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Subject: USAID funding for HIV/AIDS activities

During his meeting with the AIDS Council on 12/18, the President promised to add money to our international AIDS activities (through USAID). Unfortunately, we were unable to persuade OMB to provide increases. I raised the issue with Bruce and Elena, expressing concern that the President's commitment was not being fulfilled. Elena said that she was going to speak with Jack to ask if he could persuade USAID to increase its allocation to HIV/AIDS programs (which are established at the discretion of the Administrator and not be earmark).

As far as I can tell (and I am poor at this), the budget document to be released today shows a substantial (\$100 million) decrease in child survival funding - I believe this is the account from which USAID funds its HIV prevention activities - see page 997 of the budget.

I have been unable to get Bob Kyle to return emails or phone calls, nor have I been able to reach Mike Casella, the program examiner for USAID. **I believe that we are going to get criticized publicly for this today.**

Can you help me find out if there is in fact a cut to HIV/AIDS funding at USAID?

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FYI. Love to Sandy.

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Subject: Re: WHAT'S THE STORY ON USAID funding for HIV/AIDS activities?

Let me see if I can clear up some of the misunderstandings on this issue:

In FY 1999 Congress included in the child survival account the regular activity of \$545 million + \$105 million for UNICEF. This is the \$650 million referenced on page 977 of the budget appendix. The Administration requests funding for UNICEF in the International Operations and Programs account, not in the child survival account. On an apples to apples basis, the Administration is requesting \$555 million for child survival + \$101 in UNICEF, for a total of \$656 million, slightly above last year's regular appropriation.

In addition to the regular child survival appropriation discussed above, last year there was also an emergency (so designated to avoid budget caps) one time appropriation of \$50 million to

the child survival account. Within this \$50 million, Congresswoman Pelosi wanted to use \$10 million to help children with AIDS. The confusion over the direction of AIDS spending comes when you include this funding, as the table below shows:

	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000
AIDS reg. prog.	\$121 million	\$125	\$128
Emergency	--	\$10	--

Not counting the emergency money, AID will spend \$3 million more on AIDS. Counting the emergency money, AID will spend \$7 million less.

A final point of confusion is that the AIDS level is set by AID, not by OMB. We've tried to allow AID a degree of program flexibility given numerous Congressional and Administration mandates to satisfy. The AIDS spending level is AID's number, not an OMB-dictated number. We can of course ask AID to spend more, but when you combine the various mandates we are levying on AID (Africa, Asian financial reform, population, environment, etc) Brian can in fairness complain about micromanagement.

Hope this explanation clears things up a bit. If not, give me a call.