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December 29, 1999

Mr. James Gibson
Edison City Councilman
155 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Edison, Georgia 31746

Dear James:

Thank you for your kind letter requesting information on my Administration's AIDS education programs. I regret that I was unable to respond sooner.

As you know, educating the public about the dangers of HIV/AIDS is a top priority of my Administration. I encourage you to contact the Centers for Disease Control's Office of HIV/AIDS Prevention at (404) 639-5200 for the latest information regarding the eligibility of civic organizations for AIDS education programs. You can also refer to their Web site at www.cdc.gov or the Web site of the National Prevention Information Network at www.cdcpin.org.

Thank you for contacting me. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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November 29, 1999

Mr. B. Thomas Henderson
4106 Bradwood Road
Austin, Texas 78722

Dear Tom:

Thanks for your letter of November 8. It was great speaking with you recently, and I'm glad to hear you're feeling better. It is with regret that I accept your decision to resign at the end of your current term from the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.

During the past four years, you have served with dedication, conviction, and compassion, and I truly appreciate all you have done. I have valued your role in my Administration's efforts to respond aggressively to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, and I am especially grateful for your work on behalf of minorities, women, and young people. You can take great pride in knowing that your willingness to share your time, talent, and experience to help us end this terrible epidemic has truly made a difference.

I am pleased that you are continuing your work the Environmental Protection Agency, and Hillary and I send our best wishes to you and Mike for every future success.

BILL CLINTON

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PRESIDENT TO SIGN

October 12, 1999

Mr. Tom Henderson
4106 Bradwood Road
Austin, Texas 78722

Dear Tom:

Sean Maloney passed along to me your card and the *New York Times* article. I know you feel strongly about this, and I want you to know that I will keep working on it. Recently, we announced new guidelines that will require troops in the military to receive anti-harassment training at every level of service throughout their careers. These guidelines also require that inquiries into the sexual orientation of soldiers be handled at senior levels of the military justice system by well-trained investigators. In addition, last week we made some overdue changes to the Manual for Courts-Martial.

I hope you are enjoying your new position with the Environmental Protection Agency. I'm sorry I missed you when we were both in California recently. It sounds like you had a good time.

Sincerely,

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October 15, 1999

The Reverend Leon Howard Sullivan
Suite 260
5040 East Shea Boulevard
Phoenix, Arizona 85254

Dear Reverend Sullivan:

Happy Birthday! Hillary and I
send our very best wishes for health
and happiness in the coming year.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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October 25, 1999

The Honorable Richard M. Daley
Mayor of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Richard:

Thank you for your letters about Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program funds for Illinois and the Ryan White CARE Act. I'm sorry that I was unable to respond sooner.

On August 3, I was pleased to announce the release of an extra \$55 million in emergency funds for energy assistance in nine states. Illinois was slated to receive nearly \$16 million of these emergency funds, allowing the state to help low-income individuals pay their home energy bills.

Since the start of my Administration, we've increased total funding for the Ryan White CARE Act by 290 percent, while funding for Title I has increased by more than 170 percent. As you know, these grants serve low-income individuals and families in 50 eligible metropolitan areas hardest hit by the AIDS epidemic. They include special funds targeting African-Americans and other racial and ethnic minorities.

Be assured that I remain committed to responding to the needs of those already living with HIV and AIDS. We must all work together to stop this deadly disease, and I will take all measures within my authority to achieve that end. My Administration will continue to work with Congress to take new steps in the fight against HIV/AIDS, including passing a strong and enforceable patients' bill of rights. Recently, I announced that we will host a White House conference on vaccine development which will encourage public/private partnerships to develop a vaccine for HIV/AIDS.

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I am particularly grateful for your work in and around the city of Chicago to address the public health needs of HIV and AIDS, and I've shared your letter with Sandra Thurman, Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy, as well as with members of my staff in the Office of Management and Budget, who are reviewing budget requests for fiscal 2000. As we work to address these important issues, I look forward to your continued leadership and support.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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cc: Todd Summers, 736, Jackson Place
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cc: Barbara Hunt, IGA
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cc: Tracy Sisser, 97

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October 27, 1999

His Excellency Desmond Tutu
1212 Clifton Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30307

Dear Archbishop Tutu:

Hillary and I were so sorry to learn that you recently underwent surgery, but we're happy to know that you are now recuperating. We hope that you will feel stronger each day and that you're well on your way to recovery. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers and send our best wishes to Leah and your family.

Sincerely,

BILL

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August 16, 1999

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20500-0001**RE: FY 2000 District of Columbia Appropriations Bill – Needle Exchange Restriction**

Dear President Clinton:

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation strongly encourages you to veto the FY 2000 District of Columbia (D.C.) Appropriations bill if it continues to restrict local efforts to support needle exchange programs. As one of the leading community-based AIDS service organizations in California, we understand the devastating impact these restrictions have already had on the District's ability to prevent new HIV infections. We are also deeply concerned about the potential attachment of the D.C. restriction, or some equally dangerous language, to the Labor/HHS Appropriations bill later this year. Mr. President, we encourage you to stand by your veto threat and to uphold the tenets of local control which are so egregiously undermined in this legislation.

California has been a leader in the effort to prevent HIV infections through needle exchange programs, and is now the home of the nation's largest exchange program, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation's HIV Prevention Project (SFAF/HPP). Each year, SFAF/HPP, exchanges nearly 2.1 million syringes on a one-for-one basis with an estimated 5,000 injection drug users in an effort to keep them, their partners and children free of HIV. Studies have shown that cities that started needle exchange programs early in the AIDS epidemic have much lower infection rates among injection drug users than cities that waited to begin programs or resisted implementing them.

Mr. President, we urge you to ensure that the citizens of the District of Columbia may continue to support needle exchange programs, if they so choose. Last year, Congress violated one of the basic tenants of local control by removing the District's ability to use its own locally raised tax dollars to support needle exchange programs. Congress even went so far as to hold federal dollars hostage if agencies utilized privately raised dollars to support these programs. We hope that you will not allow this situation to continue. The District has one of the highest HIV rates among IDUs in the country and it is unconscionable for Congress to restrict local public health officials from utilizing one of

President Clinton
Needle Exchange Ban
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the best tools available to prevent the spread of HIV and other blood-borne illnesses.

The Foundation is also extremely concerned that by allowing such restrictions to be maintained, the Administration will open the door to other restrictive policies being forced on states and municipalities that currently operate needle exchange programs. Legislation to enact just such restrictions, Senate Bill 227 and House Resolution 982, have already been introduced and pose an incredible threat to the sound HIV prevention efforts of public health and community-based organizations in the State of California.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns regarding this important topic.

Sincerely,



Regina Aragón
Public Policy Director

cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi
Sandra Thurman, Office of National AIDS Policy
Todd Summer, Office of National AIDS Policy
Jack Lew, Office of Management and Budget
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To: *Todd Summers*

Fax Number: *202-456-2438*

From: Elray Hobbs
Policy Assistant

RE: Needle Exchange Ban Letter to President Clinton

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GLOBAL HEALTH COUNCIL

May 24, 1999

President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

We write to urge you to take bold action to **increase America's response to the global spread of HIV**. We do so upon learning that the breadth of this problem has recently been brought to your personal attention as a result of your national AIDS policy director's fact-finding trip to southern Africa.

It is our hope that you will act immediately in light of the significant global worsening of this pandemic since you took office.

- Since 1993, the number of people infected with HIV worldwide has grown 300% -- from 14,000,000 to over 47,000,000. *HIV now kills more people annually than any other infectious disease in the world.*
- Since 1993, Africa has been devastated by the spread of HIV. In the Republic of South Africa, for example, 4% of pregnant women were infected in 1993. Now nearly 20% of pregnant women are infected with HIV nationwide, and in some provinces the figure rises above 35%. In rural areas of East Africa, 40% of children under the age of 15 have been orphaned by HIV.
- Since 1993, Asia has undergone a devastating spread of HIV, with whole nations that previously had little virus now reporting millions of cases. For example, India (which had virtually no cases in 1993) now has between 5 to 10 million infected people, and in some states we are seeing that 2% of pregnant women infected.
- The number of HIV infections in Eastern Europe has increased nine-fold in just three years, growing from less than 30,000 HIV infections in 1995 to an estimated 270,000 infections by December 1998.

In short, Mr. President, since 1993, we have witnessed the greatest development disaster in modern history: the explosive growth of HIV around the world and the death of tens of millions of people from this disease.

Address to: Dr. Nils Daulaire (President and CEO, Global Health Council)

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This emergency demands an aggressive response not only for humanitarian reasons, but also to protect our nation's goals for global economic growth and political stability. In 1995 alone, experts estimated that the global economy had already lost 500 billion dollars due to HIV. The onslaught is having a serious effect on the long-term economic viability of many countries, decimating a limited pool of skilled workers and devastating health systems.

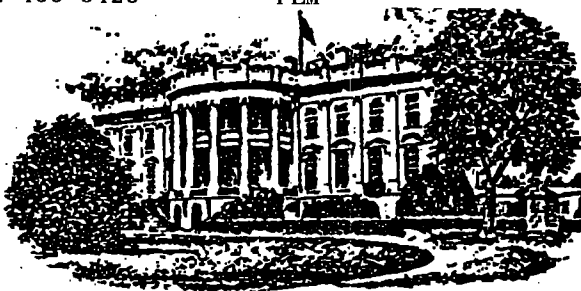
We are deeply concerned that the administration has essentially straightlined funding for global AIDS programs in your budget proposal to Congress. In a time when HIV/AIDS is ravaging the world, eliminating entire communities, severely undermining economies and destabilizing militaries, **your administration's FY 2000 budget request included no increase for USAID health programs**, and chose not to continue a \$10 million emergency program for AIDS-affected children.

Mr. President, don't let this be your legacy on the global AIDS pandemic. We appeal to you to take bold action to strengthen our nation's response to AIDS. Specifically we urge you to:

- Increase funding for international AIDS and other health programs. We urge that you seek major increases for global AIDS programs immediately. These funds should be new money, not diverted from other development programs and they should be targeted to reach community groups in nations most at risk. These funds should be over and above the current level of funding in the 150 account. It does no good to rob Peter to pay Paul.
- Direct the Agency for International Development, the Department of State, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Defense to immediately prioritize AIDS and related health programs, and to identify new and bold actions they will undertake jointly to expand their program activity. Lack of funding makes it very difficult for agencies to prioritize areas that are of great importance to the epidemic at this time, such as effective preventive strategies, vaccine development, and care for those affected.
- Launch a major White House initiative on global AIDS by convening a high level international meeting on the pandemic. This could take the form of an "AIDS Summit," as was held in 1994 in Paris, an AIDS-specific meeting of the G-8, or other high visibility event. The purpose would be to inform other nations that the US is committed to addressing HIV as a top global security issue.

Mr. President, time is short. Within the next decade, the cumulative number of HIV infections is projected to exceed 100 million by 2007. AIDS orphans are projected to exceed 40 million children by the year 2010.

We greatly appreciate your past role as a great champion on domestic AIDS funding. We challenge you to champion global AIDS funding as well. There is still time to alter the horrific projections of the spread of HIV in the next century. **We implore you to act now and to act boldly.**



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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PER YOUR REQUEST

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Global Health Council
c/o Dr. Nils Daulaire, President and CEO
Suite 600
1701 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006-1503

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your letter regarding my Administration's efforts to combat HIV and AIDS. I appreciate learning your distinguished views on fighting this devastating disease, and I commend you for all the work you've done.

As you know, battling the effects of AIDS and working on a cure for HIV has been a vital focus of my Administration. Last December, my Administration released the first-ever National AIDS Strategy, laying out a vital set of long-term goals to put an end to this epidemic, and a series of short-term steps we will be taking in the months ahead to move us in the right direction. I am confident we can do this while protecting the needs of our most vulnerable citizens -- providing hope and comfort for those living with this terrible disease.

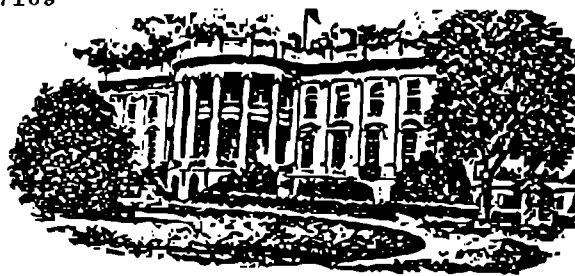
As you are well aware, entire communities around the world are threatened by this epidemic, and AIDS hits hardest in areas where knowledge of the disease is scarce and poverty is high. Our response to this global threat must be a collaborative one, bringing together governments and communities in a shared effort to expand prevention efforts, raise awareness among young people, increase access to lifesaving therapies, and ensure that those living with HIV and AIDS receive the care and

services they need.

Be assured that my commitment to ending the worldwide spread of HIV/AIDS -- and to responding to the needs of those already living with the disease -- remains firm. We must all work together to stop this deadly disease. As we continue working together to find a cure, I am grateful for all the work you have done and am glad to know I can count on your help.

Sincerely,

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FAX: x 6-2438[X] INCOMING LETTER(S) FROM: Gov. Glendening and NORA
RE: Surveillance systems and needle exchange

[] FOR YOUR REVIEW

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[] PER YOUR REQUEST

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

I don't know if you would be the appropriate person to help me answer the Glendening letter or not, but - of course - it has ~~the~~ higher priority of the two. Thanks so much for all your great help!

Good Michael

STATE OF MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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PARRIS N. GLENDENING
GOVERNOR

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June 1, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President
The White House
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Center for Disease Control's (CDC) plan to issue guidelines recommending that all states adopt a name-based HIV surveillance system concerns me greatly. While I fully support the development of HIV surveillance systems to more accurately track the scope of the HIV epidemic, the CDC should not attempt to limit states by implementing only name-based systems. As Governor of a State whose law requires a non-name based surveillance system, I request that CDC promote a more balanced approach.

In the past three years, Maryland has implemented a non-name based surveillance system. This was done in response to legislation considered and passed by the Maryland state legislature (Health General §18-205, Laboratory Examination Reports). Our Health Department has worked to implement, evaluate and improve our system. The current HIV surveillance system, by unique identifier, has provided the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene with sufficient information to effectively conduct disease surveillance, identify new demographic trends, and appropriately target prevention efforts and limited health resources. Maryland has implemented its system without financial support from the CDC although the Department has requested to use funds from Maryland's surveillance cooperative agreement, including unspent funds.

Maryland and other State public health officials should be allowed to choose an HIV surveillance system based on the needs of our communities. State self-determination has long been the hallmark of our nation's public health efforts and disease surveillance strategies, and has been traditionally supported by the CDC. I request that any CDC guidelines offer support and flexibility to develop HIV surveillance systems with specific outcome objectives,

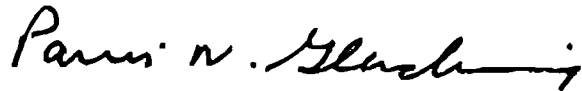
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The Honorable William J. Clinton
President
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whether employing name or non-name based systems, in keeping with State self-determination and autonomy. Federal resources should be distributed in support of a range of state-determined surveillance systems that can reach a set of prescribed objectives.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or have your staff contact my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 624-1430.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Parris N. Glendening". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

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TO
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May 29, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We, as the Co-Chairs of the National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA) coalition, are writing to express extreme concern regarding your Administration's various and conflicting public positions on the issue of needle exchange programs. NORA is a coalition of over 175 health, labor, religious and professional advocacy groups that represent a broad consensus on HIV and AIDS-related issues, policy, and funding levels.

The mixed messages expressed publicly by senior Administration officials not only undermine the important scientific determination made by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in April of this year, but further call into question both your Administration's commitment and ability to prevent HIV transmission. To allow those individuals in your Administration who personally oppose these programs to undermine and contradict the scientific determination made by your top public health official is not acceptable.

We understand that the Republican leadership intends to use this life-saving intervention as a political weapon. The House of Representatives has already passed one bill that would codify permanently the federal funding ban. The Senate is considering a similar bill and members have announced their intention to amend the tobacco bill to include a federal funding ban. All members of your Administration must make it absolutely clear that you, as the President of the United States, have determined that needle exchange programs are a life-saving prevention intervention that reduce HIV transmission and **do not** encourage drug use. The actions of your Administration have created considerable confusion and fueled an atmosphere that has allowed this issue to be driven by politics and not by public health and must stop.

NORA

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AIDS Action Council

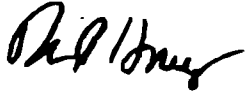
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"A coalition of over 175 organizations responding to AIDS with resolve and action."

We appeal to you now to allow your public health officials to perform their responsibilities. The entirety of your public health leadership has made a long-awaited and important scientific determination critical to slowing an epidemic that is ravaging our country. You must make it perfectly clear to the Congress that you oppose any effort to permanently ban the use of federal funds for life-saving needle exchange programs. At a minimum, we ask you to protect current law, which firmly places this issue in the purview of the nations' public health officials. And you must act immediately, before it is too late.

Sincerely,



David Harvey, Co-chair
NORA Executive Committee



Miguelina Maldonado, Co-chair
NORA Executive Committee

cc: The Honorable Albert Gore
Mr. Erskine Bowles
Mr. Kevin Thurm
Mr. Eric Goosby
Mr. Christopher Jennings
Mr. Bruce Reed
Mr. David Satcher
Ms. Sandy Thurman

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 27, 1998

Presidential Advisory Council
on HIV/AIDS
Washington, D.C.

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your letter regarding needle exchange programs and prevention of new HIV infections in the fight to end the AIDS epidemic.

I take the concerns you have raised very seriously. We all know that the rising incidence of HIV infection among those who use injected drugs, and among their partners and children, is a major factor in the continued growth of this epidemic. Therefore, I will continue to support retention of the HHS Secretary's authority to decide whether to allow local communities to use federal funds for needle exchange programs.

The report released recently by HHS indicates that needle exchange programs can help reduce HIV transmission without encouraging the use of illegal drugs. This scientific analysis should be of great use to local and state officials who are considering the implementation of needle exchange as part of their comprehensive HIV prevention strategies.

At the same time, we have tried to prevent the politicization of needle exchange efforts by keeping decisionmaking at the local level, and we are not at this time allowing federal funds to be used for such programs. More must be done to help the general public and those in Congress understand the role of needle exchange programs in our efforts to fight both HIV and illegal drug use. In the interim, the Office of National AIDS Policy, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Department of Health and Human Services will work together to improve our efforts to stop the spread of HIV among injection-drug users, their partners, and their children.

I appreciate the passion that you bring to the debate. Be assured that my commitment to ending this epidemic -- and to responding to the needs of those already living with HIV and AIDS -- remains firm. We must all work together to stop this deadly disease.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

July 21, 1999

R. Scott Hitt, M.D.
Chair
Presidential Advisory Council
on HIV/AIDS
736 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Scott:

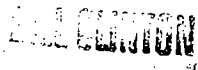
Thank you for your letters regarding funding for global AIDS programs, the release of government sponsored research, and Medicaid eligibility for people living with HIV. As always, I appreciate knowing your concerns and recommendations, and I have shared them with our Office of Management and Budget and National AIDS policy staff.

As you know, developing a cure for HIV and responding to the needs of those already living with HIV and AIDS remain priorities for my Administration. Vice President Gore and I, along with my AIDS policy advisor Sandra Thurman, have worked hard to expand prevention and education measures and efforts aimed at caring for those already infected.

We must build on recent advances in the treatment of HIV that have led to longer and more fulfilling lives for those suffering from the disease. Our response to this global threat must be collaborative, bringing together governments and communities to expand prevention efforts, raise awareness among young people, increase access to lifesaving therapies, and ensure that those living with HIV and AIDS receive the care and services they need.

The United States continues to lead the international effort to find an AIDS vaccine. We are also the largest supporter of international AIDS relief efforts and of the United Nations Joint Program on AIDS. As you are well aware, entire communities around the world are threatened by this pandemic, and AIDS hits hardest in areas where knowledge of the disease is scarce and poverty is high. We must continue our efforts to fight HIV/AIDS and to provide hope and comfort for those living with this terrible disease. I appreciate your wise counsel as we strive to bring an end to the AIDS pandemic.

Sincerely,



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July 21, 1999

Geeta Rao Gupta, Ph.D.
President
International Center for
Research on Women
Suite 302
1717 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Geeta:

Thank you for your letter regarding funding for global AIDS programs. I appreciate knowing your concerns, and I have shared your letter with members of my staff in the Office of Management and Budget and the National AIDS Policy Office.

As you know, developing a cure for HIV and responding to the needs of those already living with HIV and AIDS remain priorities for my Administration. Vice President Gore and I, along with my AIDS policy advisor, Sandra Thurman, have worked hard to expand prevention and education measures and efforts aimed at caring for those already infected.

In addition to being the largest supporter of international AIDS relief efforts and of the United Nations Joint Program on AIDS, the United States continues to lead the international effort to find an AIDS vaccine. We know, however, that more must be done. The issues raised by the AIDS pandemic reflect the larger challenges of the developing world. As you point out, it is having a particularly devastating impact on women and girls -- erasing years of hard-won progress. This underscores the importance of a response that is collaborative, bringing together governments, communities, international organizations, and affected individuals to expand prevention and education efforts and improve the health infrastructure necessary to treat HIV and AIDS.

I hope that you will continue to work with us as we strive to bring an end to the AIDS pandemic.

Sincerely,

ERL CLINTON

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NAME: Mrs. Noel Nyman and Shakira Nyman
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NAME: Mrs Virginia Ross and Lisa Robinson-Ross

ADDRESS: 1233 South 23rd Street

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: Philadelphia, PA 19146

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CIRCLE ONE: Mr. Mrs. Miss Mr. & Mrs. Dr. Ms.

NAME: above Greeting: "Dear Mrs. Ross and Lisa,"

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SCHEDULING REQUEST

Date: 11/11/98

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TO: Stephanie Streett, Assistant to the President and Director of Scheduling

FROM: Bruce Reed, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
Minyon Moore, Assistant to the President and Director of Public Liaison
Sandra L. Thurman, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

REQUEST: Meeting with youth and signing of World AIDS Day Proclamation.

PURPOSE: Commemoration of World AIDS Day and to amplify Administration's commitment to fighting HIV and AIDS among young people.

BACKGROUND: To commemorate the 10th anniversary of World AIDS Day the President would meet with youth peer educators from HIV prevention programs, HIV positive youth, and involved parents, and sign the World AIDS Day Proclamation. The President may also be able to announce new policy initiatives at this time.

World AIDS Day is sponsored by the World Health Organization and was first observed on December 1, 1988. The 1998 World AIDS Day theme, "Force for Change: World AIDS Campaign with Young People" challenges people around the world to contemplate the long-term repercussions of the AIDS pandemic, and not lose sight that AIDS affects everyone.

In recent years, there has been a significant shift in the demographics of the AIDS epidemic, with new infections in youth rising dramatically. Today, one out of every four new infections in the United States is an adolescent. Every hour another two teenagers are infected. To commemorate World AIDS Day, the President has a unique opportunity to call on parents, teachers, governments, churches, businesses, and young people themselves to build a healthy future for our youth.

PREVIOUS

PARTICIPATION: A Presidential Proclamation has been released on World AIDS Day every year. In 1993 the President spoke at Georgetown University. In 1994 the Office of National AIDS Policy arranged an Oval Office meeting with the President and HIV positive youth. In 1995, a Presidential video message was produced and the historic White House

Conference on HIV/AIDS was held. In 1996 the President met with NIH, CDC, and HHS representatives for a scientific research briefing in the Oval Office. In 1997, the President signed the World AIDS Day Proclamation and an Executive Order that urged Federal agencies serving youth to improve access the HIV prevention and care services.

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, December 1, 1997 (World AIDS Day)

DURATION: Forty-five minutes (event)
Ten minutes (briefing)

LOCATION: Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Sandra Thurman, Director Office of National AIDS Policy
Youth Peer Educators (3)
HIV-positive youth (3)
Affected Parents (2)
HIV-prevention service providers (2)

OUTLINE OF
EVENT: The President will make remarks (to be provided by speech writing) before the press. He would then hold a private meeting with participants to hear from them on issues and concerns of young people living with HIV/AIDS or at risk of infection.

REMARKS: Yes.

MEDIA: Open pool press for President's remarks. Closed press for meeting.

FIRST LADY: No.

VICE
PRESIDENT: No.

RECOMMENDED
BY: Bruce Reed, Minyon Moore, Sandra Thurman

CONTACT: Todd Summers 6-2444 or Christa Robinson 6-5165
or Richard Socarides 6-1611

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

July 23, 1996

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

President Clinton announced today that he will raise his 1997 budget request for State AIDS drug assistance programs (ADAP) by \$65 million to help Americans living with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) to get life-saving prescription drugs.

"New classes of drugs and new methods of treatment hold out the possibility that we can halt the progress of HIV and begin to repair the health of those who are living with this virus," the President said. "Therefore, it is important to take action to do so."

The President's announcement comes at a time of great hope and opportunity in the battle against HIV and AIDS, as illustrated by the scientific advances discussed earlier this month at the Eleventh International Conference on AIDS in Vancouver, Canada.

State ADAP programs help about 69,000 low-income people with HIV buy recently-discovered, life-extending drug therapies; these individuals do not get Medicaid, nor do they get prescription coverage through private health insurance. The ADAP programs are partially supported by grants under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act.

Earlier this year, after the Food and Drug Administration's rapid approval of the first three protease inhibitor drugs, the President asked Congress to increase the Federal commitment to ADAP by \$52 million. With strong bipartisan support, Congress agreed to the request, and the money is now being distributed to every state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Now, with the promising results reported in Vancouver, the President has increased his 1997 request specifically for ADAP to \$117 million, which more than doubles the amount the President is seeking specifically for these life-saving therapies. The President also asked States to maintain their strong commitments to providing additional resources for ADAP. Similarly, the President urged pharmaceutical manufacturers, who have made an admirable investment in the development of these drugs, to continue their commitment to helping make these products available for those who need them.

"While new drug treatments offer enormous hope to people

living with HIV, it is also clear that our work is far from complete," the President said. Indeed, further research is necessary to determine the long-term effect of protease inhibitors and other drugs, the proper dosages and combination of drugs, the optimal time to begin treatment, and the potential for drug resistance. The National Institutes of Health, working closely with scientists and clinicians from medical schools, hospitals, and the pharmaceutical industry, is committed to providing answers to these critical questions.

Without this budget amendment, thousands of Americans may lack access to the medications that hold promise for extending the lives of people with AIDS. The House has indicated an admirable bipartisan interest in boosting 1997 funding for these drugs.

The Administration looks forward to continuing to work with Congress to see that people who need these life-saving AIDS drugs can have greater access to them.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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For Immediate Release

March 5, 1996

President Clinton today asked the Congress for \$914.3 million in emergency fiscal 1996 supplemental appropriations to provide relief to communities affected by recent natural disasters in the United States and the Virgin Islands, and \$52 million to help thousands of people with AIDS live longer and fuller lives.

The devastating disasters include the severe winter flooding in the Pacific Northwest, the blizzard and subsequent flooding in the Northeast, and damaging hurricanes. This request includes \$168.6 million for the Department of Agriculture; \$165 million for the Corps of Engineers; \$100 million for the Department of the Interior; \$267 million for the Department of Transportation; \$100 million for the Small Business Administration; \$103.7 million for the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and \$10 million for the Department of Commerce.

Included in today's transmittal to the Congress is a proposal that would increase by \$52 million the 1996 budget request for Ryan White AIDS Treatment grants. These funds will be targeted to State AIDS drug assistance activities authorized under title II of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act of 1990 and used to purchase medications, including a new class of AIDS therapies called "protease inhibitors," some of which are beginning to be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The State AIDS drug assistance programs funded through the Ryan White grants are a lifeline for an estimated 55,000 people with AIDS who do not have prescription drug coverage or who cannot themselves afford the full regimen of costly AIDS medications that can prolong their lives. Unfortunately, the current funding levels for these programs cannot meet the additional demand these and other new drugs may create. Without additional funding above the 1996 request, thousands of people with AIDS could be denied the medications they need.

This request reflects the success of the Administration's AIDS research effort. Through unprecedented collaboration between the National Institutes of Health and the pharmaceutical industry, new AIDS drugs are being developed -- and they are being approved by the FDA in record time. Additional promising new treatments may become available in the next few months.

While these medications hold promise for extending the lives of people with AIDS, many are costly. This amendment will help make them available to people who otherwise could not afford them. We hope the Congress will join the Administration in recognizing that we should make available the fruits of our research success to those living with HIV and AIDS.

In addition, other nonemergency requests for fiscal year 1996 were submitted for the Departments of Agriculture, Energy, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs; the Office of National Drug Control Policy; and the Panama Canal Commission.

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May 26, 1998

Ms. Kate Shindle
Miss America
The Miss America Organization
Post Office Box 119
Atlantic City, New Jersey 08404

Dear Kate:

Thank you for your letter regarding needle exchange programs and prevention of new HIV cases in the fight to end the AIDS epidemic.

I am taking the concerns you have raised very seriously. We all know that the rising incidence of HIV infection among those who use injected drugs, and among their partners and children, is a major factor in the continued growth of this epidemic. Therefore, I will continue to support retention of the HHS Secretary's authority to decide whether to allow local communities to use federal funds for needle exchange programs.

Recently, the Secretary released a report indicating that needle exchange programs can help reduce HIV transmission without encouraging the use of illegal drugs. This scientific analysis should be of great use to local and state officials who are considering the implementation of needle exchanges as part of their comprehensive HIV prevention strategies.

At the same time, the Administration tried to prevent the politicization of the needle exchange program by keeping decision-making at the local level. Therefore, we are not at this time allowing federal funds to be used for such programs. More must be done to help the general public and those in Congress understand the role of needle exchange programs in our efforts to fight both HIV and illegal drug use.

I appreciate the passion that you and so many others bring to this very important debate. Be assured that my commitment to ending this epidemic -- and to responding to the needs of those already living with HIV and AIDS -- remains firm. We must all work together to stop this deadly disease, and I will take all measures within my authority to achieve that end.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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(S.shindle.k)

(Corres. #3967771)

cc: W. Wondwossen, 93 OEOB

cc: Dan Burkhardt/DME, 94 OEOB

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1998

Congratulations to all those participating in the third Raleigh to Washington AIDS Ride. I am delighted that Sandy Thurman, Director of our National AIDS Policy Office, will be one of the riders joining you on this four-day trip.

In many ways, AIDS has touched each of our lives. This terrible disease continues to devastate our friends, families, communities, and nation. Your courageous efforts -- whether as riders, organizers, support staff, or cheerleaders -- will bring us closer to a world free of AIDS. I share your dedication to caring for all those living with HIV/AIDS, and my Administration remains committed to meeting their needs, to developing a vaccine, and to finding a cure.

As you ride from Raleigh to our nation's capital, I encourage each of you to reflect on the vital work that lies before us in the battle to end this epidemic. Together, we can make that dream a reality and bring hope to those living with AIDS.

Best wishes for a wonderful event.

Bill Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 1, 1998

Mr. John Thomas
Apartment 105
2525 Turtle Creek Boulevard
Dallas, Texas 75219

Dear John:

I was so sorry to learn that you've been going through such a difficult time, and I wanted to let you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

You can take great pride in the work you have done in the Dallas community to create safe places for people living with HIV/AIDS and for those who are lesbian and gay. The AIDS Resource Center, the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Community Center, and the Cathedral of Hope are a lasting legacy of care, faith, and hope that reflect your generous and compassionate spirit.

Thank you for all you have done to put America on the path to greater unity and understanding. Hillary joins me in sending best wishes and in praying for your strength and comfort.

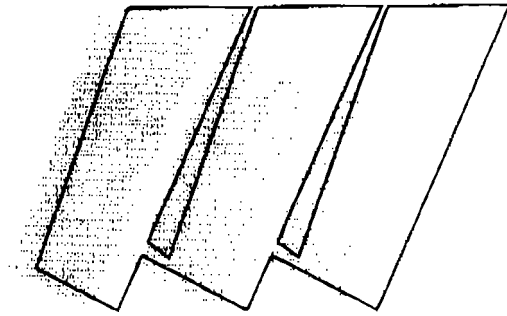
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Bill Clinton

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Phone:	202-456-AIDS (2437) x1	Date:	Wednesday, May 27, 1998
Re:	John Thomas, Dallas, TX	CC:	

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Sandy,

William and I would like to share this moving story of a long time AIDS Activist/Survivor with you with hopes that there may be a letter written by the President and the First Lady to John Thomas. William will be calling to follow up. Thanks.

Best Regards,


Donald Hitchcock

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SOURCE: Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

BYLINE: Brooks Egerton

BODY:

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GRAPHIC: PHOTO(S): (1-2 Dallas Morning News file photo) 1. John Thomas, shown in October 1995, was the first executive director of the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Community Center and ran the AIDS Resource Center for a decade before stepping down for health reasons. 2. Former head of the AIDS Resource Center John

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Thomas, pictured in March 1995, has refused potassium and saline infusions that doctors say he needs to live.

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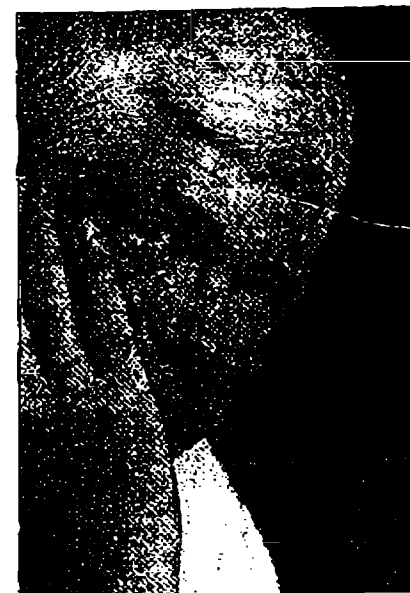
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Activist with AIDS nears death

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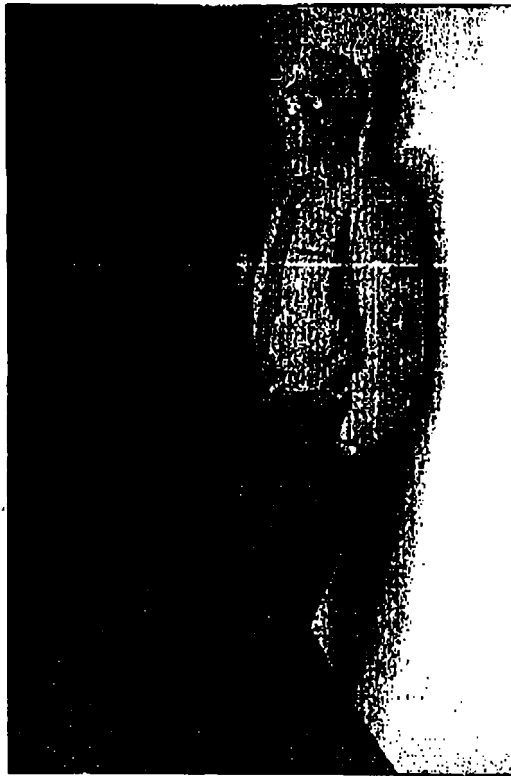
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR CARMEN FOWLER

From: Sandra Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
(202) 632-1090

Date: March 5, 1998

Re: POTUS Letter of Welcome

I would like to get a letter from the President extending a welcome and congratulations for the Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS (DIFFA) 10th Anniversary. The Foundation is a large contributor to AIDS service organizations across the country that provide treatment, care, and support for those living with HIV/AIDS. In addition, The President and The First Lady attended one of DIFFA's Little Rock events in 1989.

I am attaching for your reference the itinerary including a participant list. The event will be held in New York on April 23, 1998. Below is the draft text I hope you would consider for the letter. If you have any questions, Sarah Holewinski of my office will happy to provide more information.

Thanks for your help!

PROPOSED TEXT:

April 23, 1998

Dear Friends,

Hillary and I attended a DIFFA event in 1989 at the Robinson Auditorium in Little Rock. The performance of Heart Strings marked the first time a broad representation of our community had come together around the issue of AIDS. DIFFA's ability to bring communities together continues to distinguish it among the thousands of important organizations which have rallied to meet the challenges of this devastating disease.

Many Americans believe that AIDS is over. DIFFA Dallas continues to remind us that it is not over and more importantly, continues to demonstrate an ability to touch the Heart Strings of its community by raising funds to ease the suffering of people living with AIDS and to prevent

infection in others.

I salute DIFFA's fortitude, creativity, and ability to transcend barriers which often stand between people living with AIDS and the care and education to which every American is entitled.

Hillary and I join all gathered for the 10th Anniversary of the Dallas Collection in expressing our gratitude to DIFFA's leaders and volunteers for fighting long and hard on behalf of our friends, families, and neighbors and whose commitment continues to inspire us and give us hope for the future.

[POTUS]

EDITH HEAD

A RETROSPECTACULAR!

benefitting
Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS
Motion Picture and Television Fund

DATE: April 23, 1998

LOCATION: CIPRIANI at 55 Wall Street, New York City

EVENT:

7:00 PM	RetroAperitif
8:00 PM	Dinner
9:15 PM	Edith Head Retrospectacular
10:00 PM	SpiritSipping and Dessert

EVENT COMMITTEE:

to date

- Honorary Chairs: Clarissa and Edgar Bronfman, Jr.
- Chairman's Council: Jeffrey Katzenberg
Daniel Baldinger
Peter Lund, CBS
Bob Wright, NBC
Dawn Mello, Berdorf Goodman
Robert Crandall, American Airlines
- Fashion Council: Simon Doonan, Barney's
Stephen Gan, Visionaire
Marin Hopper, Elle
Sarajane Hoare, Harper's Bazaar
Elsa Klensch, CNN
Richard Martin, Costume Institute
Steven Meisel
Polly Mellen, Allure
Glenn O'Brien
Elizabeth Saltzman, Vanity Fair
Kevin Sessums, Vanity Fair
Ruben Toledo
James Truman, Conde Nast
Linda Wells, Allure
Anna Wintour, Vogue

PRODUCTION:

Celebrity commitments: Anne Archer
Warren Beatty
Annette Bening
Ileana Douglas
Tippi Hedren
Ashley Judd
Janet Leigh
Shirley MacLaine
Richard Masur
Debi Mazar
Roddy McDowall
Alicia Silverstone

Designer commitments: John Bartlett
Pamela Dennis
Wolfgang Joop
Donna Karan
Bob Mackie
Badgley Mischka
Isaac Mizrahi
Todd Oldham
Cynthia Rowley
Anna Sui
Isabel Toledo
Vera Wang

- Benefit Chair: Ernest da Costa, President, Joop! USA
- Benefit Committee:

Diane Barnes Kohn Susan Blond Roger Erickson Toby Fisher Bevin Gove Richard Kinsler Bridget Potter	Allen Prusis David Rockwell Ilene Shaw Karin Timpone Susan Ulin Arthur Wayne Hutton Wilkinson
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GRAPHICS: Mats Gustafson has created a portrait of Edith Head. Sam Shahid's office is designing all printed materials.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Nadine Johnson contracted to handle P.R. working in conjunction with MPTF. Armev Archard of Variety is very interested in releasing a statement about the event.

ADMINISTRATION: Susan Ulin Associates has been retained to help manage the event.

SHOW DEVELOPMENT: Robert Franz will produce the show; David Bell is the writer, director and choreographer.

Retrospectacular! will merge the glamour and excitement of film and fashion using a salute to Edith Head as its focal point. Hosted by stars of film and fashion, Ms. Head's award-winning work will be joined by new designs created by some of the most renowned designers for their celebrity partners, each inspired by film. The show is structured into six parts: a grand opening celebrates Hollywood's epic films, then five themed sections bring other wonderful genres of film to life.

Edith Head

She was the grande dame of Hollywood costume designs. Her career spanned nearly six decades during which she became a legend in her own time. Bette Davis called her the "queen of her profession". Edith Head brought to the Screen a style and grace that earned her 8 Oscars®, 35 Oscar® nominations and over 1,100 movie credits. Many of her movies will forever be imprinted as the "classics" of Hollywood, just as her designs and costumes often created a new style in the fashion world.

This is the legacy that Edith Head has left behind. In an era when men dominated the fashion and movie world, Edith dressed some of the greatest stars ever to come out of Hollywood, including Clara Bow, Mae West, Marlene Dietrich, Ingrid Bergman, Grace Kelly, Marilyn Monroe, Elizabeth Taylor, Audrey Hepburn, Shirley MacLaine, Ginger Rogers, Fred Astaire, Jimmy Stewart, Robert Redford, Paul Newman—and the list goes on and on.

Edith Head was born in San Bernardino, California in 1897. By the early 1920's she was teaching French and art at the Hollywood School for girls. In her off hours, she took art classes, and specialized in landscapes. One eventful day, Edith saw a classified advertisement for a sketch artist to assist the head designer at Paramount Studios. Acting on a dare by her students, she applied for the job, and to her amazement, was hired. Edith Head was on her way to costume design stardom.

Her first major project came in 1924 for DeMille's "The Golden Bed." By 1938 she became the first woman ever appointed chief designer at a major film studio. Edith became an international fashion trendsetter. Elizabeth Taylor's white strapless gown from "A Place In The Sun" was the prom dress of 1951. Audrey Hepburn's outfit in "Sabrina" (black Capri pants, fitted black sweater and ballet slippers) still appears in today's fashion circles.

Though she was always self-conscious of her thick-lensed glasses, they became, in time, her signature trademark. At the time of her death in 1982, two days before her 84th birthday, Edith Head was the last great costume designer to be under contract with a major studio. She had spent her amazing career of fifty-eight years at both Paramount and Universal Studios. In her lifetime, Edith head received more accolades, Oscars®, and Oscar® nominations than any other costume designer in history. From Clara Bow to Natalie Wood, from Bogie to The Duke, Edith Head will forever be remembered in the annals of Hollywood for her contributions.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 9, 1998

Mr. Robert A. Glassman
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Bob:

I am delighted to extend my congratulations to you as you are honored by the American Jewish Committee with the 1998 Institute of Human Relations Award.

This honor is a fitting recognition of your commitment to responsible corporate citizenship. You, the Board, and the staff of Wainwright Bank have done much to encourage respect for the diversity that is one of our nation's great strengths. You have challenged your community, in both word and deed, to live up to America's ideals of freedom and equality. Under your leadership, Wainwright's support for housing for persons living with HIV and AIDS, its leadership on lesbian and gay issues, and its corporate philanthropy have set an inspiring example of community involvement.

I commend you for your dedication to working for an America that celebrates our diversity, builds on our strengths, and fulfills our fundamental values of mutual respect and compassion. Best wishes for a memorable evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

January 13, 1998

Mr. Robert L. Fogel
Hilfman and Fogel
Suite 1700
33 North Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter outlining my Administration's progress in addressing the AIDS epidemic. I'm sorry that I was unable to respond sooner.

I am taking the concerns you have raised very seriously. We all know that the rising incidence of HIV infection among those who use injected drugs, and among their partners and children, is a major factor in the continued growth of this epidemic. Therefore, I will continue to support retention of the HHS Secretary's authority to decide whether to allow local communities to use federal funds for needle exchange programs.

I appreciate the passion that you and other members of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS bring to the debate. Be assured that my commitment to ending this epidemic -- and to responding to the needs of those already living with HIV and AIDS -- remains firm. We must all work together to stop this deadly disease, and I will take all measures within my authority to achieve that end.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns, and for your commitment to bringing an end to this terrible epidemic. You have my best wishes.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

BC/SF/RLM/ech-ckb (Corres. #3795302)
(l.Fogel.r)

cc: DWB/TDS, Room 94

cc: W. Wondwossen, Room 93

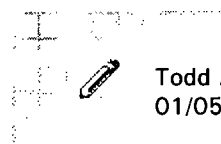
cc: Sarah Knight, Room 93

cc: Todd Summers, AIDS Policy

cc: Elena Kagan, WW

Xeroxed copy of personally signed original to NH through Todd Stern

CLEAR THRU TODD STERN
PRESIDENT TO SIGN



Todd A. Summers
01/05/98 12:05:32 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP, Sean P. Maloney/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: Bob Fogel

FYI -

This letter will go out immediately from the POTUS in response to the letter from Bob Fogel, a member of the President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, concerning needle exchange.

Todd

----- Forwarded by Todd A. Summers/OPD/EOP on 01/05/98 12:03 PM -----

Sarah S. Knight

Record Type: Record

To: Todd A. Summers/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: Bob Fogel 

Thanks. It will come from the President. Is this draft OK?

"Dear Bob:

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Todd A. Summers
12/17/97 12:49:02 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP
cc: Laura Emmett/WHQ/EOP
Subject:

Sean Maloney wrote Sandy asking about a response to a letter from Bob Fogel, a Chicago lawyer who is on the President's AIDS Council. You had sent us a copy of the letter, and I had sent back a draft response. Did you get it? Did a letter go out to him?

Thanks!

Todd

Todd - Eeeks. Did this never
go out? What you
drafted looked fine
to me (except I
think one sentence -
re The Secretary's "current
authority" - is out-of-date).
Could you look up with
Sean + make sure a slightly
revised version goes out ASAP.
And sorry it I was to blame
for this delay.
Elena

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date

10/24

To: Elena Kagan

From: The Staff Secretary

What's the best way to
handle this? We can have
a response drafted in coordination
with your staff or do you want
someone to call him? Are we
coming to closure on needle exchange?

Phil

ROBERT L. FOGEL
33 NORTH DEARBORN STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602
(312) 236-5207

Ally
9/2

October 15, 1997

Santa -
What do
you want to
do? Elena
cc: Bruce
Phil Caplan

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington. D.C. 20500-2000

Dear Mr. President:

You were very kind to have appointed me to your Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS in 1994. Although I had not previously been active in HIV and AIDS issues, as a father of teenagers, I felt it was an issue that I should become involved in. I also felt that I could bring a fresh perspective to the Council.

I have consistently supported you to the Council and others. I have been consistently pleased with your decisions and actions on HIV and AIDS issues, and your commitment to doing whatever is necessary to end the epidemic. At the White House Conference on HIV and AIDS, I glowed when you committed to "reducing the number of new infections each year until there were none."

However, I believe we have stalled in the effort to end the epidemic. Over 30% of new infections are amongst injection drug users and their spouses, children, and sex partners. There have been at least seven scientific studies confirming the effectiveness of needle exchange programs. The American Medical Association, the American Bar Association, the National Conference of Mayors, and editorials in the Chicago Tribune, New York Times, and L.A. Times have endorsed needle exchange programs. The NIH and CDC, and other scientists, have confirmed the effectiveness of such programs.

At the moment, the Secretary of HHS has the authority to certify needle exchange programs. The issue, in the form of an amendment to revoke the Secretary's authority, is before the Conference Committee on the HHS/Labor appropriations bill. It is critical that the authority be retained and ultimately exercised by the Secretary.

Certification would permit federal funds already going to states and cities to be used to support local programs at their discretion. I also strongly believe

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that in conjunction with such programs, we also must substantially increase efforts to provide effective substance abuse treatment to any injection drug users.

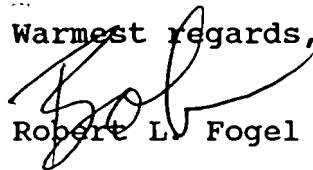
I have discussed these issues with friends and colleagues, who like me have not been "activists", and all of them believe the "right thing to do" would be to certify the use of federal funds for needle exchange programs to decrease the number of new infections and get unsafe needles off the streets and alleys. They do not consider such a decision to be "soft on drugs" or anything but an appropriate public health initiative. There must also be a re-energized commitment to provide effective substance abuse treatment. We must reduce drug abuse.

Your HIV/AIDS Advisory Council has become frustrated on this and several other issues, which are awaiting decision by Secretary Shalala. The perception is that you have not renewed your strong commitment on HIV/AIDS issues and that the government has back-burnered some key issues. I urge you to consider the incredible history of your leadership on HIV/AIDS issues, and to reaffirm that commitment with the wisdom of decision and leadership on the needle exchange issue, and by directing Secretary Shalala to move forward on the issues of updating health care worker guidelines and content restrictions on HIV prevention materials.

I (and/or other Council members) would appreciate the opportunity to discuss these issues, and other issues, with you at your earliest convenience or during the next Presidential Advisory Council meeting in Washington from December 4-7, 1997.

Thank you for your friendship and God bless you.

Warmest regards,


Robert L. Fogel

cc: Hillary Rodham Clinton
Bruce Lindsey

October 21, 1997
DRAFT

Robert Fogel
Hilfman and Fogel
33 North Dearborn Street, Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Mr. Fogel:

Thank you for your recent letter outlining your concerns regarding the Administration's progress in addressing the AIDS epidemic.

I, too, take the concerns you have raised quite seriously. The rising incidence of HIV infection among those who use illegal intravenous drugs, their partners, and their children is a major factor in the continued growth of the AIDS epidemic. However, this nation is staggering under an epidemic of drug addiction which also must be addressed with rigor and resolve.

Let me assure you that we will continue to support retention of Secretary Shalala's current authority to rescind the current restriction on the use of federal funding for needle exchange programs. This is an important issue that should be resolved by public health experts and scientists and not subjected to political manipulation.

I appreciate the passion which you and other members of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS bring to the debate. My commitment to ending this epidemic, as well as responding to the needs of those already living with HIV and AIDS, still remains firm. The AIDS epidemic must be stopped, and I will take all measures within my authority to achieve that end.

Sincerely,

DRAFT

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR ELANA KAGAN

From: Sandra Thurman
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy
(202) 632-1090

Date: October 31, 1997

Re: Letter from Bob Fogel

Thanks for sending along a copy of the letter from Bob Fogel to the President. I've spoken with Bob a number of times since the letter was written, and I think he's feeling more comfortable. He spoke with both the First Lady and Bruce Lindsey at a Chicago event, which was helpful for him.

I have drafted a response from the President to the letter for your review. I will continue to communicate regularly with Bob.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Todd

*Glenda's
suggestion*

October 31, 1997

Robert Fogel
Hilfman and Fogel
33 North Dearborn Street, Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Mr. Fogel:

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authority

Sincerely,

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PRIORITY
HIGH

— Todd

DRAFT 2

October 31, 1997

Robert Fogel
Hilfman and Fogel
33 North Dearborn Street, Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Mr. Fogel:

Thank you for
Your recent letter *outlines your concerns regarding outstanding issues on HIV/AIDS.* reminds me of the important role of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS in providing input on our Administration's progress in addressing this epidemic. *AIDS epidemic*

I, too, take the concerns you have raised quite seriously. The rising incidence of HIV infection among those who use illegal injection drugs, their partners, and their children is a major factor in the continued growth of the AIDS epidemic. ~~████████████████████~~

However, this nation is staggering under an epidemic of drug addiction which must also be addressed with rigor and resolve. ~~You can certainly appreciate that we must be careful to respond thoughtfully so as not to exacerbate one epidemic in our efforts to control the other.~~

Let me assure you that we will continue to support retention of Secretary Shalala's current authority to rescind the current restriction on the use of federal funds for needle exchange programs. This is an important issue that should be resolved by public health experts and scientists and not subjected to political manipulation.

I appreciate the passion which you and other members of the Advisory Council bring to the debate. My commitment to ending this epidemic, as well as responding to the needs of those already living with HIV and AIDS, still remains firm. The AIDS epidemic must be stopped, and I will do everything in my power to achieve that end.

Sincerely,

~~Sandra L. Thurman~~

POTUS ?

10/31/97
[Signature]

Dear Mr. Fogel [Bob?]:

Your recent letter reminds me of the important roles of ~~advisory groups~~ of the HIV/AIDS Advisory Council of providing input on ~~my~~ ^{our} Administration's progress in addressing this epidemic.

I, too, take the concerns you have raised quite seriously. ~~That issues of~~
~~public health get caught up in~~ the rising incidence of HIV ^{infection} among those who use illegal injection drugs, ~~excludes~~ their partners, and their children ~~excludes~~ is a major factor in the continued growth of this AIDS epidemic. I understand that.

However, this nation is ~~also~~ staggering under ~~the~~ an epidemic of ~~the~~ drug addiction which must also be addressed with vigor and resolve. You can certainly appreciate

that we must be careful ~~to not~~ to ~~respond~~
respond thoughtfully so as not to
exacerbate one epidemic ~~while~~ in our efforts
to control the other.

Secretary Shalala has been asked
to provide guidance and ~~analysis~~ ^{is} to
Congress in its deliberations on ~~the~~ the
appropriateness of federal support for
syringe exchange programs. ~~The~~ Secretary
has also been granted authority to lift a
current restriction on federal support upon
making cut

^{fully}
I appreciate your passion on this issue,

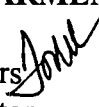
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and not ~~allowed to~~ subjected to political

manipulation.

I appreciate the passion ~~with~~ which you and other members of the Advisory Council bring to the debate. My commitment to ending this epidemic, as well as responding to the needs of those already living with HIV and AIDS, ~~is~~ still remains firm. The AIDS epidemic must be stopped, and I will do everything in my power to achieve that end. ~~in so short a time~~

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR CARMEN FOWLER

From: Todd Summers 
Deputy Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
(202) 632-1090

Date: December 15, 1997

Re: POTUS Recognition of Award

I would like to get a letter from the President extending congratulations to Robert Glassman, Co-Chairman of Wainwright Bank in Boston, Massachusetts. He is receiving a prestigious award from the American Jewish Committee, in part because of his work on behalf of people living with HIV and AIDS.

I am attaching for your reference a request that was made to me (and one which I had to decline) to serve as Honorary Co-Chair of the event. Below is the draft text I hope you would consider for the letter. I would appreciate it if you would get the original to me so that I can send it to the organizers of the event for presentation to Mr. Glassman.

Thanks for your help!

PROPOSED TEXT:

Mr. Robert Glassman
Co-Chairman
Wainwright Bank and Trust Company
63 Franklin Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02110-1301

Dear Mr. Glassman:

Hilary and I would like to extend to you our heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of your recognition by the American Jewish Committee. As someone who has modeled the role of the responsible corporate citizen, your receiving the 1998 Institute of Human Relations Award is a fitting tribute.

We want to particularly recognize the work that you, the Board, and the staff of Wainwright Bank have done to encourage a respect for the diversity that is the underpinning of our nation. Yours has been a challenge to your community, voiced in both word and deed. Under your leadership, Wainwright's support for housing for persons living with HIV and AIDS, its leadership on lesbian and gay issues, and its corporate philanthropy have set examples for others to follow.

You have our tremendous respect and support as we all work toward an America that celebrates its diversity, and builds on its best traditions of mutual respect and compassion. Congratulations to you on this very special day.

[POTUS]

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December 9, 1997

Mr. Todd Sommers
410 5th Street, NE #5
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Todd:

The American Jewish Committee is proud to present its prestigious 1998 Institute of Human Relations Award to **Robert A. Glassman**, Co-Chairman of Wainwright Bank, in tribute to his outstanding professional and humanitarian achievements, at a dinner on Monday, March 2, 1998 at the Westin Hotel in Boston. Helen Spaulding, Chair of The Boston Foundation, John P. Manning, President of Boston Capital, David Butterfield, Vice President of LPL Funding, and I are honored to serve as Co-Chairs of this event.

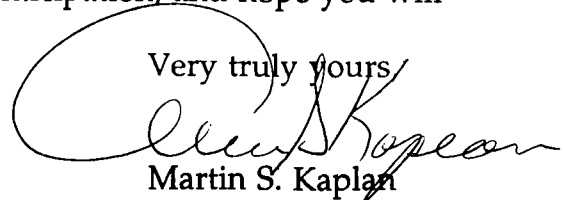
On behalf of the AJC and the Dinner Co-Chairs, I **invite you to serve as an Honorary Co-Chair** in recognition of Bob's commitment to social justice. That Wainwright Bank has become an important voice for social justice can be directly traced to Bob's personal beliefs.

The AJC seeks to safeguard religious and civil liberties of all people, and to strengthen pluralism in American society, through research, diplomacy and public advocacy. Bob's leadership of Wainwright, and his own philanthropic activities, reflect the highest values of the American Jewish Committee.

I know you are aware of many of Bob's contributions to our society, but I enclose a statement about him which demonstrates the breadth and depth of his activities. I hope you will agree to serve as an Honorary Co-Chair, and that you will return the enclosed card as soon as possible so that we can list you along with other community leaders on the invitation and tribute program.

We look forward to this event with great anticipation, and hope you will participate with us. Best regards.

Very truly yours,



Martin S. Kaplan

WASHINGTON, DC

BOSTON, MA

LONDON, UK*

ROBERT A. GLASSMAN

American Jewish Committee

1998 Institute of Human Relations Award

March 2, 1998

Robert A. Glassman has had a successful business career as Co-Chairman of Wainwright Bank & Trust Company and, prior to that, as co-principal of HCW Oil & Gas Company. His success as an entrepreneur and business leader has been matched by his commitment to society.

Under Bob's guidance, Wainwright has become leader in financing socially responsible community development, including the financing of over 50% of the local housing projects for people living with AIDS, and the creation of over 500 units of affordable and special needs housing in Boston and Cambridge. Wainwright is a national leader in financing shelters for the homeless, and was one of the first banks in the United States to offer an affinity card supporting both women's issues and gay and lesbian rights.

A Vietnam veteran himself, Bob co-founded the William Joiner Foundation at UMass Boston, which serves as an advocate for American Vietnam veterans, promotes the study of war and its social consequences, provides support to Vietnamese citizens on health-related issues, and sponsors cultural exchanges for artists and writers from both countries. Next month, Bob will participate in a second mission to Vietnam in support of the effort to achieve reconciliation within our society and with Vietnam.

He created the Glassman Fellowship Fund at Harvard Business School to assist students in financial need, partly in response to his own inner-city public school background. In addition, Bob has had extensive philanthropic involvement with many social justice causes in the Boston area, and he is a member of the Board of the Boston Foundation.

Whether as the keynote speaker before 100,000 people at Boston's Gay Pride Day, or speaking with Hispanic community leaders at El Centro del Cardenal, Bob consistently delivers a message unique within the banking industry: "I believe it's important to use the platform the Bank affords me to inform, educate and introduce different constituencies to issues of social justice. This work, alongside the culture of diversity we've developed at the Bank, is the most important legacy I contemplate I will leave my children."

December 19, 1997

Mr. Ernest Hopkins
Mr. H. Alexander Robinson
Cities Advocating Emergency
AIDS Relief
Suite 700
1413 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Ernest and Alexander:

Thank you for your letter regarding funding for the Ryan White CARE Act. I regret that I was unable to respond sooner.

Be assured that I remain strongly committed to this program -- as well as to finding a cure for AIDS and a vaccine to protect us all. I am pleased that funds for the CARE Act have tripled since 1993 and have increased by 15 percent this year.

However, we still have a great deal of work to do, and my Administration remains committed to aggressively confronting the many challenges presented by the HIV/AIDS epidemic -- with a focus on HIV prevention programs, vaccine development efforts, and access to health care, housing, and treatment for all people living with HIV and AIDS. We can turn the tide on this epidemic, and I look forward to your continued involvement as we work to improve the lives of our fellow Americans.

Thanks again for writing.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

BC/SF/RSM/RLM/bws-ws (Corres. #3783034)
(12.hopkins.e)

cc: Todd Summers, AIDS Policy
cc: Sarah Knight, 93

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 21, 1997

Warm greetings to the citizens of Bennington, Vermont, as you commemorate World AIDS Day.

The epidemic of HIV/AIDS has taken too many of our friends and loved ones. But it has also brought forth a remarkable response of courage, compassion, and dedication. That response is reflected in the willingness of your community to open up your hearts and minds to those who are living with HIV/AIDS.

Today, we have real reason for hope and optimism. New drugs are showing promising results in halting the progress of HIV. My Administration remains dedicated to fighting AIDS. We can be proud that, in the last four years, funding for AIDS research, prevention, and treatment has increased by more than 60 percent. But we must ensure that the commitment from communities, families, and individuals remains strong.

Each of you represents that vital commitment, and you can take pride in knowing you are providing hope and help to people affected with HIV/AIDS. I commend all of you for upholding America's great tradition of service. As we enter a new era in our response to the AIDS epidemic, your efforts are more important than ever. I am confident that, working together, we can all look forward to the day when AIDS is a disease of the past.

Hillary joins me in sending best wishes for a memorable observance.

Bill Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE

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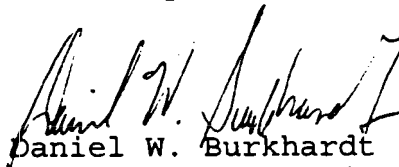
Dear Friend:

Thank you for requesting a message from the President. I am happy to send you the enclosed.

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Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Daniel W. Burkhardt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Daniel W. Burkhardt
Deputy Director of Correspondence and
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 7, 1997

Warm greetings to everyone gathered for the First International Conference on Healthcare Resource Allocation for HIV/AIDS and Other Life-Threatening Illnesses, hosted by the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care.

Although we are greatly encouraged by the recent progress in treating AIDS, this epidemic is far from over. Domestically, while there was a 23-percent decline in AIDS deaths in 1996, the decline within racial and ethnic communities was far less dramatic. Furthermore, new HIV infections continued to rise among these communities of color, as well as among women infected through heterosexual sex.

With an increasing number of people worldwide now living with HIV and AIDS, the global community faces major challenges in guaranteeing that those infected will be able to obtain vital health care services and life-saving drugs. With three million new infections every year, we must recognize that most of these people will not have access to the new progressive drug therapies that dramatically improve the quality of life for those living with HIV/AIDS. A concentrated effort towards developing a vaccine for the AIDS epidemic is paramount in ending this devastating disease and ensuring a healthy future for our children.

I commend the members of IAPAC for hosting this important conference to explore the obligations of us all -- government, the private sector, health care professionals, communities of faith, and individuals -- to find solutions to this global crisis. Working together, we must strive to ensure that all people living with HIV/AIDS have access to the benefits of AIDS research, treatment advances, and life-saving drugs.

Best wishes for a productive conference.

Bill Clinton

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From: Shannon Ainderlter

October 20, 1997

Warm greetings to everyone gathered in Las Vegas for the third conference on women and HIV disease.

We have come a long way in our struggle to overcome this epidemic, but we still have a tough road ahead. New treatments and heightened awareness contributed to a 19-percent decline in AIDS deaths last year. However, the battle is not over. Recent years have seen a significant shift in the demographics of this epidemic, with new infections in women rising dramatically. We must recognize these changes as we renew our efforts in the fight.

Over 40 percent of the more than 23 million people living with HIV are women; and in some countries, as many as 40 percent of women visiting (antenatal) clinics in urban areas are HIV-positive. These numbers are alarming not only because of their direct implications for those women, but also because they signify a great danger of mother-child transmission of HIV.

As this disease infects more women, it strikes at the future of our nation and our world. We must ensure that those already infected are fully cared for and educate those not infected so that they may protect themselves. I remain fully committed to the battle against this epidemic. The strides we make today will translate into a better life for our families tomorrow.

Hillary joins me in sending best wishes for a successful conference.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CARMEN FOWLER

From: Todd Summers
Deputy Director
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(202) 632-1090

Date: October 31, 1997

Re: Letter to CDC National AIDS Hotline Staff

We would like to get a Presidential message out to help commemorate the 10th anniversary of the CDC's National AIDS Hotline. A draft is attached. If this is possible, please forward the document to me when completed.

As always, we very much appreciate your help!

October 8, 1997

Dear Management & Staff of the CDC National AIDS Hotline:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to extend words of congratulations on the occasion of your 10th Anniversary commemoration. Truly, the work that each of you do is significant beyond measure. The service that you provide each hour of the day offers the public vital links to life-saving information and assistance.

So many strides have been made in dealing with HIV/AIDS but, ~~admittedly~~, we have a long way to go. Information and education have been and will continue to be the keys to prevention. Your ability to provide the information that is accurate, understandable and compassionate is critical.

The White House shares your commitment to AIDS education and prevention. Thank you for your dedication and leadership in this effort.

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Message:

Hi Daniel,

Good talking to you yesterday. For some reason your email did not get delivered so I decided to fax this off to you this morning. Attached please find a draft of what type of greeting the President could say/write for the 10th anniversary commemoration celebration on November 3rd. The second is a letter I faxed to Sandra this morning inviting her to the affair as well. We would welcome all of you from the office if you would like to make the trip! I am mailing out a few invitations to you and Sandra to distribute in the office. Please let us know if you or anyone plans to attend. (Due to late request, we certainly understand if this is not possible.)

I will be in touch regarding the other items we discussed. Take care and hope all is going well.

Regards,

Ami

