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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR DANIEL BURKHARDT

From: Todd A. Summers 
Deputy Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
(202) 456-2437

Date: April 9, 1999

Subject: **Correspondence from PACHA**

I am attaching two letters to the President from the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS. As always, we will be happy to work with your staff on developing appropriate responses.

PRESIDENTIAL

ADVISORY

COUNCIL ON

HIV/AIDS

April 8, 1999

**MEMORANDUM FOR SANDRA THURMAN,
DIRECTOR AND TODD SUMMERS, DEPUTY
DIRECTOR**

FROM: Daniel C. Montoya, Executive Director



RE: Letter to the President Addressing the Omnibus Appropriations
Bill of 1998

Attached is a letter to the President from the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS dated April 7, 1999. The letter addresses provisions of the Omnibus Appropriations Bill of 1998 and its potentially negative impact on government sponsored research. Please transmit this letter to the President.

Thank You.

PRESIDENTIAL

April 7, 1999

ADVISORY
COUNCIL ON
HIV/AIDS

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

As your Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, we bring to your attention our concern with two sentences in the Omnibus Appropriations Bill of 1998 which have a potentially tremendous negative impact on publicly funded HIV/AIDS research. These two sentences would allow individuals (and corporations) to use the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to gain access to researchers' raw data whenever the research is funded by a federal grant.

The language provides: "That the Director of the Office of Management and Budget amend... Section -.36 of OMB Circular A-1 10 to require Federal awarding agencies to ensure that all data produced under an award will be made available to the public through the procedures established under the Freedom of Information Act." A second sentence allows a "reasonable user fee" to be charged for the release of data. While the intent of this legislation in making information about this research available is laudable, the outcome could have detrimental effects.

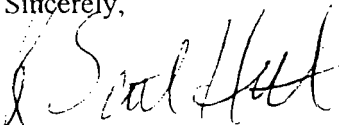
On January 6, Representative George Brown (D-CA), ranking Democrat on the House Science Committee, introduced H.R. 88 to repeal this provision, pointing out that the language as stands would require "the premature release of research results." Congressman Brown says his legislation would "protect researchers from harassment."

The Omnibus Appropriations language could have potentially serious and detrimental effects on all government sponsored research - including HIV/AIDS, by allowing:

- Early release of research data, which does not reflect the real and final truth;
- Mis-use of in accurate, partially completed research data;
- Potential for loss of subject confidentiality; and
- Potential loss of valuable time and effort on the part of researchers, who must devote energy to complying with this law, as opposed to performing the research for which funds were granted.

We urge you to support H.R. 88, and to support a similar repeal bill in the Senate.

Sincerely,



R. Scott Hitt, M.D.
Chair

cc: The Honorable George Brown
Sandra L. Thurman, Office of National AIDS Policy
Daniel Mendelson, Office of Management and Budget

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April 8, 1999

**MEMORANDUM FOR SANDRA THURMAN,
DIRECTOR AND TODD SUMMERS, DEPUTY
DIRECTOR**

FROM: Daniel C. Montoya, Executive Director 
RE: Letter to the President Addressing the "Early Treatment for
HIV Act of 1999"

Attached is a letter to the President from the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS dated April 7, 1999. The letter addresses the "Early Treatment for HIV Act of 1999." Please transmit this letter to the President.

Thank You.

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April 7, 1999

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

As your Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, we continue to be concerned by the large number of low-income Americans in the earlier stages of HIV disease who are unable to receive antiviral therapy and medical care because of current Medicaid eligibility restrictions.

We appreciate the hard work of the Health Care Financing Administration, the Office of National AIDS Policy, the Office of the Vice President, the Office of Management and Budget and others in the Administration to try to find ways to extend Medicaid coverage to such individuals within the constraints of a balanced budget agreement.

To assist in that effort, later this month Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Congressman Richard Gephardt, Senator Robert Torricelli, and other Members of Congress are preparing to introduce the "Early Treatment for HIV Act of 1999" in both the House and the Senate. This legislation would give states the option of providing Medicaid benefits to this population with full federal participation.

Mr. President, your active support of the "Early Treatment for HIV Act of 1999" could be tremendously helpful in achieving your laudable goal of expanding early access to treatment for low-income, uninsured individuals living with HIV disease.

Medicaid is the largest provider of health coverage to people with AIDS in this country. However, Medicaid eligibility policy has not caught up to current HIV treatment guidelines issued by government health experts more than eighteen months ago. These Public Health Service Guidelines recommend early medical care, and in many cases, the use of antiviral therapy in the earlier stages of HIV infection, before development of symptoms. Yet because Medicaid does not define such individuals as "disabled", many low-income, HIV-infected individuals are currently unable to receive HIV-related drugs and health care through the program.

Research released at the 12th World AIDS Conference in Geneva provides additional evidence that early therapy for individuals infected with HIV

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
April 7, 1999
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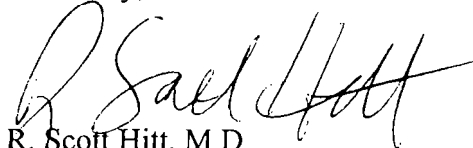
saves lives and is cost effective. A University of California San Francisco study found that, "expansion of the U.S. Medicaid system to provide wider access to combination antiretroviral therapy would prevent thousands of deaths and AIDS diagnoses, leading to 8,000 more years of life for persons with HIV" during just the next five-years.

In addition to preventing costly inpatient costs associated with treating HIV-related opportunistic infections, Medicaid expansion would also likely lead to substantial savings in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. Individuals receiving earlier therapy would more likely maintain their health; in many cases, continue working or return to work; and be less likely to require government disability benefits.

For both public health and fiscal reasons, passage of the "Early Treatment for HIV Act of 1999" makes good sense. Powerful new drugs have given many people with HIV infection renewed hope in fighting this disease. It is imperative that federal health care programs catch up with the newest standards set by our nation's health experts.

Thank you for your continuing attention to this important issue. We will appreciate your assistance with the passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Scott Hitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

R. Scott Hitt, M.D.
Chair

cc: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
The Honorable Richard Gephardt
The Honorable Robert Torricelli
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To: Sarah A. Bianchi/OVP@OVP

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Subject: DRAFT - NAACP Public Service Announcements on HIV/AIDS

DRAFT - Can I have your comments ASAP? Also routing suggestions (Sandy to Ron, or what?).

The NAACP is completing work on a series of public service announcements targeting HIV prevention messages at African Americans. Production and distribution of these PSAs is being supported by a variety of private corporate entities, and network and cable leaders have agreed to broadcast them.

We are interested in your considering the participation of the Vice President in a White House event at which these PSAs would be premiered, followed by a reception. This should occur in June. The date is flexible, although June 16th - 19th should be excluded (there is a national cable industry convention in Chicago).

Purpose

This event would provide the Vice President with an opportunity to support NAACP's efforts and to bring together representatives of the civil rights, entertainment, cable television, and HIV/AIDS communities. It would also be an excellent follow-up to the Vice President's comments to the NAACP at its last annual meeting in Atlanta.

Background

AIDS remains the leading cause of death for African Americans between ages 25 and 44, with an increasing number of new infections in that community. As you know, the Administration joined the Congressional Black Caucus and other Congressional leaders last fall (10/18/98) in announcing a new initiative to address HIV/AIDS in racial and ethnic communities. AIDS is also one of the six diseases included in the Administration's Race and Health Disparities Initiative.

Description of Event

We would propose a brief ceremony in Presidential Hall at which the Vice President would commend the NAACP for its leadership, express the Administration's continued commitment to addressing HIV/AIDS in the African American community, and highlight this excellent example of public/private partnership. Immediately following would be a screening of the public service announcements.

After the formal event, the Vice President could join the NAACP and others in hosting an event in the Indian Treaty Room. This would provide an informal opportunity for the Vice President to meet with the guests, and reinforce his personal commitment to addressing the needs of African Americans.

Invitees

Invitees to this event would include leadership from the NAACP (Mfume and Bond), other civil rights leaders, congressional leaders, CEOs of the sponsoring corporations, and AIDS advocates.

Concurrence

Administration members concurring with this request include Maria Echaveste, Minyon Moore, Ben Johnson, and Marsha Scott.

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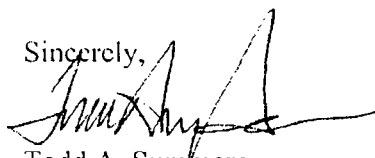
Carol Ganot
Diplomatic Travel
1111 19th Street N.W Rm 350
Washington D.C.
20036

Dear Carol:

I am writing to request the issuance of an official passport prior to my departure for Paris on Sunday April 11, 1999. The relevant information is provided below and I have enclosed a copy of the travel authorization if you need additional information. Thank you.

- ▶ **Destination:** Paris, France
- ▶ **Departure from United States:** Sunday April 11, 1999
- ▶ **Return to United States:** Wednesday April 14, 1999
- ▶ **D.O.B.:** (b)(6)
- ▶ **Social Security #:**

Sincerely,



Todd A. Summers
Deputy Director