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THE WHITE HOUSE

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Mr. David B. Witt
2921 Palm Avenue
Charlotte, N.C. 28205

Dear Mr. Witt:

Thank you for your letter regarding the impact of the welfare reform legislation on people living with HIV and AIDS.

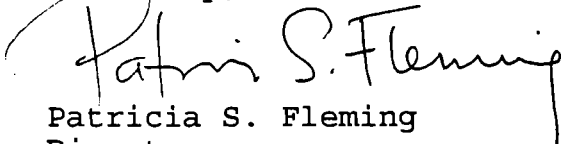
The effect of this legislation on vulnerable populations like people living with HIV/AIDS was an important consideration during the final negotiations with Congress. Earlier versions of the legislation would have replaced the Medicaid program with a state-run block grant. President Clinton insisted that Congress abandon this "poison pill" approach and retain the current Medicaid entitlement program. As you know, more than half of people living with AIDS in the U.S. rely on Medicaid for their health insurance.

We are concerned, however, about the potential impact of provisions related to legal immigrants residing in the U.S. Despite the President's strong attempts, Congress insisted on limited benefits to those individuals. However, states retain the ability to provide Medicaid coverage to them and the Department of Justice is developing a list of programs -- including the Ryan White CARE Act -- that will still be available to them.

The Clinton Administration will be very closely monitoring implementation of this important law and will follow up with legislation if there are adverse affects.

Thank you, again, for your question and your concern.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 21, 1996

Dear Friends:

Today, President Clinton signed into law the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, an important new law protecting the health care coverage of millions of Americans. This bipartisan legislation, sponsored by Senators Kennedy and Kassebaum, is a critical first step toward repairing what's wrong with our health care system.

There are several significant provisions in the Kennedy-Kassebaum bill for people living with HIV/AIDS. They include:

- **Portability of Benefits.** People who move from one job to another will be able to keep their health benefits even if their new employer does not offer coverage.
- **Guaranteed Issue.** Insurers will be required to sell policies to anyone who wants one without regard to their health status.
- **Pre-existing Medical Conditions.** Insurers can no longer exclude coverage of treatment of pre-existing medical conditions if a worker moves from one job to another. Exclusions are limited to a maximum of 12 months and that period is reduced by one month for every month a person was covered in their old job.
- **Viatical Settlements.** As of Jan. 1, 1997, a person who is within 24 months of death can sell their life insurance death benefit to a viatical settlement company without paying taxes on the benefit.
- **Self-Insured.** Individuals who buy their own insurance will be able to deduct a larger portion of their premiums from their taxes. The current 30 percent deduction will grow to 80 percent in 2002.

These are meaningful new benefits for all Americans and, especially, people living with HIV and AIDS. The President is determined to continue to fight for meaningful health care reforms that will improve access to and affordability of health care coverage in this country.

Sincerely,

Patricia S. Fleming
National AIDS Policy Director

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

AUG 21 1996

Dear Colleague:

Thank you for accepting the invitation to participate on the international issues panel for the upcoming meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. Bob Fogel, Chair of the International Subcommittee, will serve as facilitator for the session on Monday, September 9, at the Bethesda Marriott Hotel, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. We are looking forward to a productive discussion.

This is the first time that the Presidential Advisory Council will focus on global HIV/AIDS issues. The Council is a diverse group of AIDS activists and experts with varying levels of knowledge about international AIDS. They will be expecting to hear clear, straightforward information about what's working and what's not working with U.S. funded programs overseas as well as how we can improve upon and expand these activities.

In planning your presentation, please follow these guidelines:

Time: 5-7 minutes

Contents: Self introduction; Highlight key activities for your agency/organization;
Explain major problems/issues that need attention

Conclusion: Actions needed (by the Council, by the Administration, etc.)

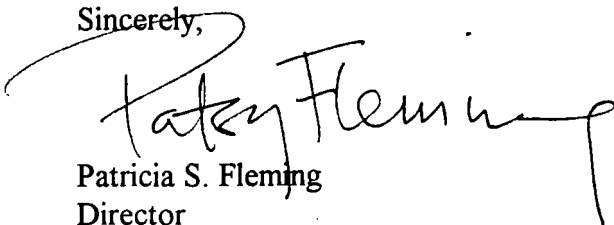
Please send along a bio as well as a synopsis of your presentation no later than August 28. This one-page document should include the major problems or issues requiring attention and or action by the Council or Administration. This information cannot be placed in the briefing books for the Council members unless we receive it by August 28.

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You may forward that one page and any other information, i.e. fact sheets, articles or documents to supplement your presentation to LaHoma Smith Romocki, 750 17th Street NW Suite 600, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax (202)632-1096. She can also be reached by telephone at (202)632-1090.

Again, thank you for your participation in this effort. I look forward to seeing you on September 9.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

List of invited participants

Victor Barnes, US Agency for International Development
Elaine Daniels - National Office of HIV/AIDS Policy, HHS
Phil Russell - Rockefeller International Vaccine Initiative
Eric Sawyer - Consultant
Paul Boneberg - Global AIDS Action Network
Jairo Pedraza - Global Network of People Living with AIDS
Cynthia Muriel - National Council on International Health
Lori Heiss - Health and Development Policy Project
Stuart Burden - Mac Arthur Foundation
Paul Kawata - National Minority AIDS Council
Not yet named - National Institutes of Health
Debbi Burkes - Department of Defense
Nancy Carter-Foster - Department of State

For file

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
August 20, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR KEVIN THURM

FROM:

Patsy Fleming *fl hr pf*

SUBJECT:

Revised National AIDS Strategy

Following our discussions, we have revised the draft National AIDS Strategy to reflect the concerns raised by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The new draft, which is enclosed, contains a greater emphasis on our achievements to date, with particular emphasis on the accomplishments of the Clinton Administration. It identifies key initiatives of the Administration for the coming year, based on the President's fiscal year 1997 budget. We plan to release the National AIDS Strategy in draft form in order to seek input from the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and other concerned persons. We believe these changes have produced a tighter, more focused document that will generate a positive public discussion.

If you have any further comments, we need them by no later than the close of business Tuesday, August 27, 1996.

Thank you, again, for your assistance on this important project. I look forward to your response.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 13, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR KEVIN THURM

FROM: Patsy Fleming *TF*
SUBJECT: Revised National AIDS Strategy

Following our discussions, we have revised the draft National AIDS Strategy to reflect the concerns raised by the Department of Health and Human Services.

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If you have any further comments, we need them by no later than the close of business Monday, August 26, 1996.

Thank you, again, for your assistance on this important project. I look forward to your response.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

FILE COPY

AUG 12 1996

Dr. Dana Kuhn
6906 Sika Lane
Midlothian, VA 23112

Dear Dr. Kuhn:

Your letter to President Clinton has been referred to my office for a response.

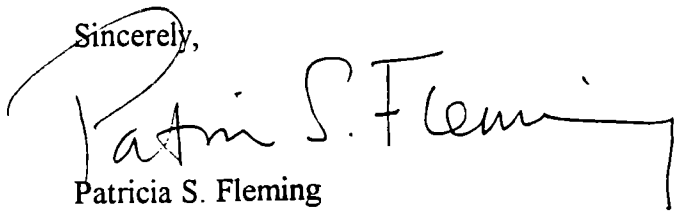
The impact of HIV and AIDS on Americans living with hemophilia has certainly been enormous and the response by family members and friends has been remarkable.

The Clinton Administration is committed to working with the sponsors of the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act to develop a fair and compassionate plan to compensate the persons with hemophilia and their families affected by this epidemic.

Please be assured that President Clinton is committed to responding aggressively and compassionately to the demands of this epidemic. In his term in office he has increased funding for AIDS research, prevention, and care by 43 percent, including a 134 percent increase in the Ryan White CARE Act. Recent advances in AIDS research and treatment provide real hope to all of us in this battle and we are fighting to make sure that those promising treatments reach all those who need them.

Thank you for your continuing advocacy on this matter.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

SUE J. SMITH *JS*
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF AGENCY LIAISON

SUBJECT:

REFERRAL OF CASEWORK IN BULK

An unprecedented number of individuals still write the President and the First Lady for help. I know that this has meant a far greater volume of mail for your agency than ever before. I appreciate your continuing cooperation in our efforts to be as responsive as possible.

The attached letters have not received a White House Staff response. I am forwarding this correspondence to your agency for any appropriate action.

Please return the original incoming letter, along with a copy of any written or telephone response, to me at the address below. I also would appreciate your sending a copy of your agency's log of the names and addresses of these individuals. Any misreferrals should be returned to my office. If you have questions you can reach me at 456-7486.

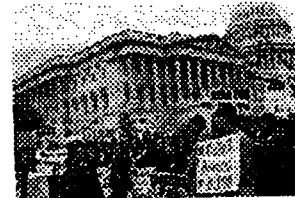
Sue J. Smith
Director, Office of Agency Liaison
Room 6, OEOb
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Again, thank you for your continuing help.

7-AG-01
"JUSTICE AND SAFETY FOR ALL"

THE RICKY RAY HEMOPHILIA RELIEF FUND ACT OF 1995

A Community Congressional Campaign



CH-APC-333
April 22, 1996

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Dana Kuhn, Ph.D.
6906 Sika Lane
Midlothian, VA 23112

The President of the United States
Mr. William J Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500
ATTENTION: Legislative Affairs

Dear Mr. President:

Recently, I was able to obtain a copy of The Nikkei Weekly newspaper from Japan. On April 8, 1996 the cover story was entitled, "HIV Investigation Turns Minister into Folk Hero." The story told of the boldness and ethical position taken by the Health and Welfare Minister of Japan, Naoto Kan.

It was Minister Kan who led the Japanese government to finally admit its responsibility and offer compensation to HEMOPHILIA-associated AIDS victims. His apology to the victims on February 16, 1996 not only touch the hearts of the victims, but also the **tens of millions** of Japanese who watched it on television. His apology prompted the drug manufacturers to apology as well. As a result, Minister Kan became a **HERO**.

Minister Kan is a man of integrity, principle, and justice. When he took office, he was determined to resolve the Hemophilia-associated AIDS issue. He is noted as the "new breed of politician" who represents the public and stands against bureaucracy. He is a man who counts on the support from his middle-class constituents.

Now that we have **225 co-sponsors** for the Ricky Ray Bill, HR 1023, we need you to be that "**new breed of politician**" and "**take a stand**" against the bureaucracy. Our bill is being detained in the Office of Management and Budget and with Lamar Smith. We need a HERO at this time. Will you **rise to the occasion** and help us get this bill passed? Since July 1995, we have the revealing report of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences which states that the federal government failed in its regulatory responsibility. What more proof does our government need? It seems that this is becoming the next "**great cover-up**" next to the Tuskegee Syphilis issue. Let's not take 40 years to rectify the hemophilia-associated AIDS issue, as it did with Tuskegee.

Thanks to our community, the American public is now aware that bureaucrats develop ties with industry to ensure sources of campaign contributions and votes, in exchange for

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protecting industry's interests. A new breed of politicians need to **take a stand** against this kind of ethic especially when it interferes with JUSTICE.

Would you please **take a stand** by contacting the Office of Management and Budget, Speaker Newt Gingrich, Rep. Lamar Smith, Secretary Donna Shalala, and Attorney General Janet Reno and request the immediate attention and response to HR 1023.

Please do not delay as everyday someone with hemophilia-associated AIDS dies leaving a middle-class family physically, emotionally, financially, and spiritually devastated.

I look forward to hearing a response from you soon.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dana A. Kuhn".

Dana A. Kuhn, Ph.D.
A Legislative Coordinator

cc: The President
Janet Reno
Lamar Smith
Newt Gingrich

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STORY

HIV investigation turns minister into folk hero

LAWMAKER ONE OF FEW
WILLING TO CONFRONT
BUREAUCRATS

BY HUNTER HOSE

Staff Writer

When Health and Welfare Minister Naoto Kan walked into a crowded room and humbly knelt before a mother and son earlier this year, the silence was quickly broken by loud weeping for joy. "The minister" apologized to you," the mother sobbed to her son. But he could not reply, having already died of AIDS. The mother had brought an urn containing his ashes to the ministry.

He was one of about 400 hemophiliacs in Japan who have died as a result of using imported blood products that were contaminated with HIV, the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Thousands more are infected as a result of the government's policy to continue importing the unheated blood products in the early to mid-1980s, even after it knew they could be unsafe.

But only when Kan, 49, became health minister three months ago did the government finally admit its responsibility and offer compensation to the victims. His apology on Feb. 16 touched the hearts of not only the victims and their relatives, but of tens of millions of Japanese who watched it on television.

The apology prompted drug manu-

facturers that distributed the tainted products but denied any responsibility to reverse their stance and apologize as well. They agreed to an out-of-court settlement of a lawsuit filed by the victims.

Overnight, Kan became a national hero.

Political analysts and people who know Kan say he is a new breed of politician who represents the public rather than special-interest groups. Some even suggest that the emergence of political leaders like Kan may be a sign that the Japanese political pendulum has started to swing from a pro-

business stance to pro-consumer. Others, though, remain skeptical.

For Kan, who declined to be interviewed for this story because of a busy schedule and the pending nature of the HIV issue, the crusade continues. Last week, he reprimanded a senior bureaucrat within the Health Ministry for waiting two months to notify him that new files pointing to the government's negligence in the distribution of tainted blood products had been found.

Since Kan's apology, Japanese newspapers have been filled with praise from citizens hailing his actions, while commentators have blasted the minister's

predecessors for neglecting their duties.

The reason for Kan's celebrity status is simple: He fought against the notorious Japanese bureaucracy in the name of the public and won. His efforts to confront ministry mandarins are rare in a country where politicians and bureaucrats are widely viewed as being in bed together.

Named health minister by Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto on Jan. 1, Kan promised to give priority to the AIDS matter.

Kan first took up the cause last year.

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Naoto Kan

1946	Born in Yamaguchi Prefecture
1970	Graduated from Tokyo Institute of Technology
1971	Became a patent attorney
1974	Opened own legal office
1977	Became president of United Social Citizens Party
1978	Became vice president of United Social Democratic Party
1980	Elected to lower house
1985	Became chairman of USDP's policy committee
1993	Became foreign-affairs committee chairman of lower house
1994	Joined Sakigake and became party's Policy Research Council chairman
1996	Appointed health and welfare minister

Source: Kan's office



The health minister last week revealed additional documents pointing to ministry wrongdoing in the HIV blood scandal.

HIV

INVESTIGATION TURNS MINISTER INTO FOLK HERO;
ONE OF FEW WILLING TO CONFRONT BUREAUCRATS*Continued from Page 1*

when Nobuko, his wife of 25 years, attended a meeting to discuss AIDS and urged him to get involved.

On Jan. 23, he set up a special team within the ministry to look for files that many expected would prove the government's responsibility. Ministry officials, meanwhile, kept insisting that such files did not exist.

Known for his quick temper, Kan dispensed with the niceties. Before the special team got down to work, he asked it to submit a plan.

"He did not like the first plan at all, tossed it into a trash can in front of the official who submitted it and ordered him to draw up a new one," said Yukio Edano, a junior Sakigake member who has worked with fellow party member Kan on the matter.

And when Kan was asked by a ministry official what he wanted to know about the AIDS case, Kan snapped, "It is not I who want to know, it is the public." Initial documents were found in the ministry.

Though some may view Kan's style as arrogant, Edano said that's not the case. Because Kan "is very talented and capable, he feels irritated when he sees other people not handling matters as well as he does," he explained.

Many credit Kan's persistence for bringing the matter to light, but others say he was simply in the right place at the right time.

"There was great legal pressure on the ministry, which made it easier for Kan to do his job," said Minoru Morita, an independent political analyst. The Tokyo and Osaka district courts had urged both the government and the victims to settle out of court.

As a result, the ministry had to move sooner or later, according to Morita.

Moreover, Morita said that Kan, a lawmaker representing a Tokyo district, had strong support from the ruling coalition as well as the public.

In fact, Kan was not the first politician to indicate a willingness to resolve the case. His immediate predecessor as health minister, Churyo Morii, said last August, "If the court decides on any settlement plan, we are ready to accept it."

And two weeks before Kan offered an apology, the ruling parties—the Liberal Democratic Party, the Social Democratic Party and Sakigake—set up a team to negotiate a settlement.

But acquaintances, including Morita, say Kan had more going for him than just luck. In addition to being idealistic, they point out, he is also smart and

pragmatic.

But does he have what it takes to be a prime minister? Masaru Kataoka, an old friend and adviser, isn't so sure. "A politician needs to have a strong, clear vision to become prime minister, and Kan does not," he said.

Trained as physicist

Kan was born in the western prefecture of Yamaguchi in 1946. When he was in high school, his father, an engineer, was transferred and the family moved to Mitaka, an affluent suburb of Tokyo. After graduating from high school, Kan entered the Tokyo Institute of Technology.

Although he majored in applied physics, Kan soon found his real interest was politics. It was the 1960s, a time of great upheaval, and many Japanese students were caught up in the activism of the era.

When he was a freshman, Kan founded a club with his friends to study political and social issues. "We discussed things like pollution problems every day," said Takanori Tanabe, a classmate who is now executive managing director of Nomura Securities Investment Trust Management Co.

As a senior, Kan became more involved in the protest movement. "When I was writing my graduation thesis at home, Kan called me and told me to come out to join in what he was doing," Tanabe recalled. "This is why we both had to spend one more year in college. But I think people were attracted to Kan's reckless nature."

Informal meetings

After graduating with a physics degree, Kan went off in another direction, becoming a patent attorney while he sought a way to break into politics. He had regular meetings with about 20 people of his generation to keep abreast with political and social issues. Many of the members have become leaders in society.

After three failed attempts under the banner of a small liberal party, Kan finally won election to the lower house in 1980 at the age of 33.

Early in his Diet career, Kan dealt with a controversy over a promising cancer drug that the Health Ministry had not yet approved for use, despite calls from patients to do so. Kan assailed the ministry for discussing the issue behind closed doors, and the ministry eventually released the drug with condi-



Kan apologizes to hemophillic AIDS victims in February at the Health Ministry after disclosure of impropriety involving untreated blood.

tions attached.

Aides say the experience helped prepare Kan for his confrontation with ministry officials over the AIDS issue. But they and others agree that his style took shape long before he became a lawmaker.

"Through activities such as election campaigns, he learned how to motivate people," said Kataoka, who met Kan at an early study meeting and later served as his campaign manager.

Pointing to the lawmaker's persistence, "Kan has his own fighting strategy," said Yasunori Sone, a professor of political science at Keio University and another attendee of the early study meetings. "He would always say that the best way to solve a problem is to attack one point at a time. It seems to me that he is trying to solve many issues by targeting the AIDS question first."

Kan's handling of this scandal demonstrated his strong political instincts. He succeeded in strengthening the coalition's policy agreement regarding the AIDS issue, adding a pledge to arrive at a resolution and determine who was responsible.

Upon entering office, Kan gave detailed directives to each member of the ministry's "lost files" team, which his predecessors did not do. "He knew that bureaucrats try to do their best once they are told exactly what to do," said Sakigake's Edano, adding that ministers before Kan simply did not pursue the matter doggedly.

Edano and others close to Kan stressed, however, that his biggest advantage in tackling the AIDS scandal is his lack of close ties with bureaucrats. Political analysts agree that such ties played a large part in preventing the matter from moving forward for many years.

Politicians often ask bureaucrats to help them cultivate ties with industry, a prime source of campaign contributions and votes. In return, bureaucrats ask politicians to protect their interests from external interference, creating a mutual dependence.

"Many politicians owe bureaucrats something, but Kan owes them nothing," said Edano.

Kataoka agreed. "We have no special-interest group to depend on to get Kan elected."

Instead, the two men said, Kan counts on support from his middle-class urban constituents, who have a relatively strong interest in politics.

Because Kan has no reason to compromise with bureaucrats, he was free to take them on. By contrast, his predecessor, Morii, was more conciliatory. While minister, he said: "Ministry officials did their best. If we keep talking about the responsibility of the ministry, the officials will become unwilling (to cooperate)."

Some jealousy

However, Kan's take-charge attitude—and his treatment by the media as the sole hero in the AIDS scandal—have alienated some within the ruling coalition. That prompted Hashimoto to tell him, "Keep in mind that Morii paved the way to the solution and many others made efforts."

Tanabe, though, said Kan never intended to be thrust into the spotlight, and is instead driven by a desire to resolve the AIDS case for the benefit of the victims. "I think because he has a pure heart, he has been able to do what he believes in," he said.

FILE COPY

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

AUG 12 1996

Dr. Bernard Goitein
1625 W. Columbia Terrace
Peoria, IL 61606

Dear Dr. Goitein:

Your May 1 E-mail letter to President Clinton has been referred to my office for a response.

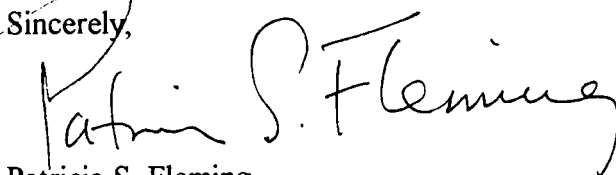
As you may know, on May 20, President Clinton signed into law a five-year extension of the Ryan White CARE Act. This will provide care to hundreds of thousands of Americans living with HIV and AIDS.

The issue of counseling and testing of pregnant women was certainly one of the most difficult matters facing the Congress. The final legislation gives states five years to demonstrate that routine counseling and voluntary testing of pregnant women is successful in reducing the number of infants born HIV-positive. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will work closely with the states to assist them in carrying out this provision.

We have it in our power to virtually eliminate the incidence of pediatric AIDS in this country. It is our sincere belief that this legislation will help such a day come to pass.

Thank you, again, for your interest in this important matter.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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From bjg@bradley.bradley.edu Wed May 1 13:21:46 1996
Date: Wed, 01 May 1996 11:20:38 -0500 (CDT)
From: "Bernard J. Goitein" <bjg@bradley.bradley.edu>
Subject: Veto mandated HIV testing of newborns
To: Clinton <president@WhiteHouse.GOV>
Message-id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.960501111819.535A-100000@bradley.bradley.edu>

Dear Sir:

The expected Congressional Committee agreement to mandatory testing of HIV exposure among newborns demonstrates misplaced priorities on AIDS prevention. The federal government should give the states the freedom to decide how to best spend AIDS money and not require all states to pursue this expensive program that would be of little value in combating the spread of this awful disease.

Sincerely,
Bernard Goitein, Phd
1625 W. Columbia Terrace
Peoria, Il 61606
309-637-0460

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

FILE COPY

August 5, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION LIST

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

SUBJECT: Presidential Advisory Council Follow-Up Recommendations

Last month, the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS finalized its third set of recommendations regarding Federal HIV/AIDS policy and programs (though they are dated April 1996). I am enclosing a copy of these recommendations and ask that you share them with the relevant officials in your agency for consideration. *Your response to the proposed recommendations is needed by Monday, August 19.* These responses may be brief (one paragraph in length). The Council will reconvene at the beginning of September to review the Administration's response to their proposed follow-up recommendations.

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. I appreciate your responsiveness to prior recommendations and hope that we are as responsive as possible to these recommendations as well.

We are attaching both the complete set of recommendations and a summary of recommendations relevant to your department or agency. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding any of the recommendations. Your timely response is appreciated.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Enclosure

Distribution List:

The Honorable Shirley Chater, Commissioner, Social Security Administration
The Honorable Henry Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
The Honorable Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services

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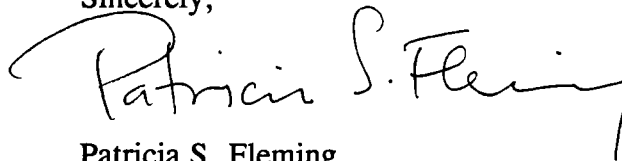
Mr. N. Wayne Gowdy
119 Candlewood Lake Road
Brookfield, CT 06804-2205

Dear Mr. Gowdy:

President Clinton has asked that I respond to your e-mail to him regarding the NIH Office of AIDS Research.

The President strongly supports the budget authority of the OAR and will continue to fight for its retention in the FY 1997 appropriations process and during the deliberations about NIH reauthorization. A strong OAR is critical to meeting the goal the President has set for our nation: to find a cure and a vaccine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia S. Fleming". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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Interns
Draft response

TO: Jeff Levi

FROM: Wendy

Jeff --

For reasons unfathomable to me, this copy of an e-mail letter to the President was sent to HHS, who then bucked it to NIAID!

Someone at NIAID Office of Communications actually had the brains to send it to us. But there is no tracking information or Exec Sec form. While OAR could reply directly to this fellow, I would think that the White House might want to reply, since it would be a great opportunity to tell this PWA how the President has supported AIDS research, the OAR, etc.

We'll handle it whatever way you like. Let me know.

Thanks for interest in research
effort. ~~Again~~ I strongly support
work of Office of AIDS Research
Levine Report an important
undertaking - look forward to
implementation plan.

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Date: Fri, 12 Apr 1996 01:07:21 -0400 (EDT)
From: "N. Wayne Gowdy" <enway@cris.com>
Subject: Office of AIDS Research - NIH
X-Sender: enway@mail.concentric.net
To: President@WhiteHouse.GOV
Errors-to: enway@cris.com
Message-id: <199604120507.BAA22419@darius.cris.com>

Mr. President:

With the resolution of the Omnibus Appropriations and Rescissions Bill coming up, I am urgently concerned with the fate of OAR.

As you are hopefully aware, the "Levine Report" has been issued, and calls for sweeping changes and reforms to our nation's efforts concerning HIV/AIDS. This report has been endorsed by Dr. Harold Varmus and thousands of AIDS researchers across the country.

I have communicated my concerns to Senators Dodd and Lieberman, and have asked them to express those concerns to Senator Hatfield in turn, hopefully adding their own voices in support.

I now ask you to do whatever is possible to lend your support to this request, which echoes that of thousands of other PLWAs throughout the world. As a long term survivor, I also advocate for many who cannot lend their voices personally. You may be assured that I speak for them as well.

Thank you for your attention, and hopefully your support and commitment to seeing the resolution of this pandemic come to pass more quickly through the efforts the OAR oversees.

Sincerely, N. Wayne Gowdy
N. Wayne Gowdy
PLWA and AIDS Educator
<enway@cris.com>
119 Candlewood Lake Road
Brookfield, CT 06804-2205
(203)775-0017

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SEP 12 1996

9/24/96
dear ms. Fleming:
thank you for your
letter and your
leadership.

Mr. Victor Gelb
Victorgelb, Inc.
6700 West Snowville Road
Cleveland, OH 44111

Dear Mr. Gelb,

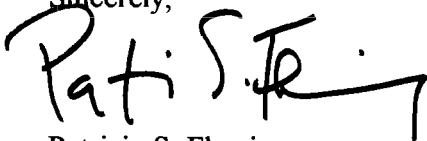
Thank you for participating in the July 23 special briefing in Cleveland. Although I was unable to attend this briefing, my colleagues reported to me on the very fruitful discussion you had.

They were impressed by the depth of commitment that is evident in your community. We are equally determined to respond to the issues that you raised including improving services to communities of color, to women, to young gay and bisexual men, and others who are currently underserved. We will only be successful in these efforts if we work in partnership with you.

President Clinton and his Administration are committed to doing everything we can to bring this epidemic to an end. We continue to fight for the funding we need for research, care, and prevention that will help us protect the health of the people of this country and other nations around the world. With the support of citizens like you, we are confident that we will succeed.

There is still a great deal of work to be done. Know that you have an ally in Washington who will continue to fight for the tools we need to win this battle. *It is reassuring,*

Sincerely,

amen!


Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

P.S. Should there be any openings on the "board" I would appreciate being considered.

transportation methods from overcrowded urban centers to wide open spaces.

Another simplistic myth being taught to impressionable youngsters is that every piece of paper recycled is a step toward saving precious old-growth forests. It's a noble and romantic message, but it's also absurd. As Steven E. Landsburg, author of "The Armchair Economist," pointed out in his chapter titled "Why I am not an environmentalist," that argument can just as easily be turned on its head.

"I am sure that if we found a way to recycle beef," Landsburg writes, "the population of cattle would go down, not up. If you want ranchers to keep a lot of cattle,

num. This process is profitable without any artificial help from government subsidies. But the success of reprocessing aluminum cans just doesn't make the case for indiscriminately recycling everything else in sight.

As the masses march for the Pied Piper of environmentalism and beat their drums across the country to commemorate Earth Day on April 22, they ought to sacrifice just a little time to rethink the crusade, recalculate its costs and re-educate themselves and their children.

Malkin is a columnist for the Los Angeles Daily News.

Pavel Sudoplatov, author of "Special Tasks," is a... On Stalin's orders, he... assassination of Leonid Brezhnev and derides Khrushchev serving and untrustworthy but the 87-year-old spy... Jerrold and Leona Sche... surviving institutional... Russian intelligence service... erations from the 1920s to

The news lede in the excerpted in this week's Times his detailed account of... Oppenheimer, as well as... and Leo Szilard, were... sources of information... build the atomic bomb.

Though not Soviet... these great scientists... sources for his KGB... Sudoplatov. Their motives... secrets to Moscow — began... penheimer's leak to the

Until the fight was over

By VIC GELB

I want to tell you about our son. He would have been 43 on March 17. He would have been if he hadn't died on March 4. Bobby died from complications of AIDS. There were all kinds of complications. All kinds of crises. For 30 months, he fought dozens of life-threatening battles... until he could fight no more.

I can't imagine anyone showing more courage or a greater appreciation of life. It was on Oct. 10, 1991, while visiting friends in Calgary that Bob came down with PCP (pneumocystis carinii pneumonia). Both lungs collapsed. Both required surgery. He spent seven weeks in the hospital. His doctors told us that at best, he had six months to live. They said we must start thinking about death.

We chose to think about life. We drove through a snowstorm to Edmonton to begin a 60-hour train trip to Toronto, where Bob had been living and working. He weighed a little over 100 pounds and looked like a death-camp survivor.

The trip was a nightmare. In Toronto, we arranged to close his apartment and his business. Four days later we drove home.

Our family and friends showered Bob and us with unqualified love and support. This was the first time most of them had come into contact with AIDS... the first time that they knew someone with AIDS.

Bob was blanketed with affection and understanding. That's not always the way it is for people with AIDS. He was also blessed with a caring, knowledgeable and dedicated doctor. Dr. Philip Lerner doesn't pull his punches. The first time he examined Bob he told us that we were living with a time bomb. It could go off any day.

It was in July 1987 that Bob first told us about his being HIV positive. We hugged him and said how much we loved him and that he had our unqualified support. From that very day till this very moment, he was, and is, the first thing we think about in the morning and when we go to bed at night.

One year ago, Fran Heller of the Cleveland Jewish News did a cover story on AIDS. It featured Bob's fight with the dis-

ease and our family's response. Publicly sharing his experience was indicative of Bob's character and courage. His biggest concern was not for himself but for us. "Sometimes," he said, "I think it's more difficult for them than it is for me because they're going to have to deal with it longer than will I."

Since Bob's death and funeral, we have received hundreds of touching letters and cards. We wish that Bob could have heard and read every tribute to him... especially this one from his dear friend, Paula Ames:

"And the night shall be filled with music
And the cares that infest the day
Shall fold their tents
And silently steal away."

"When I read this quote by Longfellow I immediately thought of Bobby because it so aptly describes his passing away. I know that Bobby toward the end of his illness was not the same person we had known growing up on Lyman Circle or at Chautauqua, but people are like rivers; they are constantly changing. And in my mind despite Bobby's physical frailty, he became in a very short time someone bigger and more powerful, more loving and more beautiful, more insightful and wiser than any of us would ever hope to dream for ourselves.

"I learned so much from him in the little time that I was able to spend with him, and it is obvious to me from the standees at his funeral that I was not the only one. Bobby's love of life and refusal to give it up until the very end... his concern for others, which he showed in his efforts to ease others' discomfort with his illness, despite his own physical pain, were traits that both of you imparted to him... I am sure that when he finally let go of the pain and released himself from the physical cares of his body that Bobby's spirit filled the night with music."

We who loved him so very much, will always hear that music

Arkans

Many people in Arkansas that their state is getting... because of the Whit... and other Clinton-related... ters.

They think that the rest... now thinks they are a bunch... financial wheeler-dealers.

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In those days, many Easter... ern elitists thought that the... kansan had only two front... eyes that touched at the ne... grungy old bib overalls and... the name of a fertilizer suppli...

And they thought the A... looked even worse.

The Arkansas stereotype... illiterates sitting around in f... eral store, whittling, spittin... homemade banjos, rolling... smokes, sipping moonshine... about how Little Lum stomped... after Big Junior kicked Little... ite hound dog

Actually, most people didn... about Arkansas at all, nor... there. So they didn't know... come a popular vacation ar... haven for Northerners look... air, lovely scenery and a reas... living

I used to go there to fish... and enjoyed everything... clocked...

Gelb is a businessman in Cleveland

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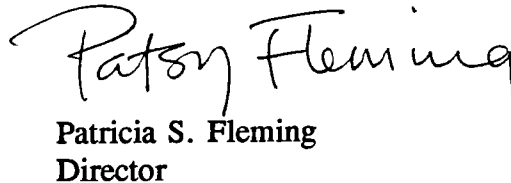
September 23, 1996

Herbert Miller
President
Social and Scientific Systems
7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1300
Bethesda, MD 20814

Dear Mr. Miller,

I wanted to thank you and your staff, albeit belatedly, for the extraordinary support you provided me during the International AIDS Conference in Vancouver. Your staff were most helpful and always willing to go the extra mile. Their assistance made my work much easier. You have some terrific people at SSS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia S. Fleming". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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SEP 23 1996

Ms. Amy Smoyer
Executive Director
Shelbourne House
P.O. Box 398988
Miami Beach, FL 33289

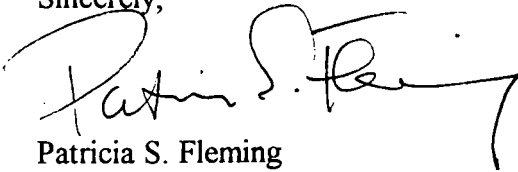
Dear Ms. Smoyer:

I am sorry that I was unable to join you for the ribbon cutting ceremony for Shelbourne House. Please accept my sincere congratulations and best wishes for a successful endeavor. By providing people living with AIDS with secure housing and support services they need, you are truly changing those lives for the better.

During my visit to Miami I was very impressed with the plans for Shelbourne House and the obvious commitment of you and your colleagues and the members of your community. It was clear that there is a great need for affordable housing for families affected by HIV/AIDS. I am pleased that Shelbourne House will now be filling part of that need.

Please extend my best wishes to the new residents of your facility.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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Richard - Will you do a letter. - Thanks - PF

cc: ST

Shelbourne House



given to RS 9/18/96

PF - Amy would like you to write the letter with your wishes, etc.

FAX

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for Scheduling mtg
9/14 Declined
9/12/96*

Date: September 2, 1996

To: Patsy Fleming, Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

From: Amy Smoyer, Executive Director
Shelbourne House

Re: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

I am writing to you from Shelbourne House in Miami Beach to invite you to our upcoming Ribbon Cutting ceremony on September 19, 1996 at 6:00 pm. A formal invitation should be in your office by next week but I wanted to let you know as soon as possible about this exciting event.

Shelbourne House is a 24 unit apartment building in the historic Art Deco District of Miami Beach which has been renovated to create affordable, supportive housing for people with AIDS. Shelbourne House will provide the physical design features and social services support to allow its residents to live independently and is dedicated to improving the quality of their lives by providing a secure and healthy environment. This project was developed as a collaborative effort between the Miami Beach Development Corporation and the People With AIDS Coalition of Dade County and is funded by HUD's Section 811 program.

When you and your staff came to visit South Florida this spring, Richard Sorian and Daniel Montaya visited my office in the People With AIDS Coalition's service center. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet Richard and Daniel and attend to your panel's presentation. I hope very much that you will come back down to Miami Beach to celebrate Shelbourne House's opening and help draw our community's attention to the housing needs of people with AIDS.

As I mentioned, a formal invitation is on its way but I hope that you will pencil us in at this time! Thank you very much for your hard work and dedication, I hope to meet you soon!

P.S. If you see Mr. or Mrs. Clinton, let them know that they are also very welcome to attend!!

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WASHINGTON

SEP 25 1996

Mr. Mario A. Benfield
401 Van Ness
#128
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Mr. Benfield:

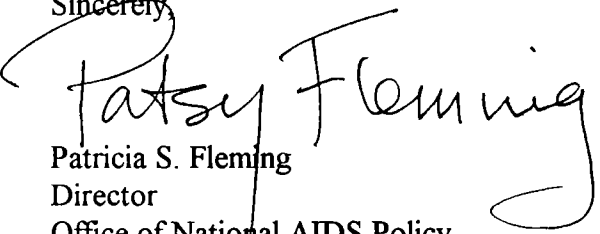
In May, during my visit to Oakland, you were kind enough to share with me your collection of remembrances of American war veterans who have died of AIDS. It is a very moving tribute to these men and women who served their country with honor and have fallen victim to this terrible epidemic.

I shared your collection with President Clinton and he, too, was very moved by its contents. He has asked me to return your book to you with his sincere thanks.

The President and his Administration are committed to bringing the HIV/AIDS epidemic to an end. We are fighting for more money for AIDS research, prevention, and care so that our scientists and public health professionals can put an end to the suffering.

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Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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Sincerely,

Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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Send
Fed ex to
Mike Rantia

San Francisco
May 23, 1996

Mr President;

this is a collection of memorabilia
and photography of War Veterans
and friends who have died of
Aids. I hope my personal
accounting in this blue-book
will clear up any mis-conceptions
regarding this dreaded epidemic.
Please return it when you
are finished reviewing it.

Return Address -

401 VAN NESS #128
SF CA 94102

MARIO A BENFIELD

Mario A Benfield

Sgt at Arms Post

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 30, 1996

Dear Friends:

Today, in a great victory for Americans living with HIV/AIDS, President Clinton signed a fiscal year 1997 budget that includes substantial across-the-board increases in funding for AIDS research, prevention, care, drug assistance, and housing. This culminates a year of hard work by the President to gain greater resources for AIDS programs. These funds will help to provide high-quality, comprehensive health care services to thousands of men, women, and children who are living with HIV/AIDS.

This marks the fourth consecutive year of significant increases in funding for AIDS programs. Over these last four years, we have increased discretionary AIDS funding by more than 50 percent. Here are the details:

- Grants authorized under the Ryan White CARE Act will receive \$996.2 million in FY1997, a 32 percent increase over FY1996;
- A total of \$167 million is earmarked for AIDS Drug Assistance Programs to help people with HIV/AIDS purchase the drugs they need to stay healthy, an increase of 221 percent;
- AIDS research funding at NIH will total \$1.5 billion, a 6.7 percent increase. The bill also restores important authority to the Office of AIDS Research at NIH;
- AIDS prevention programs at CDC will receive \$617 million, an increase of 6 percent; and,
- The Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS program at HUD is expected to receive \$196 million, a 14.6 percent increase from FY1996.

In another important victory, the President was able to convince the Congress to drop proposals to impose punitive restrictions on legal and illegal immigrants living in the U.S. who need HIV treatment.

None of this would have been possible without the tremendous leadership of the President and the support of thousands of individuals and organizations across the country. We all have a great deal of work ahead of us but we should pause for at least a moment to celebrate our victories. Thank you, again, for your support in this fight.

Patricia S. Fleming
National AIDS Policy Director

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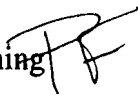
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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Patsy Fleming 
RE: USAID Management and Staffing
DATE: October 16, 1996

Yesterday I attended a meeting convened by Brian Atwood, Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). He made a commitment that the agency would address the issues you raised in your resolution during the September Presidential Advisory Council meeting.

Administrator Atwood underscored the importance of the HIV/AIDS program and stated that it would continue to be an important priority for the Administration. He also focused on the staffing issue, noting that 9 of the 12 designated HIV/AIDS staff positions had already been filled. The remaining three positions, including that of Chief of the Division, are expected to be filled by the end of the year.

I wanted to inform you of this progress.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

OCT 23 1996

Mr. Rick Marchand
Shrewsbury High School
45 Oak Street
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545

Dear Rick:

I enjoyed seeing you again and meeting the members of the DREAM TEAM and their chaperons during your trip to Washington.

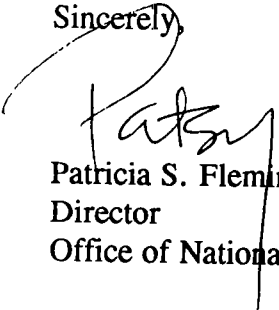
It was a highlight for me to see this group of young people interested and involved in working on the AIDS Quilt activities. I am also impressed by the hard work, commitment and dedication of the students in providing education to their peers, and getting involved with those who have been personally affected by HIV/AIDS.

I am returning your copy of "AIDS in the Savannah." My entire staff enjoyed reading the innovative, meaningful and beautifully illustrated story. Thank you for sharing it with us and congratulations to Casie Richardson and others who contributed to a job well done.

I also wanted to let you know that my staff appreciated the sweatshirts, T-shirts and chocolates from Shrewsbury. I will send your best wishes along with a T-shirt to President Clinton.

Please pass on my thanks to the Dream Team for all the wonderful work that they are doing for AIDS education and prevention. There is no doubt in my mind that you and they are saving lives.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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WASHINGTON

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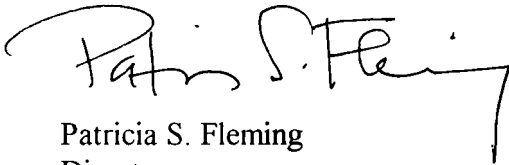
Mr. Charles Riecke
P. O. Box 15764
New Orleans, Louisiana 70175-5764

Dear Mr. Riecke:

Thank you for your letter to Andrew E. Barrer indicating your interest in working in the Office of National AIDS Policy. Mr. Barrer is no longer with this office. Your qualifications and experience are impressive and would be an asset to any office. Unfortunately, there are no openings at this time.

Knowledge of laws and policy development around AIDS issues are becoming ever more important, as evidenced by the mandatory testing and blinded survey issues. I encourage you to continue your involvement in your community's response to the AIDS epidemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia S. Fleming". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

P.O. Box 15764
New Orleans, LA 70175-5764

October 12, 1996

Mr. Andrew E. Barrer
Office of the National AIDS Policy
Coordinator
Executive Office of the President
750 17th St., N.W., Suite 1069
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Barrer:

I am writing to inquire about any employment opportunities which might be available with your office. I graduated in May of this year from Tulane Law School. My employment goal is to obtain work in the public service, be it law-related or non-law-related, and I am actively seeking such employment prospects.

In pursuing my overall legal education, my priority has been to obtain practical legal experience, and to learn and exercise usable skills. At Tulane, I followed a dual curriculum of both common law and civil law course work, through which I additionally focused on the areas of juvenile law and bankruptcy law. Extracurricularly, I developed my research and writing skills with clerkship experiences. As a law clerk with the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal of Louisiana, I prepared bench memos and drafted proposed opinions in the service of Judge Charles R. Ward and Judge Patricia R. Murray. As a law clerk in the Office of the District Attorney of New Orleans, I worked in three departments, and exercised many of the responsibilities of an Assistant District Attorney, for example, the writing of motions, writs, and appeals. Overall, the practical focus and varied experiences of my legal education have done much to prepare me for any position in which excellent writing skills are required.

What I seek from employment with your office is plenty of hard work, challenge and the opportunity to learn, grow and to advance. If there are any current openings for which I might be qualified, or any which become available, I would be very interested in applying for them, and would welcome an interview with you at your convenience. Also, I would be happy to provide you with letters of recommendation from Judge Charles R. Ward and Judge Patricia R. Murray, as well as writing samples in the areas of criminal law and bankruptcy law, if they could be of any assistance. Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,



Charles Riecke

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Std no Vacancies
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Barrer no longer
here.

CHARLES RIECKE

P.O. Box 15764, New Orleans, LA 70175-5764 (504) 588-1974

EDUCATION

TULANE LAW SCHOOL, New Orleans, LA

J.D., May 1996.

Emphasis:

- Both Common Law and Civil Law Curriculums
- Bankruptcy, Juvenile, and Criminal Law

Activities:

Consumer Foreclosure Legal Advice Clinic

- Mediated landlord-tenant disputes in a representative capacity.
- Assisted attorneys in handling consumer-credit matters.

POPS (Project For Older Prisoners)

- Interviewed prospective clients at Angola and St. Gabriel prisons.

TPILF (Tulane Public Interest Law Foundation)

- Fundraising for summer public interest internship grant money.

Pro-Gay Public Relations Activities to Keep Forced Heirship in Louisiana

- Letter-writing campaign to retain forced heirship articles in Louisiana Civil Code (see attached).

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, OR

B.A. in International Studies, June 1993.

Honors: **Phi Beta Kappa**, Dean's List 6 Terms

Major GPA: 3.91/4.00

Cumulative GPA: 3.52/4.00

Emphasis:

- Chinese Language (Mandarin), Culture and History
- French Language and Literature
- Native American Studies

Activities:

Women's Studies Facilitator, Professor Jane Conlon's Section

- Led weekly discussion group concerning course issues.
- Co-organized panel discussion presentation.

Upward Bound ESL Instructor

- Led tutorial sessions and formulated instructional plans for Asian-born students.

LGBA (Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Alliance)

- Organizational, public event, and office volunteer work.

STUDY ABROAD

1985-1986	LIEGE, BELGIUM	Rotary Student Exchange Program
1988	TAIPEI, TAIWAN	Stanford Center (through the University of Pennsylvania)
1988	BEIJING, CHINA	University of Oregon Chinese Language Program
1989-1991	TAIPEI, TAIWAN	Self-Motivated Language Study

EXPERIENCE

<u>1994-1996</u>	FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEAL OF LOUISIANA , New Orleans, LA
5/94-1/95	Law Clerk, Judge Charles R. Ward
1/95-1/96	Law Clerk, Judge Patricia R. Murray • Penned proposed opinions and bench memos. • Researched issues of law.
<u>1995-1996</u>	OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF NEW ORLEANS
5/95-1/96	Law Clerk, Violent Offenders Strike Force (V.O.S.F.) • Drew up motions to trial courts and writs to the Louisiana Supreme Court. • Assisted Assistant District Attorneys during trial.
1/96-4/96	Law Clerk, Trials Division (with V.O.S.F. and Screening Division assignments) • Compiled and analyzed developments in the law for division attorneys. • Drew up motions to trial courts and writs to Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal.
2/96-4/96	Law Clerk, Appeals Division • Drafted appellate briefs to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal.

INTERESTS

Russian Literature, Creative Writing, Competitive Swimming, Weight Lifting.

A Letter to the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Community:

On October 21 the issue of keeping or rejecting forced heirship as it currently exists will be put before the voters of Louisiana. This arcane area of law has inspired a flurry of vehement letters, both pro and contra, to the Times-Picayune in years past and in recent months. These letters have discussed every pertinent issue but one--how forced heirship affects the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community. Though the history of these laws goes so far back as to preclude imagining that they were ever enacted for our community's benefit, effectively they do benefit us. Let me explain.

Forced heirship is a legal concept embodied in a set of laws, unique in America to the State of Louisiana, which effectively mandates that parents who bring children into the world provide for them upon death. Under the laws as they stand, parents with one child must provide for that child, upon their death, with at least one quarter of their estate. Parents with two or more children must provide for them with one half. There is *no law or requirement* that any parent keep from spending all of his or her property before dying--leaving nothing to anyone. In fact, a parent is entirely free to do just that. But if a parent dies with property remaining, then of that property, the law requires that a portion go to his or her child or children, or to their representatives. Under the law of forced heirship, parents may not disinherit their children for any reason *other than those provided for under the law*. Most importantly to us, lifestyle and sexual orientation issues are not included among these reasons.

As many of you may know, through others' or your own personal experience, in any other state discrimination can be, and often is, as pervasively effective in harming our interests in the area of inheritance law as it is in other areas of the law. In Louisiana, though we may lag behind many other states in terms of the legal protections generally afforded lesbian, gay, and bisexual citizens, in this area we shine. For example, while a parent in any other state might disinherit a child for being lesbian, gay, or bisexual, in Louisiana a parent may not. In other states, where a parent might disinherit a child for marrying into a different religion, for interracial marriage, for "marrying the wrong guy or gal," for *being* "the wrong guy or gal" (or both, as the case may be), or for any other of a host of personal prejudices, in Louisiana such a parent or parents may not. *May not*. The safeguard of the forced heirship laws is so absolute as to render the most virulent homophobia, ignorance or bigotry completely ineffective. The dictate of these laws is clear--there are reasons for which a child may be disinherited but sexual orientation is not one of them.

In sum, forced heirship, though the space it occupies in the law may be small, has, in its little niche, carved out an enormous moral and financial safeguard for the members of our community. It enforces recognition of familial ties and obligations that bigotry very often otherwise destroys. In the context of our lives, it mandates humanity and recognition in situations where there might otherwise be none. Whether you agree with the principle of forced heirship or not, forced heirship provides the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community--provides *you and those you know*--with clear and absolute protections. There are few, if any other laws in this state about which we can say the same. I urge you to exercise your vote in the upcoming referendum. Please support your community by voting to retain our forced heirship laws as they exist today--vote "No" on Constitutional Amendment I on October 21. Thank you.

Charles S. Riecke
3L, Tulane Law School

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 15, 1996

Dear Religious Leader:

On Sunday, December 1, people around the world will commemorate World AIDS Day. This is an opportunity for all of us blessed to live in the United States to reflect on the tremendous impact that HIV and AIDS have had on our nation's families, our communities, our country, and our planet.

More than 566,000 of our fellow Americans have been diagnosed with AIDS in the past 15 years and more than 330,000 of them have already lost their lives to this relentless disease. Every person with AIDS is someone's son or daughter, mother or father, friend or neighbor. And they are all children of God. Discrimination against people with AIDS violates our most basic national values.

I ask that, as a religious leader in your community, you take a moment this week to speak to your congregation about this very important subject. It is also an opportunity for you to address the scourge of drug abuse -- particularly among our young people, who all too often place themselves at risk of HIV and AIDS as a result of illegal drug use.

In the past few years, we have truly joined together as a nation to fight the AIDS pandemic. Religious leaders have helped to educate their congregations and communities about HIV and AIDS, to encourage compassion, and to care for those who are living with this disease. Religious institutions continue to play an important role in our national response to this tragedy.

The challenges that HIV and AIDS present are daunting. AIDS is the leading cause of death among Americans 25 to 44. Today, nearly half of all new HIV infections occur among people under the age of 21. Our young people need to know that they have the power to protect themselves and their friends through education and prevention. We also must remind our children that drugs are harmful to them and can lead to their early death, and not only from the drugs themselves. We must help our young people understand that they are at serious risk of becoming infected with HIV when they engage in illegal drug use. It is up to all of us to put an end to these twin epidemics.

In Ezekiel, Chapter 34, Verse 16, the Lord said: "I will seek that which was lost and bring again that which was driven away, and will strengthen that which was sick." This is the task before us all, and with God's help we shall succeed.

Sincerely,

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E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

14-Jan-1997 09:16am

TO: Dorothy K. Craft

FROM: Carmena Parris
 AIDS Policy Council

SUBJECT: 12/16/96 Request for Documents

Dorothy: This is in reply to your E-mail to Patsy on 1/13/97. If this request is in reference to the Dec. 16 memo from Jack Quinn, Patsy has already signed the form sent to her by Cheryl Mills and returned it to her on 1/6/97.

If this is another request please let me know ASAP. Thanks.

CP-
Please
respond to
DC

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

13-Jan-1997 11:15am

TO: (See Below)

FROM: Dorothy K. Craft
Domestic Policy Council

SUBJECT: Please Initial by COB Wednesday

Document Request from Counsel's Office

Please sign the Document Request form on the volunteer desk in 213 to confirm that you have searched your records related to individuals listed on this form. Counsel asks that each staff member confirm that he or she has searched all records created or received between Dec. 23, 1996 - Jan. 9, 1997 related to those listed. Please initial the form by COB Wednesday, Jan. 15. Thank you.

Distribution:

TO: Elena Kagan
TO: Jill Pizzuto
TO: Paul J. Weinstein, Jr
TO: Patsy Fleming
TO: Stephen C. Warnath
TO: Christopher C. Jennings
TO: Diana M. Fortuna
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TO: Pauline M. Abernathy
TO: Claudia M. Rayford-Williams

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**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

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December 19, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHERYL MILLS *[Signature]*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: 12/16/96 Request for Documents

This certification is in response to the memorandum from Jack Quinn, Counsel to the President regarding the 12/16/1996 Document Request. By signing this document, I am certifying that I directed all individuals in my office to search their files as well as the office's files. To the best of my knowledge, these files have been reviewed and all responsive documents have been provided.

Chief of Staff:

Leon E. Panetta
Chief of Staff

Counselor:

Thomas McLarty
Counselor to the President

Oval Office Operations:

Nancy Hernreich
Deputy Assistant/Director of Oval Operations

Strategic Planning and Comm:

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Cabinet Affairs:

Kathryn Higgins
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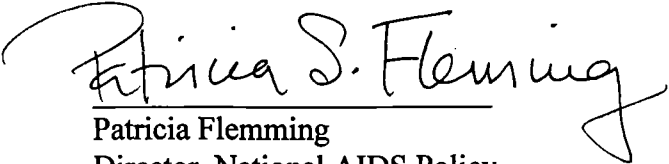
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Carol Rasco
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National AIDS Policy:



Patricia Flemming
Director, National AIDS Policy

National Economic Council:

Laura Tyson
Assistant to the President for Economic Policy

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Assistant to President/Director, Presidential Personnel

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Alexis M. Herman
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Stephanie Street/Anne Walley
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Staff Secretary:

Todd Stern
Assistant to the President/Staff Secretary

Records Management:

Terry Good
Director, Records Management

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WASHINGTON

January 9, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR: EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT STAFF

FROM: JACK QUINN, COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

John G. M. Well
for JQ

SUBJECT: Follow-up to December 16, 1996 Document Request

On December 16, 1996, we asked you to search for materials in response to requests we received from certain congressional committees and the Department of Justice. As a follow-up to this request, please conduct a thorough and complete search of ALL of your records that were created or received between **DECEMBER 23, 1996 - JANUARY 9, 1997** -- whether electronic, paper or any other form -- and provide any materials referencing or relating in any way to the following:

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Mochtar Riady

P. Kanchanalak

Pauline (or Pornpimol) Kanchanalak

Pauline (or Pornpimol) Parichattkul

Arief Wiriadinata

Soraya Wiriadinata

Yah Lin Trie (aka Charles ("Charlie") Yah Lin Trie)

Johnny Chien Chuen Chung (aka Johnny Chung)

Hashim Ning

Yogesh Gandhi

John Hoon Kyung Lee (aka John H.K. Lee, Lee Kyung Hoon or Kyung Hoon Lee)

Hogen Fukunaga

Yoshia Tanaka

George Psaltis

Hsing Yun (aka Shing Yun)

Tzu Jung (aka Su-Jen Wu)

Shih Hsin Kuang

Hsiao Pi-Hsia

Chu Lin Hsiu (aka Hsiu Chu Lin)

Jou Shen (aka Jou Sheng)

Man Ya Shih

Siuw Moi Lian

Mi Ryu Ahn

Gary Hsueh

Keshi Zhan

Xiping Wang

Yue F. Chu

Please include any documents referring or relating to visits to the White House by, or other activities of, any of the aforementioned individuals.

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Cheong Am America
K & L International
K & L International Partners, Inc.
Psaltis Corporation
Hip Hing Holdings, Ltd.
Automated Intelligent Systems, Inc.
Bang Chang Group
Bang Chang International
San Kin Yip International Trading Corp.

Please include in your search and production, to the extent you are aware, any parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, owners, employees, shareholders, agents, or assigns of the entities identified above.

Documents include, but are not limited to, memoranda, correspondence, notes, minutes from meetings, schedules, messages, appointment logs, telephone logs, telephone messages, photographs, and computer disks.

Please remember that you must maintain all original White House or Executive Office of the President documents, including documents that are responsive to this and previous document requests. In addition, please provide your documents in the manner in which they are maintained in your files.

Every employee is responsible for searching all of his or her files and records to ensure a comprehensive search. In the White House Office, the Office of Policy Development, and the Executive Residence, each Office head or Assistant to the President must certify that his or her staff has done a complete search. For all other Executive Office of the President (EOP) agencies or entities, the General Counsel must certify that all agency records have been provided.

All document must be provided by NOON ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1997 to Cheryl Mills, OEOB Room 128. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Mills (6-7900) or Karen Popp (6-7901).

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December 16, 1996

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MEMORANDUM FOR: EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT STAFF

FROM: JACK QUINN *[Signature]*
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Document Request

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We recognize that this request is, in some respects, duplicative of a prior document requests. To ensure a complete response, however, please provide all responsive documents -- even those you may have previously provided.

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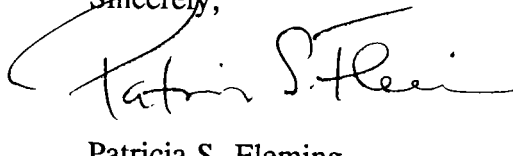
Mr. Douglas Doerner
18 Ryan Street
Festus, Missouri 63028

Dear Mr. Doerner:

President Clinton has asked that I respond to your E-mail regarding your family and AIDS. I think that you would really benefit from talking to someone who can help you with these issues.

Please contact the National AIDS Clearinghouse at 1-800-458-5231 or the CDC National AIDS Hotline at 1-800-342-AIDS, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. These two agencies will be able to provide you with information on the options and services available to your family. They will also be able to answer many of your questions.

Sincerely,

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Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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[Signature]
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EMAIL-ADDRESS: ballsy@ix.netcom.com
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 18 Ryan Street
CITY: Festus
STATE-PROVINCE: Missouri
ZIP-CODE: 63028
COUNTRY: United States

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Extend invitation to visit or speak
TOPIC: No Answer
AFFILIATION: No Answer
SUBJECT: My sister

[Message]

Dear Mr. President,
I was looking for your help. I am 17 and my little sister is
sick with aids and my mom died from it.

I was wondering if you could reply?

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**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

DEC 17 1996

The Honorable Mark D. Gearan
Director
The Peace Corp
1990 K Street, N.W. - Suite 8114
Washington, DC 20526

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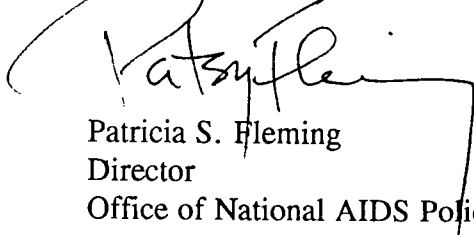
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Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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The Honorable Harris Wofford
Chief Executive Officer
Corporation for National Service
1201 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20525

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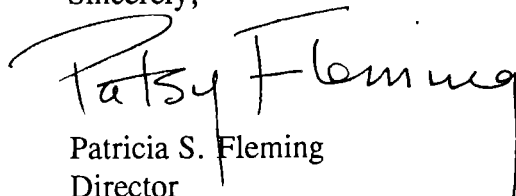
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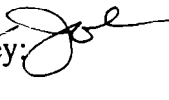
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Director
U.S. Information Agency
301 4th Street, S.W. - Suite 800
Washington, DC 20547

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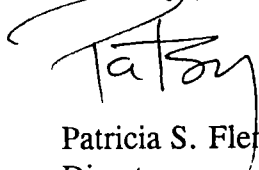
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Office of National AIDS Policy

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Have a wonderful
Holiday - Joe & Anne

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DEC 17 1996

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Administrator
U.S. Agency for International Development
320 21st Street, N.W. - Room 5942
Washington, DC 20523

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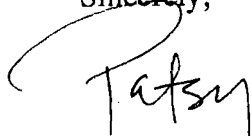
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Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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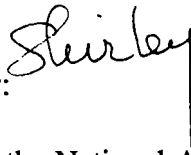
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Commissioner
Social Security Administration
6401 Security Boulevard, Suite 900
Altmeyer Building
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Merry Christmas!

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Director
Office of Personnel Management
1900 E. Street, N.W.
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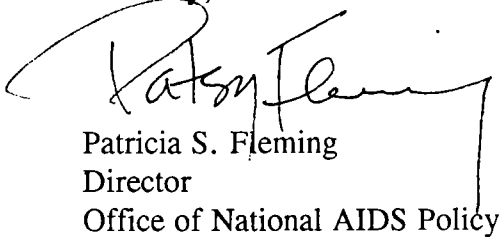
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Chairman
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
21801 L Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20507

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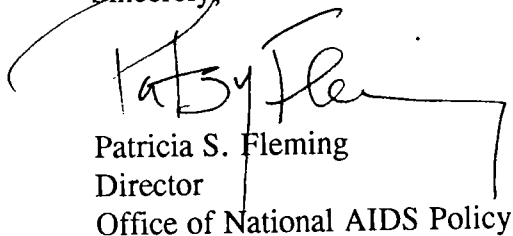
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Department of State
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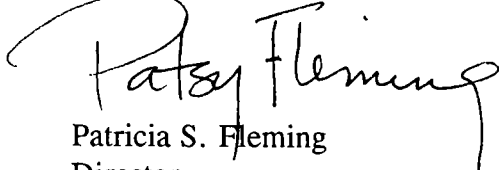
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Department of Veterans' Affairs
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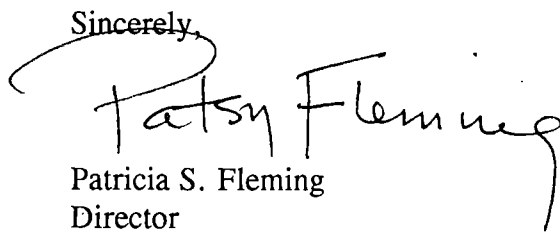
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Department of the Treasury
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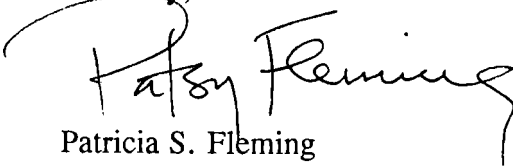
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Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
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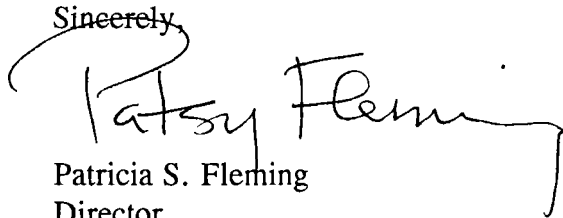
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The Attorney General
Department of Justice
Constitution Avenue and 10th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530

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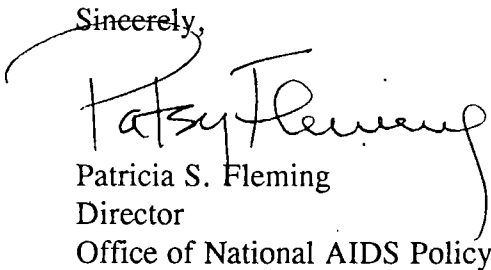
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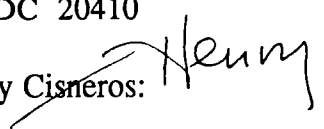
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Secretary
Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20410

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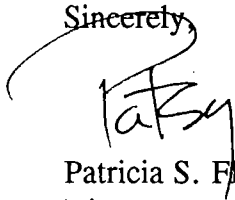
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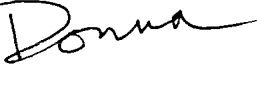
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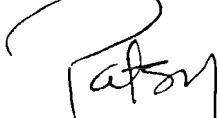
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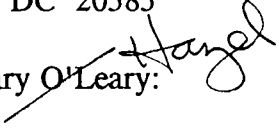
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Department of Energy
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Washington, DC 20585

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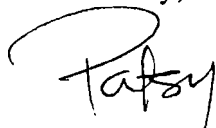
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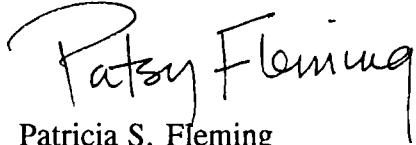
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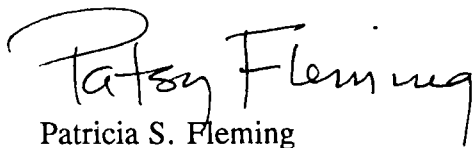
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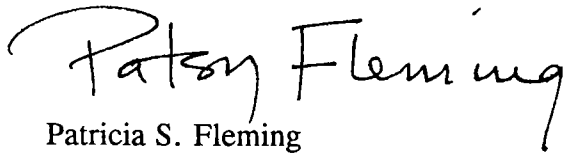
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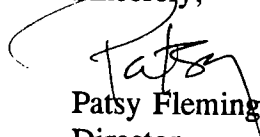
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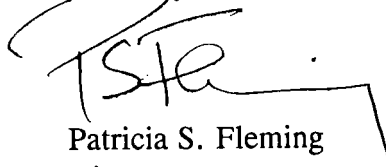
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I hope you will find the document helpful in your work.

Sincerely,

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Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

Enclosure

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Appendix H

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ON HIV AND AIDS**

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Draft Letter to Cabinet Members (N:\strategy.cab)

December 17, 1996

[name and address]

Dear Secretary ____:

Enclosed are two copies of the National AIDS Strategy, presented to the President today. This historic document is the first effort in the history of the AIDS epidemic to detail all that the Federal government is doing and to establish national goals for those efforts.

This Strategy is the product of nearly a year of work by dozens of Federal Agencies. I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to you and your staff for your assistance and cooperation in this effort.

The National AIDS Strategy establishes six central goals to guide the efforts of all Federal Agencies. They are:

- (1) To develop more effective treatments, a preventive vaccine to protect the uninfected, and a cure for those currently infected;
- (2) To reduce the number of new HIV infections in adults and children in the U.S. until the rate of new infections reaches zero;
- (3) To ensure that all people living with HIV have access to services, from health care to housing and supportive services, that are affordable, of high quality, and responsive to their needs;
- (4) To ensure that all people living with HIV are not subject to discrimination;
- (5) To provide strong, continuing support for international efforts to address the HIV epidemic; and,
- (6) To ensure that research advances are translated into improved HIV prevention programs and enhanced care for HIV-positive persons.

To achieve these goals will require a continued alliance of all relevant Federal Agencies, state and local governments, community-based organizations, business leaders, teachers, clergy, parents, and many others.

In these past four years, the Clinton Administration has done a great deal to advance the efforts to confront the AIDS epidemic on all fronts. Now, as a result of those efforts, we are seeing very real signs of progress and reasons for hope and optimism. Working together I know that we can eventually relegate this epidemic to the history books.

Thank you, again, for your support and assistance in this vital undertaking.

Sincerely,

Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

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December 19, 1996

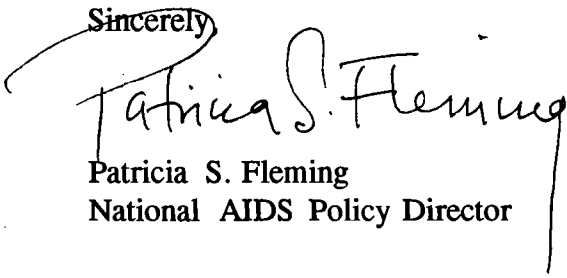
Greetings to all who are gathered with Tom Oosterhoudt at Casa Antigua for a holiday party for people who are living with AIDS.

This has been an especially promising year for people with AIDS and those who love them. New treatments are offering real reason for faith in the future and sharply increased funding is providing access to care to thousands of people who would otherwise have none.

Just two days ago, President Clinton released the first-ever National AIDS Strategy for our nation. It sets out six specific goals to guide his second term in office. At the top of that list is a cure for people who are living with HIV and AIDS. We will also be working to develop effective vaccines and better treatments for AIDS and reduce the number of new infections. And we will fight discrimination aimed against people with HIV and AIDS at every turn.

This is a season for joy and hope and each of you should take heart in the progress we have made. At the same time, each of us must reach out to our neighbors with love and support. I know the President and Mrs. Clinton join me in wishing each of you a joyful holiday season and a very happy new year.

Sincerely,


Patricia S. Fleming
National AIDS Policy Director



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Tom Oosterhoudt
December 18, 1996

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Patricia Fleming,

For the fourth year I am hosting the country's largest Christmas party for People Living With AIDS here at my home, "Casa Antigua", in Key West. Sadly, as AIDS population has risen, our party has gotten bigger each year with as many as 500 in attendance. Patsy, unlike Act-Up, most of us out here know how hard you have worked and how dedicated you have been to the cause, especially in procuring federal funding for the many AIDS necessities, from research to housing, especially sustaining the Ryan White Act. For all of this, we here out in the grass-roots, thank you!

Each year at Christmas you have been kind enough to fax us a message to read to the kids the night of the party. You wouldn't believe how much a message of hope at Christmas can mean, especially for many who may be facing their last Christmas ever. That's what makes our party so special. Even with the six new medications now used in AIDS treatment, most of us out here in the line of fire know that only about 20% of AIDS victims can take it effectively. Many are already way too sick for even the "cocktail" to do any good. So the research and effort at the top level must go on. That's why so many of us do appreciate your efforts. But needless to say it is important for those afflicted to hear it from your office at a White House level.

The party is at 6 p.m. tomorrow night here in Key West, Florida. My fax number is (305)292-9955 and my phone number is (305)296-3887. We would love to hear from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Tom Oosterhoudt'.

Attached: please see the message you sent us last year.