechnology industry have been invited along with individuals from pharmaceutical companies. If they have not, we would strongly suggest their inclusion also, as they are a major source of immunotherapies.

The 90 day report called for by the President is potentially as important an initiative as any other in the opinion of many activists and researchers. As mentioned earlier, I have been very critical of the NIH campus and our executive leadership for not having an "AIDS NASA". Without enumerating on my problems with the current structure and their possible solutions, I would simply say that by including activists, the President has a chance to convey to hundreds of thousands of HIV infected people that their concerns are finally being addressed. If however, the research plan turns out to be just another report, a list if you will, like the so-called NIH AIDS Research Agendas prior to the Levine Panels' work, then there will be many who will, with reason, claim that this was just another "broken promise".

While I would be happy to go into more detail at your request, I am sure that you are familiar with these issues. I am hopeful that you will use your appointment to directly intervene with the President or his decision-makers regarding the composition of the two bodies. I would, of course, like to be kept informed of any action you take. As well, I want you to be aware that members of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation, top scientists, officials within the Clinton Administration, and AIDS activists, will personally lend their support for our inclusion in these meetings if it will be useful to you in making the case.

Please call me at your earliest convenience so that I may know if and how you intend to act. I may be reached at Search For A Cure (617-536-2474), or at my home (617-266-0735). Thank you so much for your time, and enjoy the holidays.

Sincerely,



David Scodras
President

cc: David A. Kessler, M.D., Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration
Bob Hattoy, White House Liaison, Department of the Interior
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Patsy Fleming, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy
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David Barr, Director, Treatment Education and Advocacy, Gay Men's Health Crisis
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MEMORANDUM FOR CAROL RASCO

FROM: Patsy Fleming *PF*

SUBJECT: Discharge of HIV positive personnel

As I understand it, the forced (involuntary) separation of HIV-positive personnel before they are disabled has, primarily, economic implications. These servicemembers will become unemployed -- and may well have great difficulty finding new employment. If they were permitted to continue in service until they were medically disabled, they could receive medical retirement benefits of 30% of their pay. While these servicemembers will lose their current medical benefits and will not have access to DOD research trials, they *will* be eligible for full veterans medical benefits and will be able to receive HIV-related care in the VA system. They will also be eligible for CHAMPUS.

I have convened a meeting this afternoon with DOD, VA, OMB, and DPC staff (Molly Brostrom) to discuss these issues in detail so we can minimize to the fullest extent possible the negative impact of this provision.

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MEMORANDUM TO NANCY ANN MIN

FROM: Patricia S. Fleming, ^{JSF}Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

SUBJECT: Suggested language regarding the DoD Reauthorization Bill

Following is the proposed language we discussed for the President's message upon signing the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R.1530). Thanks for your help on this.

"As I mentioned in my veto message for the earlier version of this bill, I am very concerned by the provision requiring the retirement or discharge of military personnel who are living with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). I am disappointed that members of Congress did not see fit to remove this discriminatory provision from the final legislation. As long as these men and women are willing and able to serve their country, such action is unnecessary. I will strongly support efforts to repeal this provision as quickly as possible. In the meantime, my Administration will do everything in its power to assure that such personnel receive all benefits to which they are entitled."

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MEMORANDUM FOR JENNIFER KLEIN

FROM: Jeff Levi *jl*

SUBJECT: Briefing materials

Attached are most of the materials you requested. Still to come:

- Summary of PHS guidelines on prenatal testing
- Q&A on ACTG recompetition

Richard Sorian will be getting those to you. (I'm out of the office all day but can be paged.)

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January 30, 1996

MEMORANDUM TO CAROL RASCO

FROM: Patsy Fleming PF

SUBJECT: National Defense Authorization Act

In preparation for our meeting today, this memo lays out the background of the issue of HIV-positive military personnel and several options we could pursue on this issue.

Background

As you know, the conference agreement on the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R.1530) includes a provision sponsored by Rep. Robert Dornan (R-CA) requiring the involuntary separation of all military personnel who are infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Such individuals would be required to be retired or discharged within six months of enactment. All future individuals identified as HIV-positive would be similarly separated within six months of the date of those test results.

The immediate effect would be the discharge of 1,049 current members of the Armed Forces. Under a policy adopted by the Department of Defense in 1986, such individuals are now permitted to remain in the military and are restricted to stateside duties. These men and women (approximately 10 percent of the total are female) are healthy, well-functioning individuals who are not impaired in their ability to perform their duties.

Options for Action

There are several options that should be considered when the legislation reaches the White House. They are:

(1) **Veto Option.** The DoD is recommending that the President sign the revised bill and the White House Office of the Press Secretary has announced that the President intends to sign it. However, there is still time to reverse this decision and adopt a very targeted veto strategy.

Under this strategy, the President would veto the revised bill for one reason only: the continued presence of this highly discriminatory and possibly unconstitutional provision affecting the lives of members of the Armed Forces. The President would make clear that he is not seeking to reopen many of the difficult issues on which both parties have compromised. He is only asking that the Congress remove this provision and send him back the same bill for his signature.

Pluses: Such an approach would make clear the President's unwillingness to approve blatantly discriminatory legislation that would adversely affect the lives of service members and their families. It would be consistent with his past statements and policy decisions on this subject. This option is strongly favored by national AIDS organizations, members of the President's Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS, national gay/lesbian organizations, and other groups favoring civil rights.

Minuses: By overruling his advisors, the President could appear indecisive. It could inflame relations with members of Congress who have been told the bill will be signed. And it could result in the same legislation coming back to the President for his signature. It could also appear that the President is favoring a small group of individuals over the needs of all military personnel and their families.

(2) Signature/Repeal Option. The President could go ahead with plans to sign the revised bill and announce his immediate support for legislation to repeal this provision before the six-month window is closed. This is an option that has been discussed in the media and has strong support among constituency groups.

Senator Nunn has spoken out forcefully against the Dornan Amendment as have numerous other Democrats in both the House and Senate. There are also numerous Republican members of both houses of Congress who have expressed disdain for the Dornan Amendment and/or support for repeal. They include: Sens. Cohen, Jeffords, Warner, Stevens, Kassebaum, McCain, Specter, Mack, Chafee, Campbell, Snowe, and Hatch and Reps. Morella, Gunderson, Torkildsen, Hobson, Forbes, Frelinghuysen, Foley, Flanagan, Campbell, Bilbray, Gilman, Kelly, and Boehlert.

Pluses: Such a strategy clearly puts us on the side of the service members and makes clear the President's disdain for this provision. If successful, it would ameliorate much if not all of the damage created by signing the legislation.

Minuses: There is no guarantee -- and not even a strong likelihood -- that repeal would be successful. Rep. Dornan and others could block such legislation in the House and Sen. Helms and others could filibuster it in the Senate. Many constituency groups view this as a hollow promise.

(3) Legal Options. If the President signs the legislation, there are several legal options that could be pursued. They are:

(a) Justice Department Review. The Department of Justice could review the provision with regard to its constitutionality. While such an opinion would assist those who are likely to challenge the provision in court it appears likely that DoJ will find a Constitutional basis for the provision.

(b) **Legal Challenges.** It is highly likely that one or more legal challenges including a request for an injunction will be made against this legislation. Such challenges do not have to await actual discharge of personnel. Any written or oral statements by the President regarding his lack of support for this provision would assist those who challenge the provision in court.

(c) **Administration Participation.** If court challenges are made, the Administration will face a difficult decision — whether to defend the provision in court. There is precedent for refusing to do so and leaving it to House and Senate to defend the law.

(4) **Administrative Options.** In the event that legal and legislative efforts fail to eliminate this provision, there are several things that can be done to ameliorate the situation for these individuals and their families. The DoD has prepared an options list that covers such issues as income, health care coverage, transition benefits, and job placement (See Attachment). In summary, the key decisions are:

(a) **Implementation.** DoD is fully supportive of utilizing the entire six months provided under the law while allowing those who choose to retire to do so.

(b) **Financial Resources.** Under the Dornan Amendment, HIV-positive personnel receive an "involuntary" or "administrative" separation from the Armed Forces. Under such classification, they receive only a lump sum payment of about \$30,000. However, if we choose to grant a "disability separation" they would receive slightly more money (\$35,000). Finally, if we choose to grant a "disability retirement" (which requires action by the DVA) they would receive an annual income ranging from 30% to 100% of their current pay.

(c) **Health Care Coverage.** The Dornan Amendment would provide health benefits to the separated service members but not to their dependents. Only by granting these individuals a "disability retirement," would we provide their dependents with health care coverage.

(d) **Transition Benefits.** Beyond transition assistance, job training, and financial counseling, there are limited ways to assist with reemployment. Placement into civil service positions (which also would carry FEHB health coverage) would be problematic because of current limits on FTEs, requirements that veterans and those discharged for downsizing be given preference, and plans to draw down the civilian DoD workforce by 100,000 by 2001.

Position Statement

I strongly support a targeted veto strategy. In the absence of a veto, I recommend aggressive pursuit of a legislative remedy while preparing to support legal challenges to this law. In the meantime, we must also adopt as many administrative remedies as possible in case those options do not succeed so that we mitigate the harm that will be done to these service members.

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WASHINGTON
January 30, 1996

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MEMORANDUM FOR NANCY-ANN MIN

FROM: Patsy Fleming *PF*

SUBJECT: FY 1997 AIDS budget

cc: Carol H. Rasco

I know that your work on the FY 1997 budget is under way, and I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you some funding and programmatic priorities of my office for the coming fiscal year.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HRSA:

- Funding levels for the Ryan White CARE Act must continue to increase. I believe that we must come in with a total number that is higher than the President's FY 1996 request -- reflecting our understanding that (despite Congress's failure to approve the full 1996 request) the increased burden of the epidemic requires additional funding. I support the Department's request for \$776.7 million for all CARE Act titles (compared with the President's FY 1996 request of \$746.7 million).

I am especially concerned about the fact that under Title II a number of states have run out of funds for their drug purchase assistance programs well before the end of their grant period, resulting in either total cessation of the program or dramatically reduced coverage. This can be addressed both through increased funding for Title II *and* some programmatic changes.

- In the absence of a reauthorization bill, which could still be on hold when this budget is submitted, it will be important to request language as part of the appropriation that will give the CARE Act programs some of the flexibility and focus sought in the reauthorization. This includes:

- For Title I, eliminating eligibility for the "hamlets" and permitting the use of supplemental funds to hold harmless the formula grants to Title I cities.

- For Title II, permitting states to spend less than 50 percent of their funds on consortia (with the specific approval of HRSA) if additional funds are needed to sustain the drug purchase program. In addition, states should be given some direction in setting priorities for the drug purchase program -- in the absence of the reauthorization bill's requirement that HRSA develop a model formulary. Priority in

the drug purchase programs should be given to life sustaining and disease prevention therapies. (This would address the problem that some states have chosen to eliminate coverage for opportunistic infection treatment and prophylaxis -- the treatments most likely to prolong life -- while assuring coverage for anti-retrovirals, some of which are of limited or unproven clinical value.)

- The President established the goal of eliminating transmission of HIV to newborns in his White House Conference speech. We should have language in our budget proposal that summarizes the efforts of all the HRSA programs to implement the program to use AZT therapy to prevent perinatal transmission. To the degree possible, it would be useful for HRSA to identify the amount of money being spent in each program on this effort.
- I strongly urge that our FY 1997 budget request seek the restoration of funding to the 1995 level of \$16 million for the AIDS Education and Training Centers.

Centers for Disease Control:

- We must continue to seek increases for prevention at the CDC. One of the recommendations of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS has been that prevention be added to the list of investment priorities. While I still hope that will happen, in the meantime, it is important to demonstrate our seriousness in implementing the President's call to reduce the number of new infections each year until there are no new infections by requesting *at least the same increase* we sought for FY 1996, \$34.7 million.
- Within that funding level, we should also recognize the shifting demographics of the epidemic through the targeting of funds. It is of great importance to me that we address the intimately related problems of substance abuse and HIV. CDC staff report that new data not yet released show that 50 percent of all new infections are among injection drug users. And we know that use of other substances, including alcohol, can lead to HIV transmission. In addition to work CDC is doing with grantees to gain greater attention to substance abuse through the community planning process, we also should use the budget as a vehicle.

It is my understanding that the five-year grant cycle for directly funded community based organizations expires at the end of FY 1996. I suggest two options for the future of these funds (approximately \$40 million):

Option 1: A new round of grants to directly funded CBOs would be issued -- this time with a focus on CBOs serving substance abusers. This would address the community's expressed desire for continuation of the direct funding approach, while also addressing new aspects of the epidemic.

Option 2: The funds allocated for direct funding of CBOs could be put into the "pot" for community planning, but these funds could be distributed competitively among the states as a supplement to their regular award for CBOs conducting substance abuse and HIV prevention. There is a precedent for this. In FY 1995 additional funds became available and CDC awarded them to states for addressing certain priority areas.

- As you know, the Performance Partnership Grants proposal has been the source of great consternation within the community. At its December meeting, the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS asked that this proposal be withdrawn. Given that this proposal is not likely to go anywhere in this Congress (Senator Kassebaum has indicated that she does not want to include HIV programs in her grant consolidation legislation), our acknowledgement of this reality in our budget proposal would help significantly with the community and the Council. Movement in this area is extremely important to me.

This is not to say that we cannot administratively propose (and clearly state in the budget) our intention to implement key elements of the original PPG proposal. These, to me, would be:

- (1) A commitment to develop and use performance measures for HIV prevention programs. Given the President's challenge to have a prevention strategy that reduces new infections each year, we must have a way of measuring our progress toward that goal.

- (2) Greater flexibility in the use of HIV prevention funds at the state or local level. Currently, the community planning process only has jurisdiction over counseling and testing funds and health education/risk reduction funds. The surveillance dollars are treated separately. One of the key issues many community planning groups face is that they need better surveillance and epidemiologic data to target their local prevention efforts. As in the PPG proposal, it will be critical to maintain a standard database in HIV/AIDS surveillance. But some flexibility should be given communities to shape their surveillance to local needs.

SAMHSA:

- My concern with substance abuse and HIV makes the future of the SAMHSA block grant even more important. I hope we can see a significant increase in funding for the SAMHSA block grant. This is directly related to HIV prevention, since drug treatment is one of the most effective forms of HIV prevention.

- As proposed by SAMHSA, the FY 1997 budget would reduce significantly the amount of money targeted for AIDS demonstrations. This is a result of the plan to move expiring demonstrations into one large pot. We will not be able to explain this apparent decrease unless there is language that makes it very clear that our intention is for HIV-related

programs to receive the highest priority among the demonstrations funded. As presented by SAMHSA, this is not the case.

NIH:

- AIDS research has always done well in the President's requests. We must continue this trend. NIH must have sufficient funds to maintain their commitment base. At the same time, NIH must be able to address new opportunities in therapeutics as whole new classes of drugs come on line and pursue vaccine and microbicide development. At a minimum, AIDS research should receive the same percentage increase as the total NIH budget.
- Regardless of the outcome of the FY 1996 discussions regarding the single appropriation for AIDS through the Office of AIDS Research, the President's budget must present the request for 1997 through the OAR. This is a commitment by the President that was strongly reiterated at the White House Conference on HIV and AIDS. This will be especially important in FY 1997 as the OAR implements the recommendations of the group conducting the external review of the NIH research programs.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

- I will be communicating directly with Gordon Adams, but I hope you can assist us in making sure that the AIDS budget for the DOD will reflect at least current spending levels -- so that we will not, once again, look as though we are depending on Congress to fund the important vaccine and therapeutics research under way at DOD.

USAID

- I will also be communicating directly with Gordon Adams about USAID but I hope you can assist in assuring that USAID's commitment to both bilateral and multilateral programs, including UNAIDS, will be maintained or increased in FY 1997.

As always, thank you for your support on these matters.

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Thank you once again for your participation in the historic White House Conference on HIV and AIDS. This meeting was an important step forward in our national battle to put an end to this relentless epidemic.

The conference brought together more than 250 individuals from 37 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia for a full day of substantive discussion of the key issues confronting us as a nation. Participants were very clear in their expressions of appreciation for the time spent by you and other senior members of the Administration and for the frank and honest discussions that occurred.

My office is actively following up on the suggestions made during the conference and the initiatives enunciated by the President in his remarks. I look forward to continuing our work together in the coming months.

Sincerely,

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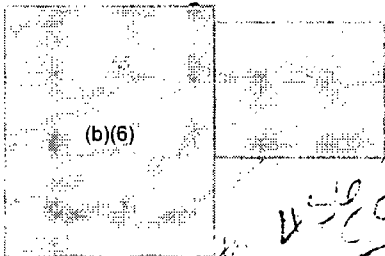
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TO: Jerry Zellinger 410-786-3252
DATE: 12.4.95
FROM: Jane Sanville

COMMENTS:

Follow-up to our conversation today --

1. December 6, 1995. You are scheduled for the workshop on primary care which is being held in the Lincoln Room of the White House Conference Center. The session is from 9-11, I would recommend arriving 1/2 hour early.
2. December 7, 1995. The services subcommittee discussion on alternative therapies is scheduled from 1:30 to 2:30 in the Grand Ballroom, Sections A/B at the Marriot at Metro Center. The Marriot is at 775 12th Street, NW (between G and H). Parking is \$10.00 for the first 6 hours. Their number is 202-737-2200.
3. We received your clearance form. Thank you.

If you have any questions give me a call.

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 - White House Conference Workshop listings, 12/6
 - Presidential Advisory Council Meeting Agenda, 12/7
 - Map

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Biomedical Research to Prevent HIV Infection (324 Old Executive Office Building) ✓	William Paul, M.D. Director, NIH Office of AIDS Research	Sandra Thurman	Gregg Gonsalves ✓	Phillip R. Lee, M.D. Asst. Secretary for Health
Prevention: Research and Practice (10,103 New Executive Office Building) ✓	Helene Gayle, M.D. Director CDC Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention	Alexander Robinson	Demetri Moshoyannis ✓	David Satcher, M.D. Director Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
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Primary Care and Benefits (Lincoln Room, White House Conference Center)	Joe O'Neill HRSA Associate Administrator for AIDS	Nick Bollman	Renslow Sherer	Bruce Vladeck ✓ <i>Helen Smith?</i> HCFA Administrator <i>690-6726</i>
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International (472 Old Executive Office Building) ✓	Nils Daulaire, Ph.D. Deputy Asst. Administrator, USAID Jacob Gayle Chief HIV/AIDS Division, USAID	Bob Fogel	Martina Clark ✓	Timothy Wirth <i>Wirth</i> Under Secretary of State Ambassador Sally Shelton USAID Assistant Administrator
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January 31, 1996

MEMORANDUM TO NANCY ANN MIN AND GORDON ADAMS

FROM: Patsy Fleming *PF*

SUBJECT: Suggested Revisions in DoD Signing Statement

Thank you for sending the draft signing statement for the DoD authorization bill. Based on our meeting today, I have several suggestions for ways to strengthen the text. I would suggest the following:

"The Act specifically includes two provisions affecting members of the Armed Forces and their families to which I remain strongly opposed. As I have mentioned before, I am very concerned by the provision requiring the involuntary separation of military personnel who are living with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), when such a departure is not medically required. This provision is blatantly discriminatory and highly punitive to service members and their dependents. Individuals living with HIV can and do lead full and productive lives, provide for their families, and contribute to the well being of our nation. The men and women affected by this provision serve their country with honor and should be allowed to continue to do so. Therefore I am, today, asking the Congress to repeal this provision before a single service member is discharged from the Armed Forces. I have also directed the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to utilize all possible means to provide these service members and their families with additional benefits to ameliorate the burden this legislation will place on them."

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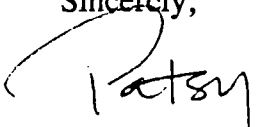
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As a leader in this field, I would like you to review this preliminary draft and offer your candid assessment of its content. For this report to have its maximum impact, it must be both accurate and compelling. Please indicate places in the preliminary draft that are lacking on either account. I am asking only a few other experts to review it.

As you can imagine, it is imperative that this preliminary draft be held in strictest confidence. I ask that you not copy it or share it with others and that you return it to my office no later than the close of business Wednesday, February 7. The final report is certain to be revised based on the comments we receive.

I appreciate your willingness to help us in this important effort to call attention and respond to the pressing needs of young people and look forward to continuing this vital partnership. If you have any further questions, please call Richard Sorian at (202) 632-1090 or Brenda Kunkel at (301) 594-1866.

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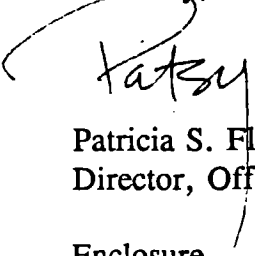
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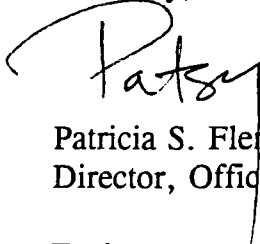
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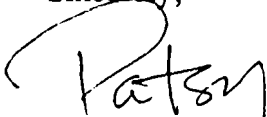
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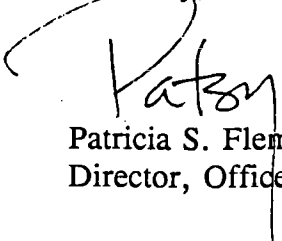
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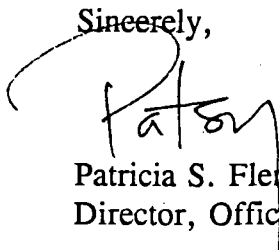
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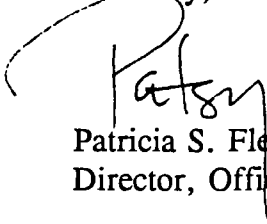
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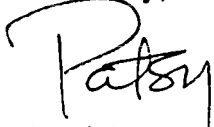
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MEMORANDUM FOR GORDON ADAMS**FROM:** Patsy Fleming **SUBJECT:** FY 1997 budget**cc:** Carol H. Rasco

I want to take this opportunity to raise with you two important areas of concern to me with regard to AIDS funding in the FY 1997 budget.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

As you know, each year the Department of Defense requests very low levels of funding for its AIDS research programs, and Congress increases those levels. The President has expressed his strong support for a continued role in AIDS research by DoD. This should be reflected in the Administration's budget request.

As I understand it, the current FY 1996 funding level is at \$31.56 million. I strongly urge that the FY 1997 request include the same amount or more. DoD is playing a critical role in vaccine research, and is making important contributions in epidemiology and therapeutics research as well. The President requested that an interdepartmental HIV/AIDS research plan and budget be prepared under the leadership of Dr. William Paul at NIH. Thus, we can be assured that DoD's efforts will be coordinated with the work of other Federal agencies in this area.

USAID

I also want to urge that sufficient funds be given to USAID in the FY 1997 budget request that will permit USAID to maintain or increase its commitment to both bilateral and multilateral programs, including UNAIDS. The U.S. contributes approximately 25 percent of the budget of UNAIDS and has provided tremendous leadership in the shaping of the program. In addition, USAID has set up programs in developing countries focusing specifically on HIV/AIDS activities within the broader context of U.S. foreign policy goals including democratization and sustainable economic development. U.S. funds are used as leverage for soliciting funds from other nations. A reduction could jeopardize that leverage. To reduce or withdraw support from our bilateral and multilateral programs now places in jeopardy our position as a world leader, compromises critical U.S. foreign policy goals and limits the political influence we have gained thus far in the global campaign to stop HIV/AIDS.

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MEMORANDUM TO JENNIFER KLEIN

FROM: PATRICIA S. FLEMING, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NATIONAL AIDS
POLICY

SUBJECT: MOTHERS' VOICE INVITATION

A copy of the attached invitation to the First Lady from Mothers' Voices was sent to the Office of National AIDS Policy for our information.

We have worked closely with this organization and they are a highly credible and effective group in advancing the national response to HIV and AIDS. Mothers' Voices met with the President during 1993 and had a very productive meeting. In addition, Eileen Mitzman, a member of the Board of Directors, was one of the two community representatives to introduce the President at the White House Conference on HIV and AIDS.

I would strongly recommend that the First Lady accept this invitation if at all possible.

Thank you.

Enclosure

History of The Mothers' Voices Luncheon

Disturbed by the nation's wavering commitment, stagnant resources and fragmentation within the AIDS movement, five individuals decided that they wanted to know more about how they could join the battle against the enlarging epidemic. In so doing, they concluded that it was time to bring together a group who had not been engaged, in an organized way, in the battle against the killer. They decided mothers needed to join together as a united voice. In 1991, the founders produced a Mother's Day card that was distributed to hundreds of organizations with the simple message: *On this Mother's Day help us fight for what we care most about in our lives, the health and well being of our children...It's time to find a cure!* Letters and unsolicited financial support poured in. The response from thousands of individuals from all over the country was overwhelming.

Realizing that they had struck a responsive cord, Mothers' Voices was launched in a restaurant in lower Manhattan. Over 200 women, concerned with ending the plague came together in the belief that the sense of loss and grief, could be transformed to hope and empowerment. They pledged to build a nationwide constituency of mothers to work for increased government funding for prevention, treatment and a cure.

1992. *Attendees:* 250

Master of Ceremonies: **Ellen Levine**, Editor-in-Chief REDBOOK
Speakers: **Mary Fisher**, Founder of Family AIDS Network
Dr. Mathilde Krim, Founder of American Foundation of AIDS Research
Jeanne White-Ginder, Mother of Ryan White
Daniel Bross, Executive Director of AIDS Action Council
Eileen Mitzman, Mother who lost her daughter **Marni** to AIDS in 1991

1993 *Attendees:* 700 at the Marriot Marquis, NYC

Keynote Address: **Matilda Raffa Cuomo**
Master of Ceremonies: **Ellen Levine**, Editor-in-Chief REDBOOK
Extraordinary Voice Award Honorees: **Tammy Boccomino**, Mother with AIDS
Dorothy Feagins, Mother of daughter with AIDS
Carol DiPaolo, Mother of **Joey DiPaolo**
Toukie Smith, Sister of **Willi Smith**
Eileen Mitzman, AIDS activist

1994 *Attendees:* 950 at the Waldorf Astoria, NYC

Keynote Address: Congresswoman **Nita M. Lowey**
Master of Ceremonies: **Ron Silver** and **Ernie Anastos**
Extraordinary Voice Award Honorees: **Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe**, Widow of **Arthur Ashe**
Kenneth Cole, Business leader and AIDS activist
Susan Sarandon, AIDS activist
Pamela Shaw, Educator and Activist

1995 *Attendees:* 1050 at the Waldorf Astoria, NYC

Keynote Address: **Anna Quinlen**
Master of Ceremonies: **Paula Zahn**
Extraordinary Voice Award Honorees: **Susan DeLaurentis**, Co-Founder, The Pediatric AIDS Foundation
Susan Zeegan, Co-Founder, The Pediatric AIDS Foundation
Mike Shriver, Founder and E.D. of Mobilization Against AIDS
Sandra Isham Vreeland, Poet and mother living with AIDS

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Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

We are writing to invite you to be the keynote speaker at our fifth annual *Mothers' Voices* benefit luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City on Thursday, May 9, 1996.

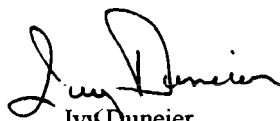
In 1991 five individuals driven by their own personal conviction to make a difference in the fight to end AIDS, created a Mother's Day AIDS awareness card campaign. This was the beginning of a nationwide movement of mothers to unite to end the AIDS epidemic. Since then, hundreds of thousands of mothers have responded to the annual campaign. Our first *Extraordinary Voices awards luncheon* held in 1991 in New York City was attended by 100 women. Four years later, approximately one thousand New York women attended our annual luncheon benefit. The *Extraordinary Voices awards luncheon* celebrates mothers who have found their voice and use it to advocate on the behalf of their children, hoping to create a world without AIDS. *Mothers' Voices* newsletter, *Speaking from the Heart*, is distributed to more than 25,000 families and 3,000 community-based organizations around the country.

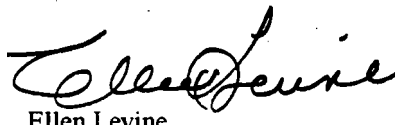
Mothers' Voices believes that every child deserves the chance of a lifetime. We are committed to building a national advocacy movement of mothers to become an army of new voices working for the end to the epidemic that is snuffing out the lives of our children. By mobilizing the moral authority of mothers to speak out against the barriers to conquering this killer, we will work for public policies that advance AIDS prevention, expanded research leading to better treatments, and ultimately, a cure. Given the opportunity and resources, mothers as educators and advocates are our best hope of ending AIDS.

We believe that, given the opportunity and resources, mothers as educators and advocates are our best hope to assuring the end this epidemic. We would be very honored if you would consider our request to be the keynote speaker at this year's luncheon. The luncheon begins with a VIP reception at 11:30am, followed by the program at 12 noon. Of course, we will do all we can to accommodate you and your schedule requirements.

We will be in touch with your office in a few weeks to ascertain the possibility of your availability to address the leaders of our rapidly expanding movement. We are hopeful that your response will be favorable.

Respectfully yours,


Ivy Duneier
Board President


Ellen Levine
Board Member

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I want to thank you personally for the opportunity to spend time with you during the January 8th meeting of the Governor's AIDS Council.

I appreciated the opportunity to discuss with you what is happening in Washington. But it was even more important to hear your discussions of the difficult challenges you face in putting together a comprehensive response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in light of constrained resources. I have brought back to Washington new insights that I hope will help make Federal policy more responsive to your needs.

Please feel free to stay in touch with me as issues arise that you think require our attention.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Levi
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February 6, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL TASK FORCE ON HIV AND AIDS

FROM: Patricia S. Fleming
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

SUBJECT: Review of Draft of the National Strategy for HIV and AIDS

As you remember, as a result of our meetings last year each member of the Interdepartmental Task Force on HIV/AIDS (IDTF) was asked to develop individual department and agency plans for HIV/AIDS, linking goals and objectives to budget levels and identifying areas of unmet need.

The individual plans you submitted were carefully studied. Your considerable knowledge and suggestions regarding promising areas for Federal effort were reviewed, as were the comments and counsel of others experienced with combatting this epidemic (i.e., the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS, participants at the White Conference on HIV and AIDS, and many HIV positive persons and their families, friends, and caregivers.) The ideas and concerns raised pointed to a consensus on several issues. I believe this document builds on this consensus and articulates the goals and objectives of the entire Federal government.

Please review the attached draft and your appendix carefully. You should:

- Check the budget figures carefully and make any necessary changes. (These budget figures will be cross-checked with OMB figures.)
- Information that was missing or unclear has been 'redlined'. Please be certain to provide this information.
- Check for the accuracy of department and agency names, program titles, and acronyms.
- Make sure that your comments are clear. Comments are due back to the Office of National AIDS Policy **BY NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 1996**. If you have any questions please call Jane Sanville at (202) 632-1090.

Thank you for your assistance in developing this first-ever National Strategy for HIV and AIDS.

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February 7, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: Patricia S. Fleming, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

SUBJECT: Draft Report "Youth and HIV/AIDS: An American Agenda"

Attached is a revised copy of a draft report to the President entitled, "Youth and HIV/AIDS: An American Agenda." It is scheduled for release on March 5, 1996. Please have your relevant staff review and provide my office with your comments/clearance by close of business February 13. Please ask that the comments be specific and include suggested replacement language. If you or your staff have any questions, please direct them to Richard Sorian of my staff at (202) 632-1090.

Thank you.

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February 7, 1996

MEMORANDUM TO CAROL RASCO

FROM: Patsy Fleming

SUBJECT: NGA Medicaid Proposal

I want to bring to your immediate attention the very strong concerns being raised by the AIDS community to the National Governors' Association proposal to restructure Medicaid. I have attached a copy of a letter sent to the President today by a coalition of national groups, press releases from the AIDS Action Council and Human Rights Campaign on this subject, and material provided by Tim Westmoreland of Georgetown University Law Center.

As you know, the President has displayed enormous political courage in standing against the tide for dismantling of Medicaid. He has been particularly effective in communicating to the AIDS community and to the nation as a whole the critical importance of Medicaid to Americans living with AIDS. For this, the President and his Administration have garnered very strong support from the community for his actions.

In that light, the proposal by the NGA has many in the community quite alarmed. They have raised several key issues:

- **Definition of Disability.** By dropping the current federal definition of disability and allowing states to decide who is disabled, the NGA plan could create tremendous inequities for people with HIV and AIDS. Because of the high cost of their care, people with HIV/AIDS are an unattractive population to cover.
- **Medically Needy.** Because of their high medical costs, many people with AIDS who are Medicaid beneficiaries are classified as "medically needy." Under the NGA plan, such individuals could be denied both mandatory and optional benefits, including prescription drugs.
- **Statewideness of Benefits.** By eliminating requirements that benefits be provided statewide with comparable duration and scope, the NGA plan would allow states to arbitrarily limit or eliminate coverage of certain services -- i.e., prescription drugs -- to certain categories of beneficiaries -- i.e., people with HIV/AIDS.

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February 7, 1996

MEMORANDUM TO CAROL RASCO

FROM: Patsy Fleming

SUBJECT: NGA Medicaid Proposal

I want to bring to your immediate attention the very strong concerns being raised by the AIDS community to the National Governors' Association proposal to restructure Medicaid. I have attached a copy of a letter sent to the President today by a coalition of national groups, press releases from the AIDS Action Council and Human Rights Campaign on this subject, and material provided by Tim Westmoreland of Georgetown University Law Center.

As you know, the President has displayed enormous political courage in standing against the tide for dismantling of Medicaid. He has been particularly effective in communicating to the AIDS community and to the nation as a whole the critical importance of Medicaid to Americans living with AIDS. For this, the President and his Administration have garnered very strong support from the community for his actions.

In that light, the proposal by the NGA has many in the community quite alarmed. They have raised several key issues:

- **Definition of Disability.** By dropping the current federal definition of disability and allowing states to decide who is disabled, the NGA plan could create tremendous inequities for people with HIV and AIDS. Because of the high cost of their care, people with HIV/AIDS are an unattractive population to cover.
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MEMORANDUM FOR CLAUDIA COOLEY

DATE: February 8, 1996
FROM: Patsy Fleming
SUBJECT: National Strategy for HIV and AIDS

Attached is a draft copy of the National Strategy for HIV and AIDS, including the HHS agency and office appendices. The following copies are included:

1. One draft copy with cover letter and all HHS appendices
2. One draft copy *for each* HHS agency along with the agency's individual appendix.

The agencies and offices included are the:

National Institutes of Health;
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
Health Care Financing Administration;
Health Resources and Services Administration;
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration;
Agency for Health Care Policy and Research;
Food and Drug Administration;
Indian Health Service;
Office of International Health;
Office of Population Affairs; and
Agency for Children and Families

(The CDC and SAMSHA also have an additional cover memo as special assistance is needed from these agencies. Extra copies are also attached to this memo.)

For this review, agency appendices are organized by agency (e.g., NIH, CDC, etc.). In the final document, agency and department efforts will be organized by substantive area (i.e., prevention, research, care and services, translation of science into practice, international activities, and civil rights).

All department comments are due back to the Office of National AIDS Policy by no later than February 15, 1996. The timeline for completing the strategy is extremely tight and we will be moving ahead with revisions as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Date: February 8, 1996

To: CDC

From: Jane Sanville, Office of National AIDS Policy

Re: CDC Review of National Strategy for HIV and AIDS

There are several areas we need your help with, specifically:

Text:

- Confirmation of accuracy for all epidemiological and demographic data.
- Is the national prevention goal theoretically achievable (i.e., reducing infections each year until there are no new infections).

Appendix:

- In Redlined text there are specific questions.
- Is it possible to condense some of the description information under the goal of monitoring the epidemic?

Date: February 8, 1996
To: SAMSHA
From: Jane Sanville, Office of National AIDS Policy
Re: SAMSHA Review of National Strategy for HIV and AIDS

There are several areas we need your help with, specifically:

Text:

- Information on the extent of AOD-related behaviors -- the text reads: There is substantial evidence that use of alcohol and other substances can adversely influence risk-taking behavior. It is estimated that x% of the population is affected by alcohol and other drugs in addition to injection drug use.

Appendix:

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MEMORANDUM FOR CAROL RASCO

DATE: February 9, 1996
FROM: Patsy Fleming
SUBJECT: National Strategy for HIV and AIDS

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February 12, 1996

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Dear Superintendent Billings:

Recent reports by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Cancer Institute raise serious concerns about the spread of HIV among adolescents and young adults. Currently, an estimated 40,000 to 60,000 Americans become infected with HIV each year. Of that total, NCI estimates that half are under the age of 25 and one-quarter are under the age of 20.

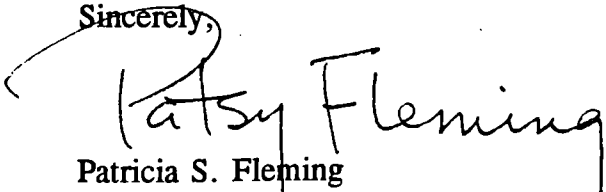
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Because of your outstanding leadership in this area, I would like to invite you to join me on Thursday, March 5, at the National Press Club at 10 a.m. to release this report to the public and add your thoughts on this important issue. We will also be joined by representatives of the National AIDS Fund, the Until There's A Cure Foundation, and the young people who participated in the creation of this report.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could let my office know as soon as possible if this would be feasible. We can be reached at (202) 632-1090.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Patricia S. Fleming
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE

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February 12, 1996

Senator Nancy Kassebaum
Chairman
Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources
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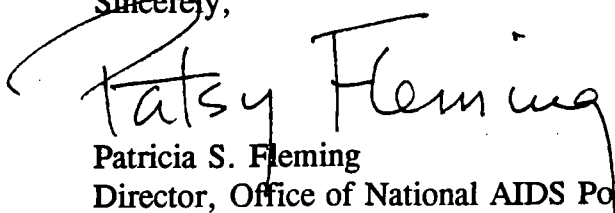
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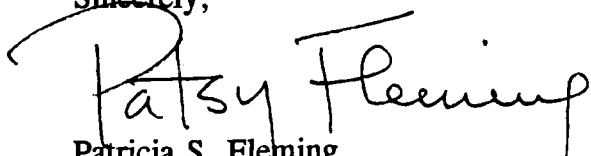
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March 5, 1996

Dear Mr. President,

Today, one-quarter of all new HIV infections in this country occur in young people under the age of 21. An average of two Americans under the age of 21 become infected with HIV every hour of every day. The rates of infection among young people are growing as the epidemic spreads into suburban communities and the nation's heartland.

It is heartbreaking to see another generation of our Nation's youth fall prey to this epidemic.

At your direction, the Office of National AIDS Policy has prepared this report, "Youth and HIV/AIDS: An American Agenda," an examination of the current state of the impact of HIV and AIDS on America's young people and a series of actions that can be taken to reverse these very troubling trends.

While progress has been made, this report underscores a crying need for private and public sector institutions to continue working together on new prevention, treatment, and care strategies for youth.

Copies of this report are being made available to Administration officials and Congressional, education, health, religious, and youth leaders across the United States. It is designed as a primer and a reminder of the issues we face together.

This report is the result of a unique collaborative effort of the public and private sectors sponsored by the National AIDS Fund and underwritten by the Until There's A Cure Foundation and the James Hormel Foundation. This office is especially grateful to a team of young people that played a critical role in collecting information and ideas — Miguel Bustos, Alex Danford, Michele Kofman, and Mangierlett Williams.

I will be sharing these findings widely with national and community leaders and with the thousands of young people who have already become involved in AIDS prevention, treatment, and care.

Sincerely,

Patricia S. Fleming
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

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February 12, 1996

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Dear Michael,

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It is my understanding that the CDC is finishing this review and new guidance regarding the future of the survey will be forthcoming shortly. I know that your views will be considered carefully as part of that review.

Sincerely,


Carol Rasco

Assistant to the President
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See attached list

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Dear Mr. Titus:

Thank you very much for taking the time to share your views about the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Hundreds of people responded to my letter and many of the thoughts expressed were shared at the White House Conference on HIV and AIDS held on December 6, 1995.

So many of the letters were deeply moving -- showing how this epidemic has struck at the core of our nation and has also generated a caring and compassionate response. At the conference, President Clinton affirmed our Nation's commitment to finding a cure and a vaccine for HIV, while continuing to support prevention and care programs as well. He also made clear the urgent need for Medicaid, which provides support to nearly 50 percent of people living with AIDS.

I am enclosing a transcript of the President's remarks at the Conference. I think they will convey to you the strength of his commitment to this issue.

Thank you again for sharing your thoughts about HIV and AIDS. Please feel free to contact me again.

Sincerely,

Patricia S. Fleming
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MEMORANDUM FOR CAROL RASCO

FROM: Patsy Fleming *PF*

SUBJECT: OAR controversy

I have also received many of the letters you have regarding the single appropriation. There is some confusion in the community about what is happening -- in part because the legislative issues have been complex, in part because the Administration is not speaking as clearly with one voice as we would like.

The single appropriation for the Office of AIDS Research has been controversial since its inception in 1993. While supported by the top leadership in the Administration, some institute directors at NIH have quietly worked connections on the Hill and in the scientific community to oppose it. Representative Porter, Chair of the House Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee has been one of the critics of the single appropriation; Senator Specter, his Senate counterpart, has been more supportive.

The House Labor-HHS bill did not include the single appropriation for OAR. The Senate bill did. The Continuing Resolution that funds NIH for the full year requires that the money be spent under the terms and conditions of the House bill. However, in a floor statement, Porter said that he did not consider the issue of OAR resolved. Unfortunately, all the lawyers at HHS and OMB have concluded that the language of the legislation is very clear and a single appropriation cannot be assumed.

OMB and HHS, using the underlying authorizing statute that gives OAR its budgetary authority, have used the apportionment authority of the OMB to continue OAR's authority. In other words, even though there is no single appropriation, the apportionment of funds for NIH for AIDS research are being allocated to the institutes based on the decisions of the OAR, which are, in turn, based on the OAR's plan and budget for FY 1996. In other words, OAR continues to have significant authority at the front end of the budgeting process. What is lost without the single appropriation is the opportunity to shift funds at the *end* of the appropriations process that will permit more rapid response to fast breaking scientific developments.

The community's concerns have been two-fold. First, they have been slow in coming around to our understanding of the legislative restrictions. I think progress has been made in that

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regard now that all of our friends on the Hill (e.g., Pelosi's staff) share this interpretation. Second, they feel that the Administration has not been strong enough in its support for OAR during the appropriations process. They have a point here: while the White House and OMB have been vocal, the message from NIH has not always been clear.

The meeting at Nancy-Ann Min's office with Kevin Thurm and John Callahan of HHS and Harold Varmus and Bill Paul of NIH resulted in full agreement for public support of the OAR. Earlier today, Donna Shalala gave a strong statement on this issue to science reporters. It was agreed that the Secretary would send a letter to various community groups restating the firm position of the Administration on this issue and would also send a letter to Porter and Specter urging further consideration of the single appropriation. In addition, Varmus and Paul will be co-signing a letter to the editor on this subject to *Nature*, which had run a story that started some of this controversy.

It was also agreed that there would be a working group created to develop a longer term strategy regarding protecting the single appropriation in FY 1997 and in the reauthorization process.

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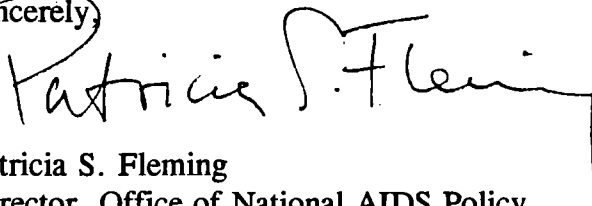
Dear Friends:

I want to welcome members of the Democratic gay and lesbian clubs to Washington. I'm sorry I can't be with you but I am out of town meeting with local AIDS service organizations in Dallas and Fort Worth.

The work you do to energize and organize members of the gay, lesbian, and bisexual communities is important to the future of our country. Your organizations have made a vital contribution to the global response to the AIDS epidemic. You have developed education programs that have helped to slow the rate of infection among gay men and others. You have helped to create and support community based organizations that provide medical and support services to those living with HIV and AIDS. And you have helped to teach our nation that people with AIDS deserve our respect as well as our compassion.

I look forward to meeting with you at some future opportunity and to our continued work together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia S. Fleming". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Patricia S. Fleming
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

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MEMORANDUM FOR CAROL H. RASCO

FROM: Patsy Fleming *PF*
SUBJECT: Update on Report on HIV/AIDS and Adolescents

This memorandum is to update you on progress with the report to the President on AIDS and adolescents.

Status

The report is in final review at the Department of Health and Human Services and should be ready for the printer by February 20. Comments have been quite positive and helpful in honing the central message of the report. A copy of the report is attached.

Rollout Strategy

We are planning to release the report to the public on March 5. We have tentatively reserved a room at the National Press Club to conduct a press conference. I would like the press conference to include two members of Congress (one Democrat and one Republican), a young adult, an educator, and representatives of the National AIDS Fund and the Until There's A Cure Foundation both of whom helped with the report. We will also involve several national youth organizations.

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION LIST

From: Patsy Fleming PF

Subject: Meeting on Substance Abuse and HIV

This is to remind you that the meeting to be cochaired by Phil Lee and me to discuss HIV and substance abuse issues will take place as scheduled this Friday, February 23, at the White House Conference Center, 726 Jackson Place, Eisenhower Room, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

In order to make the best use of our limited time together, please come prepared to discuss the following: If we could do two things to address issues related to substance abuse and HIV infection activities, what would they be? Please try not to let fiscal or structural constraints limit your ideas except to acknowledge that they may exist.

I look forward to a productive discussion.

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Ms. Ellen Webber
Director of National Policy
Legal Action Center
236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE - Suite 505
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Dear Ms. Webber:



Thank you for accepting the invitation to a meeting to discuss a strategy for addressing HIV and substance abuse. Phil Lee is the co-chair of this meeting and we are both looking forward to a productive discussion. The meeting will be on Friday, February 23, at the White House Conference Center, 726 Jackson Place, Eisenhower Room, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

CDC estimates that as many as 50 percent of all new HIV infections may be among injection drug users. This makes it even more imperative that we develop a strategy for reducing the number of new infections in drug users, for preventing substance abuse, and for treating the addiction and medical problems drug users may already have.

The President, at the White House Conference on HIV and AIDS, asked CDC to convene a meeting of state and local officials involved in public health and substance abuse prevention to develop an action plan that integrates HIV prevention and drug prevention.

This meeting is designed to be a think tank session where a small group of experts from government agencies and the private sector will come together to develop preliminary ideas for an action plan and strategy. A list of attendees is attached.

Thank you again for your participation in this effort. I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS *Kitty*
SUBJECT: Summary of Cabinet Weekly Reports
February 16 - February 23

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

- **Savings Association Insurance Fund (SAIF):** The American Bankers Association (ABA) continues to assert that Congress need not act on SAIF of Financing Corporation (FICO) this year. In response to Treasury's February 13 interagency letter about the importance of prompt legislative action, the ABA has stressed the growth of SAIF reserves and the health of the thrift industry, and argued that there is little risk of a FICO default. Treasury disagrees and is preparing a written response to the ABA's arguments.
- **Sallie Mae Privatization:** Treasury opposes enactment of the CAREERS bill (House version only) that provides for Sallie Mae privatization, unless it is amended to make certain changes. A bipartisan Members meeting has been set up for February 29 by Senator Kennedy to discuss Sallie Mae privatization.
- **Dateline NBC:** NBC is expected to do a story on Customs at the Southwest Border. Senator Feinstein will be featured. This story will probably be aired by NBC next week.
- **ATF Director Magaw to brief CBC:** Director Magaw will continue to brief members of the Congressional Black Caucus on the series of church fires that have recently occurred in the south. ATF continues to work with the FBI in its investigation of the church fires in Alabama and Tennessee. DOJ is reviewing the matter for possible civil rights violations.
- **FY97 Appropriations:** The Secretary will testify on March 28 before the House Appropriations Treasury/Postal Subcommittee to discuss the Treasury budget. Additional testimony will come on April 17 before the Treasury/Postal Subcommittee.
- **Bosnia Troops Tax Relief:** The House Ways and Means Committee is expected to mark up legislation next week that provides tax relief for armed forces personnel in Bosnia. The Administration supports legislation that would grant the President authority to provide tax benefits for service in combat zones.

Bosnia: The Bosnia supplemental authorizing/appropriations legislation has been forwarded to the Hill. Treasury, along with the State Department, the World Bank, and the IMF is continuing to conduct briefings for key Congressional members on Bosnian economic and technical assistance.

- **International Organized Crime:** On February 28, the House Banking Committee will conduct a hearing on international organized crime and its impact on the financial system. The hearing will focus on the financial system, counterfeiting, money laundering, and fraud schemes originating in the Middle East, Russia, and East Africa. It is Chairman Leach's intention to introduce an anti-counterfeiting bill at this hearing. This bill is very similar to the D'Amato bill that was included in the regulatory reform legislation in the Senate.
- **Waco:** It is expected that the draft of the House Waco report will be made available to the Democratic staff this week or next. Once the draft is available, Treasury staff will have two weeks to formulate minority views to become part of the report.
- **Law Enforcement Oversight:** It is expected that the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime will hold a series of hearings on Federal Law Enforcement on March 28. Republican staff have indicated that the focus of this hearing will be on state and local coordination with federal law enforcement.
- **Customs Inspector Resigned:** On February 12, a senior Customs Inspector entered into a deferred prosecution agreement with the U.S. Government. As part of the agreement, he resigned from the Customs Service and was given 6 months probation on the same date. This case was jointly investigated by Customs Internal Affairs and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), after a DEA informant began purchasing heroin from the inspector's girlfriend, a Colombian national.
- **Senator Graham Inspects Processing of Tomatoes:** On February 15, Senator Bob Graham (D-FL) toured the Nogales Port because of his concern over the increase in Mexico tomato imports. Florida tomato growers have argued that as a result of NAFTA, they have been adversely affected by the increase in imports of Mexican tomatoes.
- **Customs and the Southwest Border:** Deputy Secretary Summers and Commissioner Weise visited the Southwest border on Friday. Additionally, Treasury and Customs plan to release a report on Operation Hard Line within the week.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- **Trade Mission in Africa:** Secretary Brown left for Sub-Saharan Africa on Saturday, February 17, for a trade mission focusing on emerging markets and increased trade with African countries. He returns on February 26.

Census 2000: On February 28, the Secretary will be joined by Under Secretary Ev Ehrlich, Census Director Martha Riche and OMB Director Alice Rivlin present the **Roll Out for the 2000 Census** at a half-day, town-hall meeting at the Department of Commerce.

• **Economic Indicator Releases:**

February 23 Fourth Quarter Gross Domestic Product (advance)
Third Quarter GDP (revised)
Housing Starts
February 27 Retail Trade (January 1996) figures (advance)
February 28 U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services (December 1995)
March 4 Personal Income and Outlays (December 1995 and January 1996)
Manufacturing and Trade: Inventories and Sales (December 1995)
Manufacturers' Shipments: Inventories and Orders (January 1996)
March 5 Housing Completions (December 1995 and January 1996)
New Homes Sold and For Sale (December 1995 and January 1996)
March 8 Value of New Construction Put in Place (January 1996)

• **Hearings on Lifting the Alaskan North Slope (ANS) Oil Export Ban:** During the past two weeks, the Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) held hearings in Washington, D.C., Seattle, WA, and Anchorage, AK on the environmental and economic impacts of lifting the Alaskan North Slope (ANS) crude oil export ban. Oil industry, labor unions, and maritime interests spoke in favor of exports, while environmental groups and the Coalition to Keep Alaskan Oil opposed exports. Alaskan environmental groups advocated that the Administration impose certain environmental safeguards as a condition.

• **Congressional Briefings on Exports:** On February 27, Commerce officials will brief Senate Banking Committee staff on a recent export license granted to McDonnell-Douglas to ship machine tools to China. This matter has received extensive press coverage and involves an alleged diversion of machine tools to the Nanchang Aircraft Corporation.

• **Secretarial Travel:** On Friday, March 9 Brown travels to California and tentatively to Phoenix, Denver and Boulder, to discuss and reinforce the Administration's budget themes and Commerce's focus on technology and trade. Preparations continue for his mission to Latin America--Nicaragua, Colombia and Panama--scheduled for March 18-21.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

• **Plant Closings:** On February 27, the Department is hosting a public forum on the Effects of Sudden Plant Closings and the Impact on the Principle of Freedom of Association and the Right of Workers to Organize, in San Francisco, California. This public forum is part of the agreement negotiated between Mexico and the U.S. in the Sprint submission filed with the Mexican National Administrative Office under the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation.

Senate Democratic Policy Committee: On Wednesday, February 28, the Secretary will speak at the Senate Democratic Policy Committee's day-long forum on corporate citizenship.

- **Pension Payback:** On Thursday, February 29, the Secretary will hold a press conference to announce a Pension Payback initiative. A component of the Department's overall pension enforcement, this initiative will create a window of time for employers to return employee's pension money -- without penalty -- that has been used for non-benefit purposes.
- **CNBC's Equal Time:** On Thursday, the Secretary will serve as a guest host of CNBC's Equal Time for the vacationing Dee Dee Myers.
- **Travel to New York City:** On Friday, March 1, the Sec will travel to New York City to meet with the editorial board of New York Newsday. In addition, he will attend a symposium on the role of organized labor in today's economy at Hofstra University. The Secretary will also tape an appearance on *In the Mix*, a PBS series for teenage youths.
- **Fair Labor Standards Act:** On February 27, the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources will hold an oversight hearing on the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The focus will be on the overtime and exemption provisions of the FLSA. Senators have become particularly interested in the FLSA as they attempt to come into compliance with the law pursuant to the Congressional Accountability Act.
- **Affirmative Action:** The House Economic and Educational Opportunities/Employer-Employee Relations Subcommittee will hold a hearing on the impact of Adarand and H.R. 2128 on the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs. No Labor officials have been asked to appear.
- **OSHA:** The Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee is scheduled to mark up OSHA reform legislation introduced by Senators Gregg and Kassebaum, on February 28. Vice President Gore announced to the AFL-CIO the Administration would veto this legislation in its current form.
- **Health Care Reform:** The House Economic and Education Opportunities Committee is scheduled to mark-up H.R. 995, the ERISA Targeted Health Insurance Reform Act, on March 6. This bill was introduced with bipartisan support. } *Chris/Gen*
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- **Campaign for Settlement:** The AFL-CIO announced February 20-21 that it planned a national campaign for Knight-Ridder Inc. and Gannett Co. Inc. to settle the dispute with six unions at the Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News. The campaign will include site protests and public pressure against newspapers owned by Knight-Ridder and Gannett. The first holdings to be targeted are the Miami Herald, owned by Knight-Ridder, and USA Today, owned by Gannett. The unions will conduct informational picketing, and encourage readers to cancel subscriptions, advertisers to stop buying space, and distributors to halt delivery of

the two newspapers. Some 2,000 union represented workers have been on strike against the two Detroit area newspapers since July 13, 1995.

- **Convention Will Endorse Campaign:** On February 21, the AFL-CIO Executive Council approved a special convention to consider a one-year assessment of 15 cents per month per union member. The assessment will generate about \$25 million towards the federations goals of \$35 million for political action. The difference will be made up by direct contributions from AFL-CIO and its larger affiliates. The special convention, to be held March 25, in Washington, D.C., is expected to endorse you for re-election.
- **Job Corps and Train Crash:** A letter from you was read at the Service held at the Job Corps center in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, on Friday, February 23, for the trainees killed in the Amtrak/MARC train crash last Friday evening. The Labor Department will honor the students and their families at a memorial service in mid-April.
- **America's Job Bank on the Internet:** America's Job Bank (AJB) posted its second largest number of customer accesses ever, on the President's Day holiday. On a day when many job search alternatives were closed, Internet users posted 162,546 "hits" to the AJB.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- **Amtrak Passenger & MARC Commuter Train Collision:** On February 16, an Amtrak passenger train, operating at a speed of 30 mph, was struck by a MARC commuter passenger train operating at a speed of 40 mph in Silver Spring, MD. The accident resulted in 11 fatalities all of whom were located in the MARC cab car. The Federal Railroad Administration, the National Transportation Safety Board, Amtrak, CSX, and MARC are investigating the cause of the accident. Preliminary reports indicate the engineer of the MARC train may have missed a restrictive signal governing the movement of his train if the signal was functioning as intended.
- **Train Safety:** On February 20, at a White House press conference, Secretary Pena announced immediate actions taken to enhance the safety of passenger rail service in the United States. The emergency order requires commuter, inter-city passenger railroads, and public authorities providing passenger service through contracts with railroads to take immediate measures concerning train signals, communications and emergency egress. Additionally, the order requires operators to submit within 45 days a system safety plan reviewing current operational practices.
- **Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SP) Freight Train Derailment:** On February 21, a SP freight train derailed near Leadville, CO. Seven of the 82 derailed cars were carrying hazardous materials; six contained sulfuric acid and one contained a flammable liquid. The sulfuric acid spill flowed over Highway 24 and into the Eagle River. The Federal Railroad Administration, FEMA and EPA are on the scene.

Aviation Talks:

- **U.S. - Germany** Talks continued with Germany on February 22 to implement a framework for negotiating an open skies bilateral aviation agreement.
- **U.S. - Japan:** Talks will continue with Japan on a more liberal aviation cargo regime, in Washington on February 27.
- **U.S. - Canada:** February 24 marks the one-year anniversary of the U.S.-Canada agreement. A release is being prepared on the resulting economic benefits of the agreement.
- **U.S. - Italy:** The Department has issued an order that tentatively selects USAir for the last available route opportunity under the existing U.S. - Italy aviation agreement.
- **U.S. Assessment to ICAO:** The Department of State has informed the FAA of a proposal to cut U.S. payments to all UN agencies by 27 percent. The FAA believes that the International Civil Aviation Organization's direct impact on U.S. interests and value to American taxpayers are very significant, and is proposing senior level discussions with the Department of State on this issue.
- **Transportation Infrastructure Boosts Delta Region Economy:** On Feb. 16, Federal Highway Administrator Slater released a report showing that investment in transportation improvements in the seven-state Lower Mississippi Delta Region was an important factor in faster job growth than the rest of the country in the 1990s. The report notes that most of the 55 transportation-related recommendations by the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission in 1990, chaired by you, have been followed and calls the relationship between those improvements and the regions economic growth direct. An estimated 250,000 jobs were created in the region from April 1990 to April 1995.
- **DOT Gives Funds for Tri-Met Light Rail Project:** On February 21, Deputy Secretary Mort Downey announced \$158.5 million for Portland's Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation (TRI-MET) District for the 17.7-mile Westside Hillsboro Light Rail Project. This grant will help extend the popular Portland MAX from downtown Portland to downtown Hillsboro via a three-mile tunnel. The Federal Transit Administration grant brings federal funding for the project to \$466 million.
- **Rail Safety Hearings:** The Senate Commerce Committee will hold a hearing on February 27 on the issue of rail safety and efforts that the Department and industry are taking to improve safety in light of recent rail accidents. Administrator Molitoris will testify.

UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Appeal of WTO Panel Decision of Reformulated Gasoline: On February 21, the Administration formally notified the World Trade Organization that the U.S. will appeal the WTO decision concerning EPA regulations on imported reformulated gasoline. The WTO report stated that in certain instances EPA regulations are inconsistent with U.S. obligations. In advance of the announcement, senior USTR staff consulted with Congress, the petroleum industry, and environmental groups.

- **U.S. - Japan Business Conference:** Ambassador Shapiro will travel to Japan where he will seek to resolve disputes of the implementation of the U.S. - Japan insurance agreement, and consult with his Japanese counterparts on other outstanding trade issues, particularly semiconductors and film. On his way back from Japan, Ambassador Shapiro will address the U.S. - Japan Business Conference in San Francisco on February 25-26.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- **House to Hold Hearing on Indian Gambling:** The House Resources Committee has scheduled a hearing for February 26 on legislation that would create the National Gambling Impact and Policy Commission, focusing on the proposed commission's regulation of gaming on Indian reservations.
- **Senate Judiciary Hearing on Youth Violence:** The Senate Judiciary Youth Violence Subcommittee will hold a hearing on February 28, on the changing nature of youth violence. Senator Thompson held field hearings on this issue last week in Nashville and Memphis.
- **House Subcommittee Hearing on Independent Counsel:** The House Judiciary Crime Subcommittee will hold an oversight hearing on February 29 on the Independent Counsel.
- **Press Inquiries:** *60 Minutes* is working on a story about the Marshal's Service management of a New York hotel and a California casino seized under the federal asset forfeiture program. In addition, the British media raised questions regarding the activities of a group called "Friends of Sinn Fein," registered as a foreign agent, who raise money on behalf of the IRA.
- **Supreme Court to Hear Case on the Cable Act of 1992:** On February 20, the Supreme Court noted probable jurisdiction in Turner Broadcasting v. Federal Communications Commission, in which DOJ contends that the three-judge district court properly granted summary judgment to the government on the constitutionality of the must-carry provisions of the Cable Television Act of 1992, in light of the record compiled pursuant to the Supreme Court's prior remand instructions. The case will be argued in the Fall.

Solicitor General to Argue that Psychotherapist Patient Privilege Should Be

Reorganized: Jaffee v. Redmond presents the question whether there is a psychotherapist-patient privilege under Fed. R. Evid. 501 for statements made by a patient to a licensed clinical social worker in the course of psychotherapeutic treatment. The United States will argue on February 26, as amicus curiae that such a privilege should be recognized.

- **Supreme Court to Consider Standard for Threshold Showing in Selective Prosecution Cases:** On February 26, DOJ will present oral argument in the Supreme Court United States v. Armstrong, which involves the standards for ordering discovery on a claim of selective prosecution. DOJ will argue that, to obtain discovery on a selective prosecution claim, a defendant must make a substantial threshold showing of discriminatory purpose and effect. Absent direct proof of an impermissible selection, that standard requires some showing there were similarly situated persons of another race who were not prosecuted.
- **Haitian Political Leader Brings \$50 Million Tort Action:** Emmanuel Constant, a citizen of Haiti and founder of the Front for the Advancement and Progress of Haiti ("FRAPH"), brought a constitutional tort action for \$50 million in compensatory and punitive damages. On February 20, the government moved to dismiss for lack of subject matter jurisdiction or, alternatively, for summary judgment.
- **Notice Of Appeal Filed In Louisiana Voting Case:** On February 20, the U.S. filed a notice of appeal and a motion for stay pending appeal in Hays v. Louisiana (W.D. La.), the constitutional challenge to Louisiana's 1994 congressional redistricting plan.
- **ADA Complaint Filed Against City Of Denver:** On February 15, the U.S. filed suit against the City and County of Denver. The complaint alleges that the City and County of Denver, and its Police Departments have and continue to pursue policies and practices that discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities in violation of Titles I and II of the ADA.
- **DOJ To File Suit Against Michigan School Districts:** On February 15, DOJ notified potential defendants that the U.S. intends to file a complaint against 22 school districts that founded the Michigan Mega Conference ("Mega"), an athletic league composed of high schools located in and around western Wayne County (suburban Detroit). The U.S. contends that the school districts excluded, and continue to exclude, a number of schools with substantial enrollments of black students from participation in the league in violation of Title VI.
- **Michigan Motor Voter Case Settled.** On February 12, in United States v. Michigan (W.D. Mich.), all parties agreed to a stipulation that conditionally settles most of the remaining remedial issues in this litigation. The state has advised that it will appeal to the 6th Circuit.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Growth in Managed Care: On February 26, HCFA Administrator Bruce Vladeck will address the Group Health Association of America's national policy conference at which HHS will issue a new fact sheet on managed care in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Since 1993, there has been an unprecedented increase in managed care enrollment among Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. As of February 1, almost 4 million Medicare beneficiaries were enrolled in managed care plans, now accounting for more than 10% of the Medicare population. The growth in Medicare managed care since the beginning of the Clinton Administration is 67%. The growth in Medicaid managed care is even more dramatic, with a 140% increase since 1993.

- **CR Delays Participation of New Medicare Providers:** HCFA's Survey and Certification program received \$145.8 million under the current continuing resolution, which is \$16.3 million less than the FY 1996 request. Due to funding lower than requested and an increase in applications from new providers, substantial delays have developed for new providers seeking to participate in the Medicare program. Currently, about 22 states are experiencing backlogs in conducting initial certification surveys of new providers.
- **ABC Home Health Update:** ABC Home Health Agency was recently convicted of fraud and other charges. Since the conviction, HCFA has suspended payment to ABC. The company filed for bankruptcy on February 21. Since this company has agencies nationwide, HCFA is working closely with the states to ensure that no services to beneficiaries will be affected.
- **BC/BS of Massachusetts' HMO Enrollment Suspended for False Documentation:** HCFA has ordered Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts to suspend all marketing to, and new enrollment of, Medicare beneficiaries while the agency investigates the circumstances surrounding the submission of deliberately altered documents to HCFA.
- **Medicaid and Welfare Reform Testimony:** On February 28, Secretary Shalala will testify before the Senate Finance Committee on the proposals of the National Governors' Association regarding welfare reform and changes in Medicaid.
- **Medicare Trust Fund Testimony:** On February 29, Secretary Shalala will testify before the House Ways and Means Committee on the status of Medicare's Hospital Insurance Trust Fund.
- **Children's Mental Health Campaign:** On March 5, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) and Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) will launch a four-year national campaign entitled "Caring for Every Child's Mental Health: Communities Together."

Mortality Patterns: The March 1 *Mortality and Morbidity Weekly Report* will publish final mortality statistics for 1993. While provisional numbers are available for years as recent as 1995, these are the most current final numbers available. In 1993, a total of 2,268,553 deaths were registered in the United States, 92,940 more than in 1992 and the highest number ever recorded. Life expectancy declined, for the first time since 1980, to 75.5 years. More than half of the deaths were accounted for by the first two leading causes of death, heart disease and cancer.

- **Upcoming Press:** The March issue of *Ladies Home Journal* will include an article written by Secretary Shalala about things women can do to be smart health consumers. In the next week or two, she will also send an op-ed piece on tobacco to 2000 high schools for publication in their school newspapers. Secretary Shalala expects to be quoted on youth drug issues in three upcoming issues of monthly magazines that are read primarily by women: *Good Housekeeping*, *Family Circle*, and *Child Magazine*.
Julie - pls set this before my interview
- **Welfare Reform Waivers:** HHS has not reached an agreement with California on a proposal to implement a family cap amendment to their welfare reform demonstration. On February 2, HHS sent the state a letter reiterating the conditions under which we would be willing to make a prompt decision on the proposal; conditions we feel are necessary to provide adequate protection for children. The State promptly rejected these conditions.
- **California Two-Plan Model for Medicaid Managed Care:** On January 22, HCFA approved California's 1915(b) request for waiver authority under a Two-Plan model to expand Medicaid managed care in 12 counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, and Tulare). Once implemented, this will be the largest Medicaid managed care initiative in the nation.
- **LA County Medicaid Demonstration:** Administration staff are working with LA County officials to meet all the terms of the September agreement between HHS, CA State and LA County officials on joint actions to provide fiscal relief to the County's public health system. On February 23, Administration officials held a conference call with State and County officials to discuss approving a waiver within the next two weeks.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- **Public Housing Demolition Makes Way for New Homes in Atlanta's "Olympic Legacy":** Last spring, HUD began the demolition of public housing at Techwood Clarke-Howell Homes (Techwood), the oldest public housing development in the nation. On March 1, Secretary Cisneros will participate in the groundbreaking of nearly 200 units of attractive single family homes and town house apartments to be built on site. The new housing community will attract mixed-income families who will live in homes ranging from public housing, market-rate homes, and tax credit-built apartments. Because the 1996 Summer Olympic athletes will

be housed across the street from the Techwood Homes, HUD has been working closely with the City to ensure the timely completion of the transformation of this development.

- **Public Housing Youth Summit in San Francisco:** Secretary Cisneros is planning a public housing youth and anti-crime event on March 2 to promote the White House Conference on Youth, Drug Use and Violence. } JS-A, Dennis, Molly
- **"One Strike and You're Out" Update:** HUD is working with the White House and DOJ to finalize draft policy guidance for public housing authorities on how to toughen up on crime in public housing.
- **Travel to Pittsburgh:** On February 28, Secretary Cisneros will travel to Pittsburgh to attend the Executive Committee meeting of the Pittsburgh Housing Authority. He will also meet with Mayor Murphy (tentative) and tour public housing developments.
- **Travel to Florida:** On February 29, Secretary Cisneros will travel to St. Petersburg to address the Florida Leadership Conference. He will also travel to Miami to give the dinner address at the Cuban American National Council's Eighth Annual Conference. } Debbie, Gigi

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- **Administrator's Travel:** The Administrator will lead a town meeting with Congressman Zeliff in Manchester, NH on February 26. On the same day he will meet with the Economic Development Committee of the Business and Industry Association and the Concord SBA. On February 27, he will open a Business Information Center in Vermont.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

- **Veterans Charged Excessive Mortgage Points:** The February 26 edition of *Forbes* features an article on certain mortgage lenders who are charging excessive points to veterans who are refinancing their VA-guaranteed loans. The article accurately reports that VA is publishing developing regulations that will limit the number of points lenders may charge veterans. VA has already issued interim guidelines directing VA regional offices to scrutinize refinancing loans, and lenders have been requested to voluntarily comply with a two-point ceiling on the number of points that may be financed. *U.S. News & World Report* and *American Banker* also reported on this issue.
- **Address to VFW Annual Winter Conference:** On March 4, Secretary Brown will address the Annual Winter Conference in Washington, D.C.
- **Delegation to Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia:** On March 9, Deputy Secretary Hershel Gober will lead a Presidential delegation to Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

GAO Report Critical of SSA: A GAO report, expected to be released on February 28, finds that Social Security's PASS program is poorly designed and is being poorly managed; and that inadequate internal controls compromise PASS program integrity. The Plan for Achieving Self Support (PASS) program is a statutory program that permits disabled or blind SSI recipients to set aside wages, Social Security Disability Insurance (DI) benefit payments, savings and/or any other unearned income, in order to cover expenses related to preparing to work. In mid-1994, Commissioner Chater initiated her own review of PASS policy. As a result, SSA developed a plan and is taking action to strengthen the administration of the PASS program.

- **Proposal to Privatize Michigan Disability Determination Service:** Maximus, Inc. has submitted a proposal to the Michigan Department of Social Services to assume the disability determination function now performed by the State's Disability Determination Service (DDS) for the SSA. In his State of the State Address, Governor Engler pledged to explore contracting out State functions. The DDS director is scheduled to present a rebuttal to the Maximus proposal on February 26.
- **Social Security Number Application Fraud Case:** The U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of PA announced a negotiated plea agreement in a case involving Social Security fraud. The investigation was conducted by SSA's Office of the Inspector General, the Secret Service, and INS.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

- **Parks Initiative:** Secretary Babbitt forwarded to the Vice President an initiative for our National Parks entitled **Parks for Tomorrow**. This initiative brings together several proposals to renew and protect National Parks and other open spaces. The proposals include: reforming fee and concessions policies, broadening the authority of the National Park Foundation, improving park housing and transportation systems, park wilderness designations, enhancing natural heritage initiatives, and creating tax incentive programs.
- **Congressional Hearing:** On Monday, the Secretary will testify before a Democratic Environmental Task Force group (Reps. Miller, Waxman, Markey, Skaggs and Pallone) with EPA Administrator Browner and Assistant Attorney General Lois Schiffer. The group will be discussing the effects of the Republican budget cut proposals and the government shutdown on the environment, the public, and the agencies themselves. The focuses will be on forests, public land access, endangered species, and the national parks.

• **Ward Valley Update:** The press following Deputy Secretary John Garamendi's announcement last week that we would require a supplemental EIS and tritium testing at Ward Valley has been very favorable. Positive editorials appeared in the *LA Times*, the *San Francisco Examiner and Chronicle*, the *San Bernadino Sun* and the *Riverside Press Enterprise*. The Department is currently working to find funding for the new study.

• **Upcoming Travel:** Next Wednesday and Thursday Secretary Babbitt will be in Washington and Oregon on a Natural Heritage Tour. He will go fishing in Puget Sound to highlight the Clean Water Act and discuss salmon issues. He will travel to Portland to visit timber workers who have lost their jobs, then on to Springfield, OR to highlight a Clean Water success story. He will go to Medford for an environmental meeting. In Seattle the Secretary will visit Northwest Indian College and discuss the deep budget cuts proposed by Congress to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

• **Russia Acts to Halt U.S. Poultry Products:** Russia has stopped issuing import licenses for U.S. poultry imports, and laid out a series of food safety requirements that are unnecessary and unreasonable, threatening a U.S. market valued at an estimated \$700 million in 1995. The Russian announcement is the most recent in a series of actions which have restricted access for U.S. poultry. USDA officials and industry representatives have been in close consultation with the Russians. Russia has also recently imposed new tariff arrangements that will increase considerably the entry price of imported poultry products from the United States. Secretary Glickman sent a letter of protest to his Russian counterpart. Vice President Gore has also expressed a willingness to send a letter on the issue to Prime Minister Chernomyrden. The Secretary met with poultry industry officials, and USDA will keep the industry apprised of the government's actions and the latest developments from the Russian side.

• **Texas Fires:** The Forest Service has been assisting the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) in fighting wildfires in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Mississippi, with the biggest problem in Texas. About 13,500 acres (126 wildfires) in Texas have been affected, with the state requesting two aircraft for assistance. You approved an emergency declaration for Texas. Oklahoma is eligible for fire suppression grants.

• **Alaska Timber Proposed Settlement Announced:** On February 20, the Secretary announced a proposed lawsuit settlement that will help ensure a more predictable timber supply in Southeast Alaska's Tongass National Forest. If approved by a federal court, the proposed settlement will release an estimated 105 million board feet of timber.

Farm Bill Update: The House Agriculture Committee approved Chairman Roberts' Freedom to Farm legislation (H.R. 8254) on January 30, and the bill is awaiting action in the Rules Committee. Chairman Roberts has indicated that he hopes to bring H.R. 2854 to the floor on February 28 and has requested a close rule for consideration of the farm bill. However, Republican members who were told they would be able to debate various titles, such as peanuts, sugar, dairy, and payment limitations, are strongly opposing efforts to limit debate on these provisions. Accordingly, the rule may allow amendments in those areas, as well as Democratic amendment, which would likely include the Administration supported Fund for Rural America.

- **Press Contacts with USDA:** A draft General Accounting Office study and a news release put out by Senator Lugar accuses USDA employees of allowing prisoners to make collect long distance telephone calls and then charge it to the Department. USDA staff discovered the unauthorized telephone calls in 1994 and informed the Office of Inspector General, the General Services Administration, and telephone company authorities. Most of the calls were actually third-party calls that never involved USDA employees. USDA has asked the telephone company to block the unauthorized calls, since legally, they are not supposed to put them through. The telephone company is reimbursing the Department for all authorized calls.
- *Wall Street Journal* requested information on the U.S. tomato industry. The U.S. tomato industry has been concerned about imports of Mexican tomatoes.
- *ABC News* is researching salvage and Section 318 timber sales issues, and officials of several national forests in Oregon have been contacted.
- On February 25, *Turner Broadcast System's Network Earth* channel will air a story on Section 318 salvage timber sales in the Forest Service Southern and Pacific Northwest Regions and in other areas of the country.
- **Secretary's Schedule:** On March 1, the Secretary will be in Portland, Oregon, to address the Portland City Club and participate in Pacific Northwest timber related issues and a flood-related event.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- **Support for Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and Non Proliferation Objectives:** On Wednesday Secretary O'Leary will announce the release of draft Environmental Impact Statements for Stockpile Stewardship and Management and for long-term storage and disposal of weapons-usable fissile material. This announcement represents real progress for the Administration in realizing the objectives of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and Start II. The preferred alternative for stewardship proposes construction and operation of facilities at the Livermore National Laboratory in

Livermore, and the Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos. The Secretary expects significant media interest in this announcement because of the national non-proliferation policy ramifications and the regional employment impacts in the out years.

- **New Mission for the Nevada Test Site:** Monday, Senator Bryan and Department officials announced a new mission for the Department's Nevada Test Site with the signing of contracts with three companies to develop facilities for solar energy at the site. The dramatic shift from its 40-year nuclear testing mission to the solar energy development will preserve jobs and push this important environmental technology forward.
- **Fuel Efficient Automobile Grant:** On February 23, in Detroit, Secretary O'Leary announced an \$84.7 million grant (50 percent cost shared with industry) to develop a new generation of fuel efficient vehicles with Chrysler. The Secretary's message at this event, covered by all local network affiliates, was that this partnership is an example of this Administration's commitment to American workers, competitiveness for U.S. car makers, and environmental quality. The Department worked with the White House to include statements from you and the Vice President in the press release.
- **Florida Women's Conference:** Secretary O'Leary will give the keynote speech to Florida A&M University's First National Women's Conference on February 29. This forum of 1,000 women in science provides another opportunity to focus on the challenges to science and technology education.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- **Connecticut Partnership:** On Saturday, Deputy Administrator Fred Hansen will join the Vice President, Secretary Cisneros and CT Governor Rowland at a signing ceremony in New Britain, CT. The Federal participants will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CT as part of an effort to assist the state in implementing a recently passed innovative state neighborhood revitalization zone law.
- **EPA Comments on Utility Deregulation Rule:** This week, EPA submitted comments on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) draft environmental impact statement for its utility deregulation proposal. While EPA supports utility deregulation, believing it will result in increased efficiency and savings to consumers, the agency is also concerned that, as presently structured, it is likely to cause substantial increases in air pollution. These increases would work against current efforts under the Clean Air Act and the President's Climate Change Action Plan to reduce air pollution. EPA believes that practical options are available to FERC to modify its rule so that it can secure the benefits of competition without increasing pollution.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State of American Education Address: Secretary Riley will deliver the annual State of American Education address February 28 in St. Louis. Area Members of Congress are invited to attend and some 25 downlink sites are planned.

- **Education Summit:** On March 26 and 27, the Secretary will travel to Palisades, New York, for the National Governors' Association's Education Summit. The meeting of governors and business leaders will focus on how States can establish specific standards of achievement consistent with the National Education Goals and how technology can be better used in the classroom.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

- **Missing Children:** Posting missing children notices to the 1700 Federal building sites has been made easier through the creation of a system that uses Electronic mail to distribute postings. GSA's Region 6 will pull all relevant notices off the Internet, verify them with the DOJ, and send them electronically to Federal Buildings where they can be printed and posted
- **Credit Card Interview:** GSA Chief Financial Officer Dennis Fischer did an on camera interview with NBC Dateline regarding government-wide use of the American Express Card. Dateline is in the process of doing interviews with Congressional members. Rep. Gekas put out a press release calling the Travel Card "plastic pork." Because of the one-sided coverage as the negotiator and manager of the Travel Card, GSA felt obligated to present the other side stressing the following points: No taxpayer liability, and greater savings to the Government. The air date is unknown at this time.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

- **Mail Order Prescriptions:** OPM was targeted in a full page ad placed by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores in the *Washington Post*, *Washington Times*, and *Roll Call*. The ad asked retired federal employees to call OPM, the White House, and Congressional Committees to object to a new feature of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan that requires retirees to fill prescriptions by mail order or incur financial liability. OPM approved the BC/BS proposal because it would save the program \$200 million this year and keep premiums from going up by \$60 per year for a single enrollee and \$150 for a family.
- **Buyouts Back to Work:** On Wednesday, February 21, Director King met with Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA) to discuss the matter of former FAA employees who took buyouts and have returned to the agency under personal services contracts, a clear violation of the buyout agreement.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Wye Plantation Talks: Israel and Syria will resume talks at Wye February 28, through March 6. While prospects for progress are limited in the run-up to the Israeli elections in late May, it remains important to sustain momentum in the peace process.

- **CTBT Strategy:** The State Department, along with other agencies, is pursuing a strategy for concluding and signing the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty by the fall. The major obstacles are the Chinese and Indians, who for different reasons want to delay the treaty. The Russians are not interested in delay per se, but are displaying their assertiveness by opposing the U.S. on several issues. The State Department is using high-level diplomacy, including Secretary Christopher's Latin America trip this month, to persuade the non-aligned states not to support India's negotiating position.
- **Trip to Latin America and the Caribbean:** Secretary Christopher's trip to El Salvador, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, and Trinidad (February 25 through March 4) presents an opportunity to showcase Administration foreign policy themes and advance the Summit of the Americas agenda. The Secretary hopes to speak with them about our efforts to gain NAFTA parity for CBI countries. In Argentina and Brazil, he will sign nuclear and space cooperation agreements. In Brazil, Secretary Christopher will discuss the destruction of the rain forest.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Bosnia: To enforce compliance with the Dayton requirement to report all weapons within 10 kilometers of the Inter-Entity Boundary Line, the IFOR Ground Component issued an ultimatum on Tuesday, February 13: "report, move, or lose equipment so far undeclared by February 16." On Monday, February 19, IFOR assessed that there were no undeclared heavy weapons remaining within the 10 kilometer zone.

- **Jordan:** Planning proceeds smoothly for an Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) deployment to Jordan (April 12-June 28). Defense Department officials have briefed the Government of Saudi Arabia on the deployment and will inform the Government of Israel next week. King Hussein has strongly endorsed the AEF. He has expressed concerns lately about the increased Iraqi threat and asked if the AEF can remain until the arrival of Jordan's F-16s (20 months).
- **HIV Provision Repeal:** Senators Cohen and Kennedy are co-authors of proposed legislation which would repeal the HIV provision in the FY96 Defense Authorization Act. Currently, there are 37 co-sponsors and others are expected to sign on to the legislation in the coming days. Several senators have expressed reservations about co-sponsoring the legislation, but have expressed their support for the proposal. Similar legislation is being proposed in the House by Reps. Dellums, Torkildsen, and Harman.

As neither proposal has been officially offered, no timeline has been set for floor action.

- **Bosnia Travel:** The Department is finalizing a schedule for CODEL Callahan to travel to Bosnia on February 29. The CODEL is scheduled to visit Sarajevo, Tuzla, and Tazsar during the 5 day trip. It appears that Rep. Callahan will extend an invitation to Rep Dornan who has expressed a strong interest in going to Tuzla.

UNITED NATIONS

- **War Crimes Tribunal:** Thanks to your intervention, the Government of South Africa has agreed to extend the term of War Crimes Prosecutor Justice Richard Goldstone until the end of October. The Secretary-General is prepared to appoint Goldstone's replacement, Judith Arbour of Canada, in the next few days.
- **Bosnia Serb Sanctions:** Pending a report by IFOR Commander, U.S. Admiral Leighton Smith, on Bosnian Serb withdrawal behind the zones of separation demarcated in the Dayton agreement and a review of that report by both NATO and the Security Council, economic sanctions against the Bosnian Serbs could be lifted as early as next week.
- **Iraq:** Talks between the Iraqis and UN officials regarding the implementation of Security Council Resolution 986, allowing Baghdad to export oil in order to purchase humanitarian goods ended this week without an agreement.
- **Haiti:** The Russians and the Chinese are the two remaining obstacles standing in the way of the extension of the UN mandate in Haiti (UNMIH) which expires at the end of the month. The Chinese are still irritated at the Government of Haiti's overtures to Taiwan and the Russians are pushing for a significantly reduced force composed primarily of civilian police. The Canadians, who are contributing the bulk of the follow-on force, are adamant about maintaining a credible force.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

- **Creation of the Taiwan Strait Task Force:** On Tuesday, Director Deutch established an Intelligence Community Taiwan Strait Task Force at CIA headquarters. The Task Force will provide senior policymakers timely warning of any developments that might adversely affect US national security interests. It also will provide their field commanders with the latest assessments of the overall political and military situations.

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Freedom of the Press: VOA's 54th anniversary will be celebrated by a week long tribute to international press freedom from February 24 - March 2. Throughout the week, many of VOA's 47 language services will air reports on various aspects of press freedom.

- **Northern Ireland:** USIS London continued to handle the fall-out from the end of the IRA ceasefire, complicated by two additional bomb incidents since the massive destruction at Canary Wharf ten days ago. Media focus has turned to Gerry Adams' US visa application, with some papers fishing for any hint of conflict between the US and UK governments on this issue. A media lunch for editors on February 20 allowed Ambassador Crowe to clearly underline that no decision had been taken on the visa application, and that the US focus is on supporting Irish and British efforts to find a way forward for the peace process. The IO was in Belfast immediately after the end of the ceasefire and found the gloom palpable. But interest in the US remains at an all-time high as a result of the President's visit, and the Post will continue with an active program calendar in Northern Ireland.

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