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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

October 22, 1999

Martina Arce
58 Gates Avenue
Brentwood, NY 11717

Dear Ms. Arce:

Thank you so much for taking the time to write regarding your difficult situation. Please forgive the delay in responding. I am encouraged by the number of people who have shown their confidence in me by asking for assistance.

As you know, my personal commitment is to end the stigma associated with mental illness, increase access to mental health care, and improve the quality of treatment. As a mother of four children, I also am very concerned about the terrible tragedy of AIDS. It is a very emotional topic, and I admire you for your dedication to increasing awareness of this disease. You know so well that controlling the spread of AIDS in our country is a very difficult challenge.

To obtain more information about AIDS and mental illness, contact the National AIDS Hotline at (800) 342-2437. Or you may contact the New York branch hotline at (800) 541-2437. I have also forwarded a copy of your letter to the Office of National AIDS Policy. They will be able to further assist you with your questions.

Thank you again for writing. I truly appreciate you taking the time to share with me your personal situation. I hope your situation is resolved satisfactorily.

Sincerely,

Tipper Gore

June 16, 1999

Mrs. Tipper Gore
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20006

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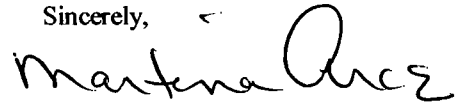
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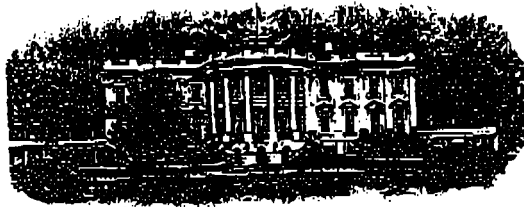
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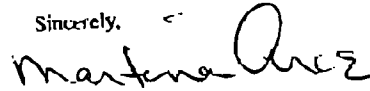
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His Excellency
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of the Republic of South Africa
Pretoria

Dear Thabo:

I read with great interest and a sense of shared concern your declaration on the occasion of the launching of the Partnership Against AIDS. Your call to action is not only important for South Africa, but also as an inspiration for all of Africa.

Over the last fifteen years, our nation has worked diligently to stop the spread of this devastating disease, to support research for effective HIV therapeutics and a preventive vaccine, and to remind all citizens that, together, we must combat this epidemic. Educators and activists, members of religious and civic groups, business and labor organizations, and tens of thousands of other men and women with a shared concern have all been part of our response to this disease. I am confident that your address to the people of South Africa helped generate the same broad societal support that has been essential to our own advances.

As you recall, in July 1997, within the framework of the Binational Commission, we announced a \$10 million USAID funded project to support the Ministry of Health's AIDS program. It's our hope that this project will significantly contribute to the attainment of the goals of your finalized national AIDS strategy. In addition, the President recently asked Sandra Thurman, our National AIDS Policy Coordinator, to travel to South Africa, at your government's convenience, to discuss the manner in which the United States can further support South Africa's efforts.

I join with you in mourning the lives of so many who have already been lost and look forward to our continued work together to protect those who remain at risk.

Sincerely,


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**ADDRESS BY DEPUTY PRESIDENT
THABO MBEKI.**

DECLARATION OF PARTNERSHIP AGAINST AIDS.

President Mandela has asked me to address you on his behalf. I am honoured to be able to do so.

DECLARATION

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9 October, 1998.

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His Excellency
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Sincerely,

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Dear Mr Summers,

Please find herewith the Declaration read by the deputy president, Mr Thabo Mbeki, on behalf of president Mandela at 12 noon on Friday October 9, at the occasion of the launch of the Partnership Against AIDS.

We thank you for your interest and should you require more detail, please call.

Regards from Mr Faizal Dawjee.

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