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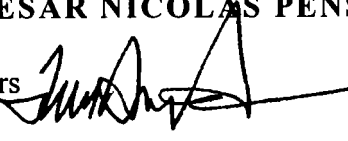
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MEMORANDUM FOR CÉSAR NICOLÁS PENSON

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

Date: June 17, 1999

Subject: **NonImmigrant Visa for Lissette Mendoza Soto**

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Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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MEMORANDUM FOR PACHA MEMBERS

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

Date: June 16, 1999

Subject: **CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS ANNOUNCEMENT**

HHS is announcing the selection of cities to receive Crisis Response Teams, a component of the CBC initiative on HIV/AIDS in racial and ethnic minorities.

For your information, we are sending along a copy of the HHS press release and fact sheet. If you have any questions, please give me a call!

HHS NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Wednesday, June 16, 1999

Contact: HHS Press Office
(202) 690-6343

HHS ANNOUNCES THREE SITES FOR SPECIAL CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS TO BATTLE HIV/AIDS IN MINORITY COMMUNITIES

HHS Secretary Donna E. Shalala today announced that Detroit, Philadelphia and Miami will be the first of 11 U.S. metropolitan areas to receive special technical assistance from federal teams of experts to help combat the spread of HIV/AIDS among racial and ethnic minority populations.

Beginning this month, HHS will send special teams of experts known as Crisis Response Teams into the three cities for eight to 10 weeks. The Crisis Response Teams will meet with local officials, public health personnel and community-based organizations that work with racial and ethnic minority persons living with HIV/AIDS and help them develop targeted strategies to curb the rapid spread of HIV/AIDS among minority populations in their communities.

"We're going into these communities at their invitation as partners to offer our assistance and expertise," said Secretary Shalala. "Our interest is in helping people who are already getting good results in tough situations do even better. Further targeting our interventions could save lives."

This effort is part of an HHS joint venture with the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and other members of Congress to combat the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS in African-American, Hispanic and other racial and ethnic minority communities. In October 1998, the Clinton Administration committed \$156 million in additional resources to combat HIV/AIDS in racial and ethnic minority communities hardest hit by this disease. Crisis Response Teams are an integral part of that effort.

"Each community is different. But the vast experience among Crisis Response Team members in dealing with HIV/AIDS at the local level should help the various communities identify challenges and tap into their own unique resources," said Surgeon General David Satcher. "Together, we can target the best approach for reaching their respective minority groups who have HIV/AIDS."

HHS targeted cities with the largest minority populations affected by HIV/AIDS. To be eligible for this assistance, cities had to have populations of at least 500,000 persons and at least 1,500 African-American or Hispanic persons living with HIV/AIDS. Also, these minority groups had to account for at least 50 percent of the community's HIV/AIDS cases. Once a city qualified under these criteria, the chief elected official in that community had to request that HHS dispatch a Crisis Response Team.

Other communities currently scheduled to receive help from Crisis Response Teams include Atlanta; Baltimore; Chicago; Los Angeles; New Haven/Bridgeport/Danbury/Waterbury, Conn.; Newark, N.J.; Washington, D.C.; and West Palm Beach/Boca Raton, Fla.

The teams' overall goal is to reduce HIV/AIDS morbidity and mortality among minorities. Following their intensive work with each locality, the teams will work in partnership with the local community to produce a final report with an assessment of the local epidemic among minorities, including endemic local challenges and targeted strategic advice in the form of an action plan.

Crisis Response Teams will be comprised of experts from HHS' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Health Resources and Services Administration, the National Institutes of Health, and the HHS Office of HIV/AIDS Policy.

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Note: HHS press releases are available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.hhs.gov>.

HHS FACT SHEET

June 16, 1999

Contact: HHS Press Office
(202) 690-6343

HHS: Addressing HIV/AIDS Among Urban Minority Communities

Overview: On October 28, 1998, President Clinton, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Donna E. Shalala and Surgeon General David Satcher unveiled a strategy to enhance federal efforts to fight HIV/AIDS in America's urban minority communities in response to the worsening, disproportionate impact of the disease in these populations. The strategy unveiled at the White House with the Congressional Black Caucus and other members of Congress focused on a special \$156 million package woven into the existing FY 1999 budget for these efforts.

An integral part of the strategy includes HHS employing a form of technical assistance called Crisis Response Teams. These multidisciplinary teams will go into individual communities where racial and ethnic minority populations are hardest hit by HIV/AIDS. The teams will work as partners with local officials, public health personnel and minority community-based organizations to help them address their minority HIV/AIDS situation and develop new strategies to increase the effectiveness of their prevention and treatment efforts to reduce HIV/AIDS.

Experts helping experts

In many cases, local communities have found ways to address the HIV/AIDS problem at large, but targeting issues specific to minority populations can be particularly challenging. Crisis Response Teams are being formed with experts from HHS' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the HHS Office of HIV/AIDS Policy. They will offer external perspective and expertise.

Each community is required to form a Community Advisory Committee to work in tandem with the Crisis Response Team. The advisory committee will be comprised of representatives from local policy and planning bodies, leaders of community-based organizations that work with indigenous minority populations, community representatives, and local persons living with HIV/AIDS who are representative of the disease's demographics in minority communities.

HHS estimates that in most instances, the process can be completed -- from initial consultation with local elected leadership to submission of an action plan and final report -- within 10 weeks. Communities will incur no cost for the Crisis Response Team's assistance; however, a city's participation in this technical assistance initiative will not result in any additional federal funding for their local HIV/AIDS-related programs.

HHS will provide training and expert professional technical assistance with existing personnel and will cover the cost of field data collection operations, estimated at \$24,000 per community. The HHS agencies with key roles in HIV/AIDS programs or services will share this expense.

Targeting Communities Hardest Hit

HHS determined 16 communities that had large minority populations affected by HIV/AIDS were eligible for this assistance. The three inaugural sites for Crisis Response Teams are Detroit, Miami and Philadelphia.

The teams will visit several of the remaining eligible communities by early 2000. They include: Atlanta; Baltimore; Chicago; Los Angeles; Newark, N.J.; New Haven/Bridgeport/Danbury/Waterbury, Conn.; Washington, D.C.; and West Palm Beach/Boca Raton, Fla.

Additionally, Ft. Lauderdale, Houston, New York City, Jersey City, N.J. and San Juan, Puerto Rico were deemed eligible but have not yet requested HHS assistance. It is possible that similar types of assistance may be extended to other communities at a later date.

Evaluating the Severity of the Situations

The eligibility criteria used to determine which cities qualified for this Rapid Assessment and Response technical assistance included:

- Populations of at least 500,000 persons;
- At least 1,500 African-American or Latino persons (combined) living with HIV/AIDS;
- and African-American and Hispanics accounting for at least 50 percent of the total community HIV/AIDS cases.

Once qualified, the chief elected official in that community had to request that HHS dispatch a Crisis Response Team.

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Jairo Pedraza

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Dr. Guerrero,

Please find attached a copy of correspondence sent to the Consular Office in the DR in reference to Ms. Mendoza. In addition, the State Dept. has called down and is separately sending a copy of my letter.

Ms. Mendoza should go to Window #6 at the Consular office tomorrow morning before 10:00 am and bring with her all relevant documentation (including her passport, invitation letter, etc.). They should be expecting her and have offered to expedite her interview if at all possible. If I hear directly from the Consular office I will pass that along.

Please let me know via email if there is anything else that I can do (tsummers@opd.eop.gov).

Thank you,

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Dennis P. Whalen

Executive Deputy Commissioner

June 10, 1999

Ms. Lissette Mendoza

President

Red Dominicana de Personas Viviendo con VIH/SIDA (REDOVIH+)

Santo Domingo, Republica Dominicana

Dear Ms. Mendoza:

The New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute promotes, protects and advocates for health through science, HIV prevention and assurance of access to a coordinated system of quality health care and support services for Persons with HIV/AIDS (PWHA). Our vision is to prevent HIV infection and to improve the quality of life of those infected and affected by HIV through a collaborative, coordinated approach focusing on individuals, families and communities. The AIDS Institute believes that policy and program design should reflect input from a broad range of people affected by HIV/AIDS, including PWHA and affected by HIV and the health care practitioners who provide direct care and administer programs.

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I am writing to invite you attend the conference and to speak during one of our International workshops on Wednesday, June 23, 1999 from 10:15AM - 11:45AM. The workshop is entitled **Perspectives from People Living With HIV/AIDS in Developing Countries** (please see attached draft conference program describing the workshop). The AIDS Institute will cover the cost of conference registration, round trip airfare to and from New York City to Albany, NY along with meals and lodging during the conference.

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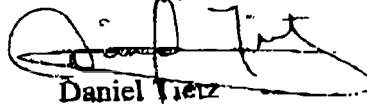
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If you have any questions regarding this matter or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at (518)473-2903.

Sincerely,



Daniel Tietz
Consumer Advocate
Division of HIV Health Care
AIDS Institute
New York State Department of Health

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El Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo (PNUD) en la República Dominicana saluda muy atentamente al Honorable Consulado General de los Estados Unidos de América en el país, en ocasión de solicitar se digne emitir visa de visitante para la LIC. LISSETTE MENDOZA SOTO, Voluntaria Nacional de las Naciones Unidas (VNU) y Consultora del Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el VIH/SIDA (ONUSIDA) en el país. La Sra. Mendoza Soto ha sido invitada por el Departamento de Salud del Estado de Nueva York para participar en el taller *Perspectives from People Living with HIV/AIDS in Developing Countries*, que se celebrará en Albany, N.Y. del 21 al 23 de junio de 1999. Los gastos de viaje y estadía de la Lic. Mendoza serán cubiertos por los organizadores del evento y por el proyecto de SIDA de la Agencia para el Desarrollo Internacional (USAID).

Anexamos el pasaporte dominicano No. 1314780 de la señora Mendoza Soto.

El Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo (PNUD) aprovecha la ocasión para reiterar al Honorable Consulado General de los Estados Unidos de América, los sentimientos de la más alta y distinguida consideración.



Santo Domingo, D.N.



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To: Todd Summers, AIDS Policy
The White House

Subject: Letter of Invitation to Lisette Mendoza

Date: June 17, 1999

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Jairo Pedraza has asked that we forward Lisette Mendoza's letter of invitation to you. Any assistance you could provide will be greatly appreciated. The Visa must be processed today to insure Ms. Mendoza's participation at the New York State Consumer/Provider Conference, June 21 - 23, 1999.

From the desk of

Mary Rose Ketzer

New York State Department of Health
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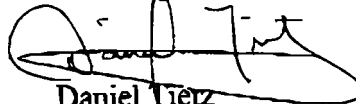
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Daniel Tierz

Consumer Advocate

Division of HIV Health Care

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June 3, 1999

Mr. Robert Silverstein
Political/Economic Officer
American Consulate
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RE: Application of Waiver by Mr. Ashok Pillai

Dear Mr. Silverstein:

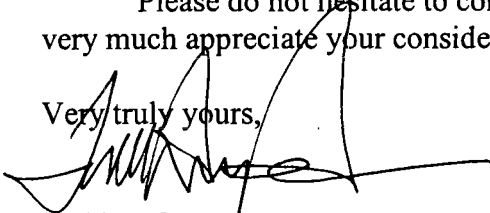
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Our hope is that Mr. Pillai can attend the conference and spend some additional time here in Washington meeting with other government officials to share his knowledge of the AIDS epidemic in India.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 456-2444 if you have any questions. We very much appreciate your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Todd A. Summers
Deputy Director
Office of National AIDS Policy



Ron MacInnis <RMACINNIS@globalhealth.org>

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Subject: Consular letter for Ashok

Hi Todd,

Thank you for helping on this. You're a sweet man (but I won't tell anyone).

Have a great day! (By the way, someone tells me you have a birthday coming up - I didn't know you were a Gemini like myself!) Helen Cornman has a b-day sometime soon - did you know she's pregnant?

Cheers,

Ron

415-554-0545

Mr. Robert Silverstein
Political/Economic Officer
American Consulate
Madras
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FAX NO: 91-44-825-0240

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: HIV Waiver for Mr. Ashok Pillai from Madras, India

It is my privilege to write to you on behalf of Global Health Council. As you may be aware, the Global Health Council's 26th Annual Conference is being held in Arlington, VA between June 20-22, 1999. The theme of this year's conference is Global Health, Poverty and Development. Distinguished dignitaries such as former President Jimmy Carter, WHO Director General Dr. Gro Brundtland, Prime Minister of Mozambique, Dr. Pascal Mocumbi are attending this conference.

It was brought to my kind attention by Mr. Ashok Pillai, one of the CDC Scholarship recipient for Global Health Council's conference from India,

that you are considering him for HIV waiver for his U.S Visa. We appreciate your kind gesture and your commitment towards global health and solidarity. I would like to inform you that Mr. Ashok Pillai is one of the very few people from India, who is professionally qualified and HIV Positive, and open about his HIV status and working towards HIV/AIDS policies, prevention and care issues both domestically as well as with an international focus. He is one of the founding members of a major network on HIV in India called " Indian Network of People with HIV/AIDS" (INP). This network has many collaboration with USAID and other U.S funded projects. Mr. Ashok Pillai and INP are working closely with many organization in United States and other parts of the world. Mr. Ashok Pillai has also represented India and Asia in other parts of the world at conferences and special events.

It is important that Mr. Pillai attend this conference, he will be able to bring an Asian/Indian perspective of life after HIV infection, which will be unique for the audience attending the conference from different parts of the world. It will definitely be enriching and rewarding for the global health community and it will empower him and motivate him further towards HIV issues in India.

From the conversations we had with him, and our long collaborations, we have come to an understanding that he is NOT intending to stay in United States of America except for the conference. We would be extremely grateful if you could assist his participation by an HIV waiver and a short term visa to enter into the United States.

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ron MacInnis
Global AIDS Program

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to: Mr. Todd A. Summers – Deputy Director,
Office of National AIDS Policy

Fax #: 001-202-456-2438

From: Robert Silberstein – Pol/Econ Officer

Date: Friday, June 04, 1999

Subject: Visa Waiver request for Ashok Pillai

Dear Mr. Summers:

Thank you for your fax of June 3 regarding the application of Ashok Pillai to attend the Global Health Conference.

I was introduced to Mr. Pillai by mutual NGO contacts working on the HIV/AIDS pandemic. After meeting Mr. Pillai, I found him to be a sensitive young man involved in community outreach in a conservative local environment, which, unfortunately, often makes NGO work in this critical field difficult and stigmatized.

As you fully appreciate, a decision to grant Mr. Pillai a visa is made by the Consulate's visa officers, in accordance with U.S. law. In this regard, Mr. Pillai has two hurdles to overcome. First, all applicants for non-immigrant visas must demonstrate to the interviewing consular officer strong ties to their home country. Secondly, as I discussed with Mr. Pillai, because of his HIV-positive status, a visa waiver is required for his entry into the United States. I am pleased to inform you that the waiver process has been initiated today by the Consulate visa staff.

I depart Chennai on paternity leave June 8. The appropriate follow-on point of contact in Chennai is Mr. Alejandro Baez, our Non-Immigrant Visa Section Chief. Mr. Baez can be reached at the fax number found above or via e-mail at: baezah@state.gov. You can rest assured, however, that Mr. Pillai will receive every possible consideration available to the Consulate.

Sincerely,


Rob Silberstein

U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL -- CHENNAI

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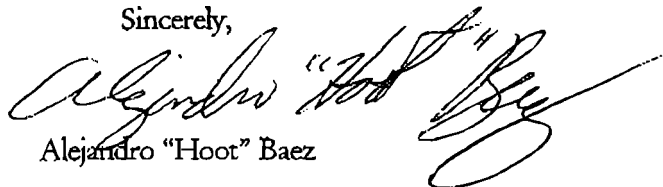
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Dear Mr. Summers:

I just wanted to update you on this case. I faxed a copy of the waiver request to INS New Delhi yesterday. This morning I received a fax back from them in which they concurred with our request. I have attached copies.

Mr. Pillai is currently in Europe attending a conference. When he returns later in the week, I will call him in for an interview. If you have any further questions, you can reach me on email at BAEZAHI@state.gov.

Sincerely,



Alejandro "Hoot" Baez

Acting Chief of the Consular Section

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Visa Review Officer
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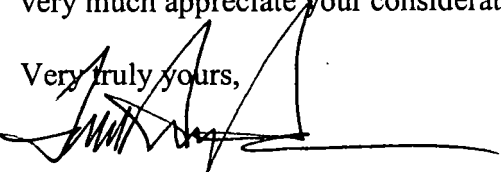
It is my understanding that Mr. Ashok Pillai has applied for a visa to attend a conference in Arlington, VA in late June. I also understand that the US Consulate has requested that you provide a waiver for admission because Mr. Pillai is HIV-positive.

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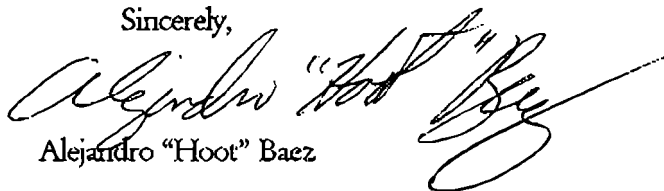
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Dear Mr. Summers:

I just wanted to update you on this case. I faxed a copy of the waiver request to INS New Delhi yesterday. This morning I received a fax back from them in which they concurred with our request. I have attached copies.

Mr. Pillai is currently in Europe attending a conference. When he returns later in the week, I will call him in for an interview. If you have any further questions, you can reach me on email at BAEZA@state.gov.

Sincerely,



Alejandro "Hoot" Baez

Acting Chief of the Consular Section