

WITHDRAWAL SHEET

Clinton Library

Collection: Domestic Policy Council - Rasco, Carol

Archivist: rfw

OA/Box: OA 7452

File Folder: AIDS 1994 [7]

Date: 4/6/04

DOCUMENT NO. & TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE	DATE	RESTRICTION
---------------------	---------------	------	-------------

1. Letter	Drafts to participants in AIDS meeting, 6p	nd	P6/B6
2. Letter	From Dan Minish for Carol Rasco, 2p	12/6/94	P6/B6

P1 National security classified information [(a)(1) of the PRA].
P2 Relating to appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA].

P3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA].
P4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA].
P5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA].
P6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA].

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

RESTRICTIONS

B1 National security classified information [(b) (1) of the FOIA].
B2 Release could disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA].
B3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA].
B4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA].
B6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA].
B7 Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA].
B8 Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(9) of the FOIA].
B9 Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA].



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sheri Saltzberg, MPA, President
Brooklyn

Wyndolyn Bell, MD, Vice-President
Atlanta

Julia Hidalgo, ScD, Treasurer
Baltimore

Jecinia De Jesus, Secretary
Bronx

Marc Albert, Esq.
Washington

Deborah Allen
Boston

Barbara Aranda-Naranjo, RN, MSN
San Antonio

Mary Boland, RN, MSN
Newark

Katie Bond
Boston

Keith Copeland
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

Paul Fitzgerald, MSW
Providence

Chris Hall, MS
San Francisco

Lillie Hayes
Philadelphia

Elizabeth Seale Jeppson, Ph.D.
Bethesda, MD

Rolando Jimenez-Mercado, MPHE
San Juan

Bonita Judon
Atlanta

Michael Kaiser, MD
New Orleans

Marcy Kaplan, MSW
Los Angeles

Gloria Maki
Albany

Dorothy Mann
Philadelphia

Sean Sasser
San Francisco

Gwendolyn Scott, MD
Miami

Janet Shalwitz, MD
San Francisco

Mildred Williamson, MSW
Chicago

July 26, 1994

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the AIDS Policy Center, we would like to recommend Dr. Michael Kaiser and Jim Neiss for positions on the Advisory Council of the Office of National AIDS Policy. We are aware that you are still in the process of nominating individuals for the Council and we want to strongly recommend that you consider Dr. Kaiser and Mr. Neiss as important and central representatives from the national pediatric and adolescent HIV community.

Dr. Kaiser is exceptionally well qualified to serve on the Council. His diverse experience in all facets of HIV clinical research, care and policy development related to children, youth and adults with HIV disease have enabled him to work with all communities impacted by this disease. Dr. Kaiser's proven ability to build consensus has resulted in the integration and expansion of services in Louisiana for both the pediatric, adolescent and family HIV community as well as the gay community. His curriculum vitae includes present positions as Director of the Pediatric AIDS Program as well as Clinical Assistant Professor at Tulane University Medical Center. He is also Executive Director of No/AIDS Taskforce, New Orleans largest community based provider of HIV services for adults and families.

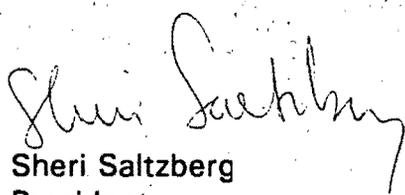
Dr. Kaiser has published numerous articles, including "Pediatric HIV, AIDS and AIDS-Related Complex and "Educating Children About AIDS." His service on many boards and community groups includes acting as Chairperson for United Services of AIDS. Dr. Kaiser is a founding member of the AIDS Policy Center and serves on its Board of Directors and numerous Board committees. The experience he has gained through his academic, professional and civic activities would be of enormous benefit to the Council. Dr. Kaiser has been strongly recommended by Senator Breaux and Senator Johnston as well Congressman Jefferson.

The President
July 26, 1994
Page 2

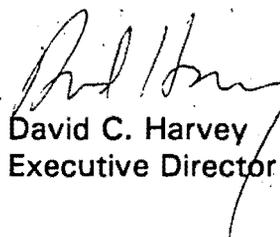
Jim Neiss is a young person living with HIV who is a recognized community leader in adolescent HIV service and prevention issues. Most recently, Mr. Neiss has been employed by Bay Area Young Positives in San Francisco. Formerly, Mr. Neiss created a pen-pal program for young persons living with HIV and also directed a youth HIV advocacy program with Special Programs for Youth in San Francisco. Through Mr. Neiss's direct service experience with youth impacted by HIV and other health concerns, he brings the "front-line" perspective to national policy debates concerning HIV issues. Increasingly, Jim has become involved at the national level in adolescent HIV prevention issues. The adolescent HIV community is grossly underserved and Mr. Neiss is capable of bringing a youth-focused perspective that addresses the needs of young people. It is essential that strong representation from the adolescent community be considered as you complete appointments to the Advisory Council.

If we can provide any additional information to your office as you consider completing appointments to the Council, please have your staff contact us as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration of these nominees who bring the strong endorsement of the national pediatric and adolescent HIV community.

Sincerely,



Sheri Saltzberg
President



David C. Harvey
Executive Director

Attachments

cc: Carol Rasco
George R. Staphanopolous
U.S. Representative Nancy Pelosi
Senator Diane Feinstein
Senator J. Bennett Johnston

Michael A. Kaiser M.D., F.A.A.P.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

November, 1983 - Present

Clinical Assistant Professor
Department of Pediatrics,
Tulane University Medical Center

March, 1986 - Present

Clinical Assistant Professor
Department of Pediatrics
Louisiana State University School of Medicine

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

October, 1993 - Present

Executive Director, NO/AIDS Task Force. NO/AIDS provides a comprehensive array of services to HIV-infected and affected individuals, and the general public. Services include: HIV counseling and testing, medical early intervention services, home meal delivery program, case management, mental health services, volunteer training, HIV information hotline, and community risk reduction and AIDS awareness education.

August, 1988 - Present:

Project Director, Pediatric AIDS Program. A comprehensive program to provide support, education and services to children with HIV infection and their families; and to furnish information to the community about pediatric AIDS. Funded partially by the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, Health Resources and Service Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, for a three year period. Re-funded for an additional three year period, August, 1991.

July, 1990 - Present:

Project Director, Collaborative Approach to Nurturing. A community based, comprehensive program targeting drug dependent pregnant women and their infants. Case management services and rehabilitation counseling is provided to mothers, and development assessments and intervention is provided to the infants. Funded for a 5 year period by the Office for Substance Abuse Prevention of the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Administration under Model Projects for Pregnant/Postpartum Women and their Infants.

August, 1990 - Present:

Project Director, Resources for Adolescents Program. A program to provide HIV prevention education to adolescents who are in danger of becoming HIV-infected and to develop a comprehensive "one-stop" medical and support program specific to the needs of adolescents who are already infected with the virus. Originally funded by the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, National Issues of High Priority in Pediatric AIDS, for a three year period.

September, 1993 - Present:

Medical Director, Lagniappe Project. A program to provide case management, resource development, respite, transportation and mental health services to biological, foster and adoptive families of children who have been abandoned or who are at-risk of abandonment due to the progression of HIV illness in the mother or substance use/abuse. Funded by the Administration of Children and Families, for a three year period.

April, 1993 - Oct., 1993:

Interim Chair, New Orleans Ryan White Title I HIV/AIDS Health Services Planning Council

- October, 1992 - Present:** Member, New Orleans Ryan White Title I HIV/AIDS Health Services Planning Council
- July, 1986 - May, 1988:** Chairperson, United Services for AIDS, Ryan White Title II Consortium, New Orleans.
- May, 1988 - Present:** Board Member, United Services for AIDS
- July, 1992 - Dec., 1992:** Consultant to the Pediatric AIDS Program of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Scope of work included: prevention of HIV and provision of HIV services to adolescents, and improved collaboration on the Federal and local levels among agencies responsible for HIV and substance abuse programs.
- July, 1993** Chair, Work Group on Title I Grantee and Planning Council Roles. Division of HIV Services, HRSA.
- June, 1992** Chairperson, Pediatric/Family AIDS Grant Review, Division of Services for Children with Special Health Needs, Maternal and Child Health Bureau.
- August, 1993:** Participant, Objective Review Panel for Ryan White Special Projects of National Significance, Adolescent Projects
- August 1991 and 1992** Participant, Objective Review Committee, Ryan White Title III, Bureau of Health Care Delivery and Assistance, Department of Health and Human Service
- May, 1993 - Dec., 1993:** Co-Chair, AIDS Policy Center for Children, Youth and Families, A 501 (C)3 organization which conducts policy analysis, information dissemination, and advocacy with Congress and the administration.
- May, 1991 - Present:** Member, Public Policy Committee of National Pediatric HIV Resource Center. The committee monitors public policy issues and disseminates information about issues that affects HIV-affected children, youth and families. Accomplishments included the consolidation of AIDS funding for pediatric and adolescent HIV services into Title IV of Ryan White CARE Act and the establishment of the AIDS Policy Center for Children, Youth and Families.

PUBLICATIONS

Kaiser, M and Rosenzweig, D. (1992) "Medical Aspects of Cocaine Exposed Newborns" (McGonigel, M editor) in Babies and Cocaine - A Resource Handbook (Singular Publishing)

Kaiser, M and Johnson, A. (1991) "Pediatric HIV, AIDS and AIDS - Related Complex" (Caldwell, et al editors) in Special Health Care in The School (The Council for Exceptional Children-publishers)

Kaiser, M (1990) "Cocaine Exposed Newborns". Pediatric Review 4 (9).

Kaiser, M.; Manning, D.T.; Balson, P.M. (1989). "Lay Volunteers Knowledge and Beliefs About AIDS Prevention". Journal of Community Health, 14 (4).

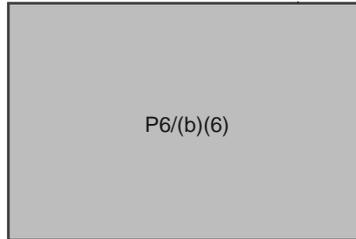
Kaiser, M (1988). "Educating Children About AIDS". Pediatric Review. 2(9).

Curriculum Vitae

MICHAEL A. KAISER, M.D., F.A.A.P.

PERSONAL

Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Citizenship:
Home Address:



Home Phone:
Business Address:

Children's Hospital
200 Henry Clay Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70118
(504) 896-9731

Business Phone:

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

November, 1983 - Present

Clinical Assistant Professor
Department of Pediatrics,
Tulane University Medical Center

March, 1986 - Present

Clinical Assistant Professor
Department of Pediatrics
Louisiana State University School of Medicine

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

October, 1993 - Present

Executive Director, NO/AIDS Task Force. NO/AIDS provides a comprehensive array of services to HIV-infected and affected individuals, and the general public. Services include: HIV counseling and testing, medical early intervention services, home meal delivery program, case management, mental health services, volunteer training, HIV information hotline, and community risk reduction and AIDS awareness education.

August, 1988 - Present:

Project Director, Pediatric AIDS Program. A comprehensive program to provide support, education and services to children with HIV infection and their families; and to furnish information to the community about pediatric AIDS. Funded partially by the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, Health Resources and Service Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, for a three year period. Re-funded for an additional three year period, August, 1991.

- July, 1990 - Present:** Project Director, Collaborative Approach to Nurturing. A community based, comprehensive program targeting drug dependent pregnant women and their infants. Case management services and rehabilitation counseling is provided to mothers, and development assessments and intervention is provided to the infants. Funded for a 5-year period by the Office for Substance Abuse Prevention of the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Administration under Model Projects for Pregnant/Postpartum Women and their Infants.
- August, 1990 - Present:** Project Director, Resources for Adolescents Program. A program to provide HIV prevention education to adolescents who are in danger of becoming HIV-infected and to develop a comprehensive "one-stop" medical and support program specific to the needs of adolescents who are already infected with the virus. Originally funded by the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, National Issues of High Priority in Pediatric AIDS, for a three year period.
- September, 1993 - Present:** Medical Director, Lagniappe Project. A program to provide case management, resource development, respite, transportation and mental health services to biological, foster and adoptive families of children who have been abandoned or who are at-risk of abandonment due to the progression of HIV illness in the mother or substance use/abuse. Funded by the Administration of Children and Families, for a three year period.
- April, 1993 - Oct., 1993:** Interim Chair, New Orleans Ryan White Title I HIV/AIDS Health Services Planning Council
- October, 1992 - Present:** Member, New Orleans Ryan White Title I HIV/AIDS Health Services Planning Council
- July, 1986 - May, 1988:** Chairperson, United Services for AIDS, Ryan White Title II Consortium, New Orleans.
- May, 1988 - Present:** Board Member, United Services for AIDS
- July, 1992 - Dec., 1992:** Consultant to the Pediatric AIDS Program of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Scope of work included: prevention of HIV and provision of HIV services to adolescents, and improved collaboration on the Federal and local levels among agencies responsible for HIV and substance abuse programs.
- July, 1993** Chair, Work Group on Title I Grantee and Planning Council Roles. Division of HIV Services, HRSA.
- June, 1992** Chairperson, Pediatric/Family AIDS Grant Review, Division of Services for Children with Special Health Needs, Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

- August, 1993:** Participant, Objective Review Panel for Ryan White Special Projects of National Significance, Adolescent Projects
- August 1991 and 1992** Participant, Objective Review Committee, Ryan White Title III, Bureau of Health Care Delivery and Assistance, Department of Health and Human Services.
- May, 1993 - Dec., 1993:** Co-Chair, AIDS Policy Center for Children, Youth and Families, A 501 (C)3 organization which conducts policy analysis, information dissemination, and advocacy with Congress and the administration.
- May, 1991 - Present:** Member, Public Policy Committee of National Pediatric HIV Resource Center. The committee monitors public policy issues and disseminates information about issues that affects HIV-affected children, youth and families. Accomplishments included the consolidation of AIDS funding for pediatric and adolescent HIV services into Title IV of Ryan White CARE Act and the establishment of the AIDS Policy Center for Children, Youth and Families.

PUBLICATIONS

- Kaiser, M and Rosenzweig, D. (1992) **"Medical Aspects of Cocaine Exposed Newborns"** (McGonigel, M editor) in Babies and Cocaine - A Resource Handbook (Singular Publishing)
- Kaiser, M and Johnson, A. (1991) **"Pediatric HIV, AIDS and AIDS - Related Complex"** (Caldwell, et al editors) in Special Health Care in The School (The Council for Exceptional Children-publishers)
- Kaiser, M (1990) **"Cocaine Exposed Newborns"**. Pediatric Review 4 (9).
- Kaiser, M.; Manning, D.T.; Balson, P.M. (1989), **"Lay Volunteers Knowledge and Beliefs About AIDS Prevention"**. Journal of Community Health, 14 (4).
- Kaiser, M (1988). **"Educating Children About AIDS"**. Pediatric Review. 2(9).

INVITED LECTURES (Abbreviated List)

- December 5, 1991** Early Intervention Services - The Benefits of Anonymous T-Cell Monitoring. "HIV-AIDS Health Service Research and Delivery", Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Annual Meeting, Miami, Florida.
- November 11, 1991** Children with HIV Infection or AIDS. "Children on the Edge", Council for Exceptional Children, New Orleans, LA.
- October 13, 1991** Keynote Address: The Second Decade of the Epidemic in the United States. "HIV/AIDS 1991: Across the Life Cycle", The 5th National Nursing Conference, New Orleans, LA.

- October 6, 1991 Moderator and Presenter at workshop Substance Abuse and Families. National Pediatric AIDS Demonstration Project National Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.
- June 21, 1991 AIDS 101. National PTA AIDS Leadership Training Workshop, New Orleans, LA.
- May 11, 1991 Keynote Address: AIDS. "Conference on Infectious Diseases in Children: How to Prevent their Spread", New Orleans, LA.
- February 9, 1991 Moderator, A Panel on Critical Issues: "What HIV Program Personnel Should Know About Prenatal Exposure to Cocaine and Other Drugs". Sixth Annual National Pediatric AIDS Conference, Washington, DC.
- November 9, 1990 Luncheon Roundtable: Are You Missing AIDS in Your Practice?...If So...What Next? "Pediatric Postgraduate Potpourri V", New Orleans, LA.
- April 26, 1990 Perinatal Transmission of AIDS and its Consequences. Louisiana Perinatal Association, Annual Meeting, Lafayette, LA.
- September 7, 1989 Chair, Session on Prevention, Training and Counseling, Fifth National Pediatric AIDS Conference, Los Angeles, California.
- June 18, 1989 Plenary Address: The New Orleans Solution to AIDS. The Fourth Annual Louisiana AIDS Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- December 1, 1988 The Parents' Role in Educating Children About AIDS. "World AIDS Day", LSU and Tulane University Medical Centers, New Orleans, LA.
- July 23, 1988 Developing and Managing an HIV Counseling and Testing Program. The Second International AIDS Forum, Boston, Massachusetts.
- June 12, 1988 Keynote Address: New Orleans Response to AIDS. Third Annual Louisiana AIDS Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- March 19, 1988 Medical Aspects of AIDS in Children. Texas Society of Child Psychiatry and Louisiana Council on Child Psychiatry, New Orleans, LA.
- February 24, 1988 Pediatric AIDS. Association for the Care of Children's Health, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- January 16, 1988 New Orleans' Response to AIDS. "Psychiatric Aspects of AIDS", American Psychiatric Association, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- November 24, 1987 The Importance of HIV Counseling. Louisiana's Department of Health and Human Resources, New Orleans, LA.

- September 17, 1987 AIDS as a Growing Menace to Children and Adolescents. New Orleans Society for Adolescent Psychiatry and Regional Council of Child Psychiatry, New Orleans, LA.
- August 29, 1987 Organizing Local Responses to the Epidemic. "Louisiana AIDS Symposium for Physicians", New Orleans, LA.
- August 26, 1987 Childhood Accidents and their Prevention. "New Orleans Pediatric Board Review", New Orleans, LA.
- June 20, 1987 Keynote Address: AIDS Politics 101. Second Annual Louisiana AIDS Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- May 15, 1987 Keynote Address: Where Has Our Government Been? The Second Southeastern Conference on AIDS, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.
- April 24, 1987 Medical Aspects of AIDS and AIDS Counseling. American Association for Counseling and Development, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- March 28, 1987 Developing an HIV Test Site in New Orleans. "The Fifth National AIDS Forum", Los Angeles, California.
- March 19, 1987 The Community's Response to AIDS...What Medical School Doesn't Teach. American Medical Student Association, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- October 1, 1986 AIDS: Local Perspectives vs National Agenda. American Public Health Association, Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- June 10, 1986 The Development of a Bioethics Committee in a Children's Hospital. Association for the Care of Children's Health, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California.
- February 13, 1985 Ethical Concerns about HTLV-III Testing. "Seminars on Testing for Antibodies to HTLV-III" sponsored by Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia.
- November 24, 1983 Health Problems of the Urban Child. American Public Health Association, Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas.

REFERENCES: Available Upon Request.

JOHN BREAUX
LOUISIANA

MAJORITY
CHIEF DEPUTY WHIP

COMMITTEES:
COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION

FINANCE

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
(202) 224-4623

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 25, 1994

STATE OFFICES:

ONE AMERICAN PLACE, SUITE 2030
BATON ROUGE, LA 70825
(504) 382-2050

THE FEDERAL BUILDING
705 JEFFERSON STREET, ROOM 103
LAFAYETTE, LA 70501
(318) 262-6871

WASHINGTON SQUARE ANNEX BUILDING
211 NORTH 3RD STREET, ROOM 102A
MONROE, LA 71201
(318) 325-3320

HALE BOGGS FEDERAL BUILDING
501 MAGAZINE STREET, SUITE 1005
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130
(504) 589-2531

CENTRAL LOUISIANA:
(318) 487-8445

Ms. Kristine Gebbe
Director of National Aids Policy
Executive Office of the President
750 17th Street, N.W.
Suite 1060
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Ms. Gebbs:

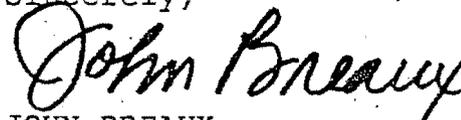
I would like to recommend Dr. Michael Kaiser for a position on the Advisory Council of the Office of National Aids Policy.

Dr. Kaiser is exceptionally well qualified to serve on the Council. His stellar resume includes present service as Project Director of the Pediatric AIDS Program as well as Clinical Assistant Professor at Tulane University Medical Center. He also serves as Project Director for Collaborative Approach to Nurturing, Medical Director for NO/AIDS Task Force and Project Director for Resources for Adolescents Program.

Dr. Kaiser has published numerous articles, including "Pediatric HIV, AIDS and AIDS-Related Complex and "Educating Children About AIDS." His service on many boards and community groups includes acting as Chairperson for United Services of AIDS. The experience he has gained through his academic, professional and civic activities would be of enormous benefit to the Council.

Gary's background and qualifications make him an ideal candidate for the Council, and I urge your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any further information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



JOHN BREAUX
United States Senator

JB:prs

The National Association of Children's Hospitals
and Related Institutions, Inc.

LAWRENCE A. McANDREW, MD, BE
President, NACHRI

January 26, 1994

Ms. Kristine Gebbie
National AIDS Policy Coordinator
Executive Office of the President
750 17th Street, NW #1060
Washington, DC 20563

Dear Ms. Gebbie:

On behalf of the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI) -- an organization of more than 130 children's hospitals and pediatric units concerned with the health-care needs of children -- I am writing to recommend Michael A. Kaiser, MD, FAAP be appointed to the newly created Presidential HIV/AIDS Advisory Council. I am aware that Dr. Kaiser is currently among the finalists being considered for an appointment to the Council.

Dr. Kaiser brings with him a wealth of experience and an enormous amount of commitment about the needs of children, adolescents, women, and families affected by HIV/AIDS in the United States. At present he is the project director for the Pediatric AIDS Program at Children's Hospital, New Orleans, where he directs a comprehensive program that provides support, education and services to children with HIV infection and their families and furnishes information to the community about pediatric AIDS. Dr. Kaiser is also the project director for two other important programs: 1) a community based, comprehensive program targeting drug dependent pregnant women and their infants and 2) a program providing HIV prevention education to adolescents who are in danger of becoming HIV-infected, which also includes a medical and support program for adolescents already infected with the virus. Additionally Dr. Kaiser serves as the medical director for the NO/AIDS Task Force, a program providing a comprehensive array of services to HIV-infected and affected individuals, and the general public. He also is the author of numerous papers on HIV/AIDS and is a speaker at national meetings on issues pertaining to pediatric AIDS.

NACHRI strongly believes that Dr. Kaiser would be a valuable asset to your office in assisting it to determine the short and medium-range goals for a national AIDS action agenda.

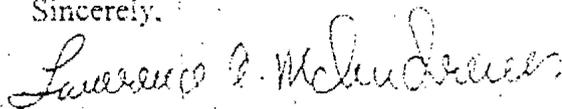
Letter to Kristine Gebbie
January 26, 1994
Page Two

as well as setting priorities within this action agenda. We believe that Dr. Kaiser would also be extremely helpful to the Council by actively participating at both the local and regional levels in various activities that ensure the experiences of children, adolescents, women, and families with HIV/AIDS are communicated to your office.

Again, NACHRI highly recommends Dr. Kaiser for appointment to the Presidential HIV/AIDS Advisory Council. We believe his experiences and commitment will truly represent the needs of those affected by HIV/AIDS.

Please feel free to call upon NACHRI if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Lawrence A. McAndrews
President

LAM/kw

WILLIAM J. JEFFERSON
SECOND DISTRICT, LOUISIANA

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
428 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-1802
(202) 225-8636

LIONEL R. COLLINS, JR.
CHIEF OF STAFF

DISTRICT OFFICE:
1012 HALE BOGGS FEDERAL BUILDING
501 MAGAZINE STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130-3394
(504) 589-2274

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-1802

February 2, 1994

COMMITTEES:
WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEES:
OVERSIGHT
SOCIAL SECURITY
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
SUBCOMMITTEES:
FISCAL AFFAIRS AND HEALTH
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND
METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

The Honorable Donna Shalala
Secretary,
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Shalala:

Recently, I learned that Dr. Michael A. Kaiser, project director of the Pediatric AIDS Program at Tulane University Medical Center and the LSU School of Medicine, has been nominated to serve on the President's AIDS Task Force.

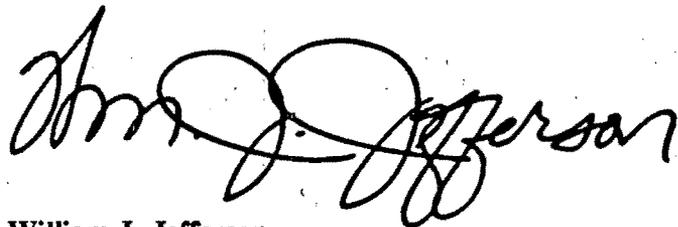
Dr. Kaiser has toiled on the front line of the battle against AIDS for more than one decade, first as a co-founder of the N.O. AIDS Task Force, then as the task force's volunteer medical director and now, in addition to his other work, as the full time Project and Medical Director of the task force.

Over the years, Dr. Kaiser has consistently demonstrated his determination to prevent further spread of HIV and AIDS in the metropolitan New Orleans community and his commitment to finding a cure. His work with the Tulane/LSU Pediatric Aids Program and his leadership within the N.O. AIDS Task Force, United Services for AIDS and other professional and community-based health organizations set a high standard for public service.

In recognition of Dr. Kaiser's continuing contributions, I highly recommend him for appointment to the President's AIDS Task Force.

Thank you for your consideration. I've enclosed a copy of Dr. Kaiser's vita for your review.

Sincerely,



William J. Jefferson
Member of Congress

cc: Ms. Kristine Gebbie
Mr. Bob Hattoy
Mr. Larry Sanders

Jim Neiss

P6/(b)(6)

RELATED EXPERIENCE:

Dec 93-Present

Program Coordinator
Bay Area Young Positives, San Francisco, CA 94117
Coordinate & implement support programs for Adolescents and Young Adults living with HIV, including support groups, 1 to 1 peer counseling and case management. Responsible for program development & evaluation. Supervise direct service team. Facilitate support groups, provide 1 to 1 counseling and referral.

Apr 92-Nov 93

Research/Editorial Assistant
Julie Graham, MPCC, San Francisco, CA 94107
Compile and review articles and data on health and psycho/social issues related to young people with HIV. Maintain library database. Perform general administrative functions.

**Apr 93-June 94 &
Apr 92-July 92**

Client Advocate
Community United Against Violence, San Francisco, CA
Provided visits intervention, advocacy, and short term counseling to survivors of anti-lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender motivated violence, domestic violence and sexual assault.

Jan 93-Apr 93

Youth Advocate
HIV & Youth Advocacy Projects (Special Programs for Youth, San Francisco Department of Public Health), San Francisco, CA
Co-organized public hearing for SF Public Health and Safety Commission on issues of Youth & HIV. Advocated youth needs to Bay Area Agencies and used media opportunities for outreach. Organized and facilitated focus groups.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

Jan 91-Present

Facilitator
LYRIC(Lavender Recreation and Information Center, SF, CA)
Co-developed and co-facilitate a 10-week closed support group for young queer men living with HIV. Member of Development Committee of LYRIC's HIV project. Facilitated LYRIC's and 18th Street Services' year-end program evaluation.

June 93-Aug 93

**Education Facilitator
Bike-Aid**

Cycled with and trained 16 cross country bicyclists to be HIV education outreach workers and presenters. Planned and facilitated presentations and group meetings in rural communities between San Francisco and Washington, DC

Apr 91-June 93

**Crisis Line Counselor
Community United Against Violence, San Francisco, CA**

Provide crisis intervention and emotional support to survivors of anti-lesbian, gay bisexual and transgender violence, domestic violence and sexual assault.

Consultation:

Consultant on issues facing Young People with HIV for the following organizations:

- The San Francisco AIDS Foundation
- The San Francisco Unified School District
- Department of Public Health AIDS Office
- HRSA
- 18th Street Services
- BAY Positives
- Bike-Aid
- Stop-AIDS Project
- High School Classes and other Misc. agencies

Publications: Authored: Youth Prevention Programs: Why They Don't Work. HIV and Adolescence, San Francisco Department of Public Health, Special Programs for Youth 1992

Education: City College of San Francisco
Area of Study: Humanities/Women's Studies

REFERENCES FURNISHED UPON REQUEST

JUL 21 REC'D

July 19, 1994

The Honorable Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmember, District of Columbia
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Charlene:

Thank you for writing to recommend
Dr. Mohammad Akhter for the position
of national AIDS policy coordinator. I
appreciate your interest in this critical
job, and I have passed your letter along
to my staff for consideration.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

BC/MM/ps (Corres. #1685333)
(7.jarvis.cd)

cc: Veronica Biggins
cc: Alexis Herman
cc: w/inc Carol Rasco

Podesta



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

(202) 724-8052

CHARLENE DREW JARVIS
Councilmember-Ward 4
Chairperson
Committee on
Economic Development

Committee Member
Human Services
Housing
Judiciary
Labor

July 13, 1994

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is my pleasure to recommend to you Dr. Mohammad N. Akhter, M.D., M.P.H. for the position of National AIDS Policy Coordinator.

I have known Dr. Akhter as the Commissioner of Health for the District of Columbia for the past three years. He has distinguished himself by reducing the infant mortality rate, increasing the immunization level, and by developing and implementing a comprehensive AIDS Prevention and Treatment program in this city, under extremely difficult circumstances.

He demonstrated his leadership by bringing together AIDS activists, the religious community, the political leadership and the community at large to implement such controversial measures as condom availability in schools and distribution of clean needles to drug addicts to prevent spread of disease.

Dr. Akhter has strong communication skills and the ability to work with public and private organizations. He has excellent working relationships with City agencies as well as with the Federal Department of Health and Human Services. By working cooperatively he has made many fine contributions to our city.

Considering the current status of the AIDS epidemic, in my opinion Dr. Akhter is the perfect match for the job. I recommend him wholeheartedly for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

CHARLENE DREW JARVIS
Councilmember, District of Columbia

cc: Veronica Biggins, Director, Office of Personnel
Alexis Herman, Director, Office of Public Liaison

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

file: ACRS

FAX COVER SHEET

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR DOMESTIC POLICY
SECOND FLOOR, WEST WING
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, DC 20500
(202)456-2216 PHONE
(202)456-2678 FAX

TO: Mark Miller
FAX #: 62806
FROM: George H. Bremer *Boz Miller*
DATE: 12/9/94
NUMBER OF PAGES (including cover sheet): 8
COMMENTS: Per our conversation

If you have any problems with the fax transmission, please call at (202)456-2216.

The document accompanying this facsimile transmittal sheet is intended only for the use of the individual or entity to whom it is addressed. This message contains information which may be privileged, confidential or exempt from disclosure under applicable law. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible for delivering the message to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, dissemination, copying or distribution, or the taking of any action in reliance on the contents of this communication is strictly prohibited.

TRANSMISSION REPORT

THIS DOCUMENT (REDUCED SAMPLE ABOVE)
WAS SENT.

**** COUNT ****
8

*** SEND ***

NO	REMOTE STATION I. D.	START TIME	DURATION	#PAGES	COMMENT
1	2024562806	12- 9-94 12:32	3'22"	8	

TOTAL 0:03'22" 8

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

FAX COVER SHEET

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR DOMESTIC POLICY
SECOND FLOOR, WEST WING
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, DC 20500
(202)456-2216 PHONE
(202)456-2878 FAX

TO: Mark Miller

FAX #: 62806

FROM: ~~CAROL H. RASCO~~ Roz Miller

DATE: 12/9/94

NUMBER OF PAGES (including cover sheet): 8

COMMENTS: Per our conversation.

If you have any problems with the fax transmission, please call
at (202)456-2216.

The document accompanying this facsimile transmittal sheet is intended only for the use of the individual or entity to whom it is addressed. This message contains information which may be privileged, confidential or exempt from disclosure under applicable law. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible for delivering the message to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, dissemination, copying or distribution, or the taking of any action in reliance on the contents of this communication is strictly prohibited.

AIDS MEETING 12/1/94

Dora Allerton

P6/(b)(6)

Stephanie Amande

P6/(b)(6)

→ Reyna Molina, Omas. Calby

Atry Bell

P6/(b)(6)

M. Alex Danford

P6/(b)(6)

Christopher Garcia

P6/(b)(6)

Daniel Minish (for Jay Minish)

P6/(b)(6)

Robert White

P6/(b)(6)

THIS FORM MARKS THE FILE LOCATION OF ITEM NUMBER 1
LISTED IN THE WITHDRAWAL SHEET AT THE FRONT OF THIS FOLDER.

JAN 11 1995

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 4, 1995

Joseph J. Eron Jr., MD and Charles van der Horst, MD
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
CB# 7030, 547 Burnett-Womack
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7030

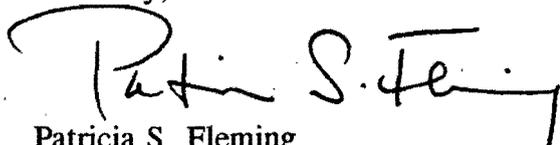
Dear Dr. Eron and Dr. van der Horst:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G766

JAN 11 1995

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 4, 1995

Thomas Henry "Shane" Koonce, III, PhD
Chairman of the Board
KEA Paralegal Litigation Services Inc.
P.O. Box 1868
Lillington, NC 27546

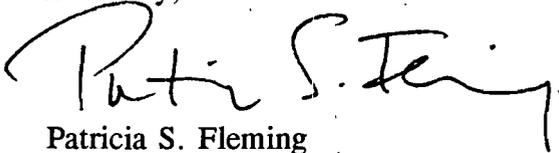
Dear Mr. Koonce:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G768

JAN 11 1995

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 4, 1995

Kimberly A. Scott
Project Director
Eastern North Carolina HIV/AIDS Consortium
P.O.Box 8685
Greenville, NC 27835

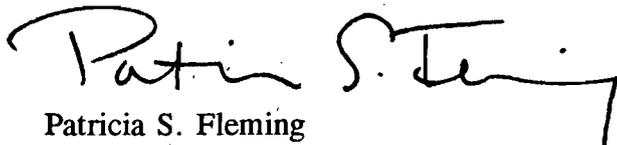
Dear Ms. Scott:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding funding of Title II of the Ryan White CARE Act and the continuation of the HOPWA program has been forwarded to me for reply. I want you to know that this office considers these programs to be important priorities.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plans to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA.

As you know, the Ryan White programs are one of the President's investment priorities. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G771

JAN 11 1995

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 4, 1995

Joel Johnson

P6/(b)(6)

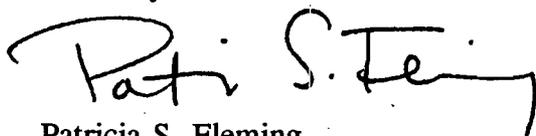
Dear Mr. Johnson:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G772

JAN 11 1995

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 4, 1995

Timothy Keith Edwards

P6/(b)(6)

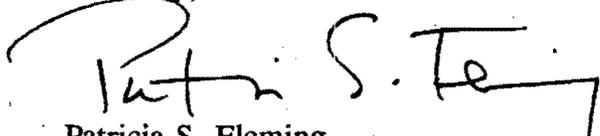
Dear Mr. Edwards:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G773

JAN 11 1995

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 4, 1995

David C. Beebe

P6/(b)(6)

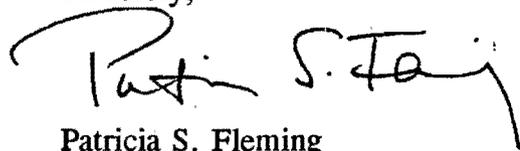
Dear Mr. Beebe:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G782

JAN 11 1995

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 4, 1995

Martha McDonald
Assistant Project Director
Eastern North Carolina HIV/AIDS Consortium
P.O.Box 8685
Greenville, NC 27835

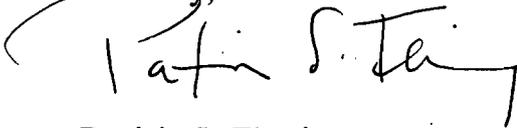
Dear Ms. McDonald:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding funding of Title II of the Ryan White CARE Act and the continuation of the HOPWA program has been forwarded to me for reply. I want you to know that this office considers these programs to be important priorities.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plans to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA.

As you know, the Ryan White programs are one of the President's investment priorities. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G773

JAN 11 1995

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 4, 1995

Ann Heath
Lead Case Manager
Positive Case Management
Olsten Kimberly Quality Care
11100 S. Stratford Road
Bldg. B, Suite 410
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

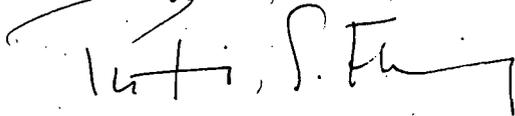
Dear Ms. Heath:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G475

JAN 11 1995

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 3, 1995

T. Anne Hassidim, RN, MSN
Visiting Nurse Association
4080 Centre Street
Suite 202
San Diego, CA 92103

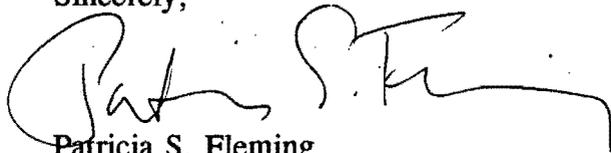
Dear Ms. Hassidim:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G477

JAN 11 1995

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 3, 1995

Nancy Mahon
AIDS in Prison Project
135 E. 15th Street
New York, NY 10003

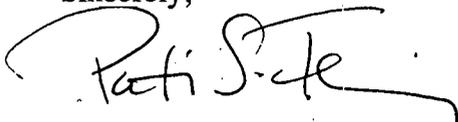
Dear Ms. Mahon:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G478

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

- CHE - FY1
- Roz - for
the files.

December 27, 1994

JAN - 6 1995

Sara Marshall
Infectious Disease Nurse Manager
TAP Clinic
3 Cooper Plaza
Suite 215
Camden, NJ 08103

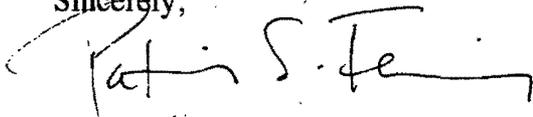
Dear Ms. Marshall:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G654

file

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 27, 1994

Kimberly A. Scott
Project Director
Eastern North Carolina HIV/AIDS Consortium
P.O. Box 8685
Greenville, NC 27835

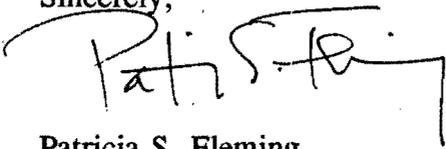
Dear Ms. Scott:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding funding of Title II of the Ryan White CARE Act and the continuation of the HOPWA program has been forwarded to me for reply. I want you to know that this office considers these programs to be important priorities.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plans to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA.

As you know, the Ryan White programs are one of the President's investment priorities. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG\G500

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 28, 1994

Alan B. Siskind, Ph.D. and Leah Mason, CSW
Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, Inc.
120 West 57th Street
New York, NY 10019-3371

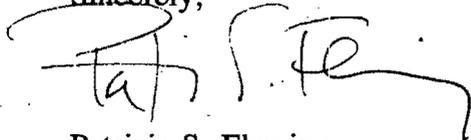
Dear Dr. Siskind and Ms. Mason:

Thank you for your letters, both to me and to Carol Rasco, regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat S. Fleming', written over a horizontal line.

Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G397/G502

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 27, 1994

Temple W. Heggie
HIV Case Manager
Hotline Crisis Intervention Center
P.O. Box 1417
Manteo, NC 27954

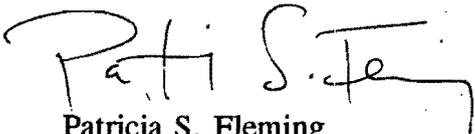
Dear Mr. Heggie:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G638

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 27, 1994

Martha MacDonald
Assistant Project Director
Eastern North Carolina HIV/AIDS Consortium
P.O. Box 8685
Greenville, NC 27835

Dear Ms. MacDonald:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding funding of Title II of the Ryan White CARE Act and the continuation of the HOPWA program has been forwarded to me for reply. I want you to know that this office considers these programs to be important priorities.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plans to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA.

As you know, the Ryan White programs are one of the President's investment priorities. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG\G624

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 27, 1994

Joel Johnson

P6/(b)(6)

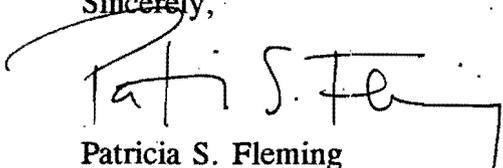
Dear Mr. Johnson:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G623

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 28, 1994

Eileen Kelly
Assistant Director, Research & Administration
AIDS in Prison Project
135 East 15th Street
New York, NY 10003

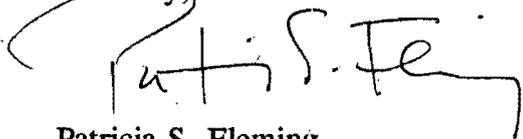
Dear Ms. Kelly:

Thank you for your letters, both to me and to Carol Rasco, regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G442/G431

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 21, 1994

Gene M. Bridges
Case Manager, Olsten-Kimberly QualityCare
1100 S. Stratford Road
Bldg. B, Ste. 410
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

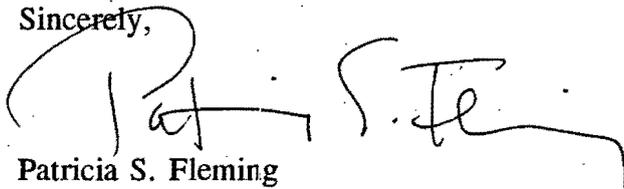
Dear Mr. Bridges:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G503

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 21, 1994

Marlene A. Hyson
Executive Director
Health Emergency Lifeline Programs
1419 W. Warren
Detroit, MI 48208

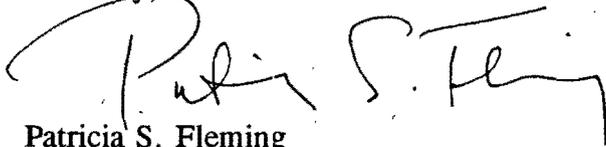
Dear Ms. Hyson:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G516

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 21, 1994

Jason Dichter

P6/(b)(6)

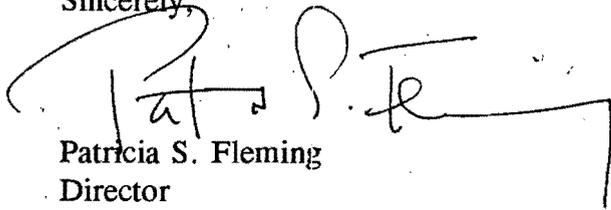
Dear Mr. Dichter:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G519

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1994

Randall Pope, Chief
HIV/AIDS Prevention & Intervention Section
Department of Public Health
3500 N. Logan/Martin L. King Jr., Blvd.
P.O. Box 30035
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Mr. Pope:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,

Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G443

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1994

Emanuel Cleaver II
Mayor
29th Floor, City Hall
414 E. 12th Street
Kansas City, MO 64106-2778

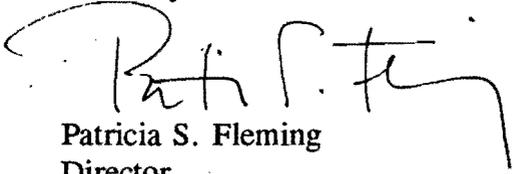
Dear Mr. Cleaver:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G447

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1994

Len Stewart
Provincetown AIDS Support Group
P.O. Box 1522
Provincetown, MA 02657

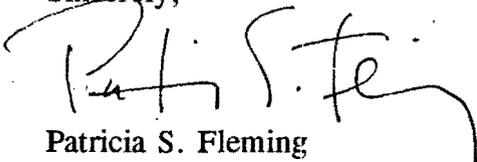
Dear Mr. Stewart:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G449

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1994

Doorways
Interfaith AIDS Residence Program
P.O. Box
St. Louis, MO 63108

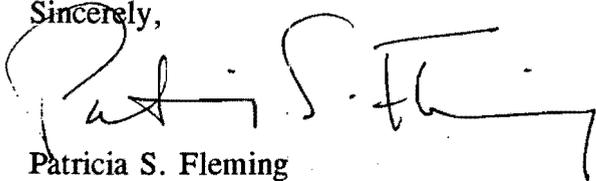
Dear Friends:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G451

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1994

Don Maison
AIDS Services of Dallas
P.O. Box 4338
Dallas, TX 75208-0338

Dear Mr. Maison:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G452

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1994

Renslow Sherer, MD
Director, Cook County HIV Primary Care Center
1900 West Polk Street, 12th floor
Chicago, IL 60612

Renslow
Dear Dr. Sherer:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,

Patsey
Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G415

Hello! How are you?

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1994

Ben Price

P6/(b)(6)

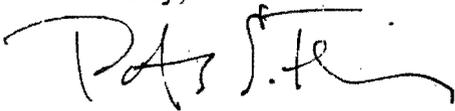
Dear Mr. Price:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G416

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1994

Connie Norman
The AIDS Service Center
126 West Del Mar Boulevard
Pasadena, CA 91105

Dear Ms. Norman:

Connie

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,

Pat

Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G438

Hello! Merry Christmas

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1994

Mike Ippoliti

P6/(b)(6)

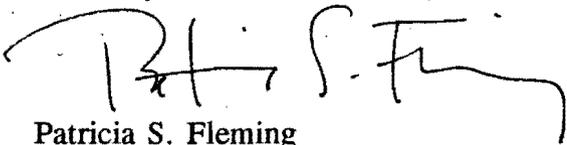
Dear Mr. Ippoliti:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G439

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1994

Dennis Murphy
Delaware County AIDS Network
907 Chester Pike
Sharon Hill, PA 19079

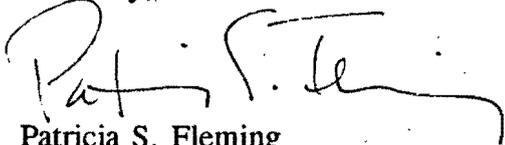
Dear Mr. Murphy:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G440

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1994

Roberta Suddleson

P6/(b)(6)

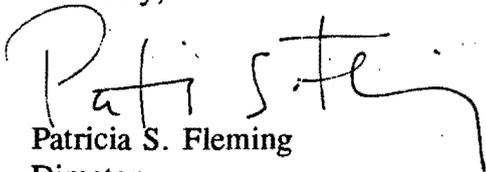
Dear Ms. Suddleson:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G441

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1994

Dan O'Shea
San Diego HIV Care Coalition
P.O. Box 85524, MS P501C
San Diego, CA 92186-5524

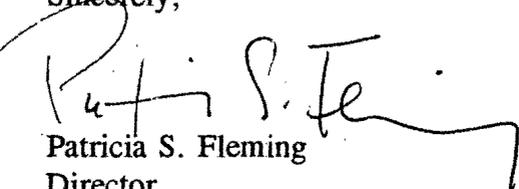
Dear Mr. O'Shea:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G461

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1994

Carlos Gomez
Executive Director
Western North Carolina Community Health Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 338
Asheville, NC 28802

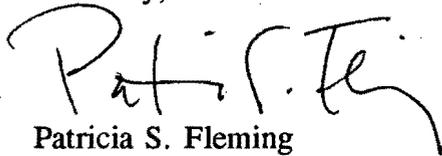
Dear Mr. Gomez:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G450

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1994

James Dougherty

P6/(b)(6)

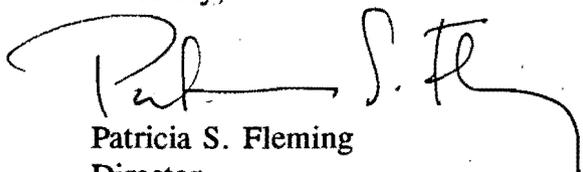
Dear Mr. Dougherty:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G445

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1994

Willard Green, Ph.D
Delaware County AIDS Network
907 Chester Pike - 2nd Floor
Sharon Hill, PA 19079

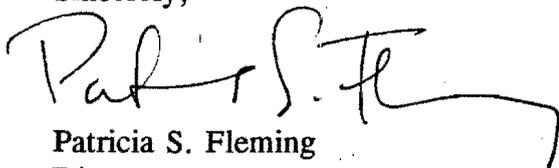
Dear Mr. Green:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G446

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1994

Centro Civico of Amsterdam, Inc.

P6/(b)(6)

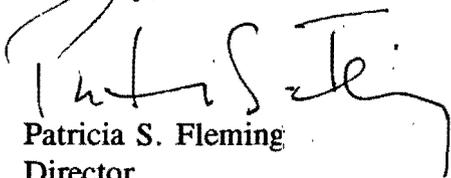
Dear Staff and Clients of CCS:

Your letter to Carol Rasco regarding the future of the Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program has been forwarded to me for reply.

I want to assure you that the housing needs of people with AIDS remain a high priority of this Administration. While all programs are being reviewed as part of the President's plan to reinvent and streamline government, no final decisions have been made regarding HOPWA. At the end of the budget process, I am confident that you will see that the President's commitment to make AIDS programs an investment priority throughout his Administration remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Fleming
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

cc: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

AJG/G448

THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF DOMESTIC POLICY

CAROL H. RASCO
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

To: _____

Draft response for POTUS
and forward to CHR by: _____

Draft response for CHR by: _____

Please reply directly to the writer
(copy to CHR) by: _____

Please advise by: _____

Let's discuss: _____

For your information: _____

Reply using form code: _____

File: AIDS _____

Send copy to (original to CHR): _____

Schedule ? : Accept Pending Regret

Designee to attend: _____

Remarks: _____

FYI

CC: FLEMING

THIS FORM MARKS THE FILE LOCATION OF ITEM NUMBER 2
LISTED IN THE WITHDRAWAL SHEET AT THE FRONT OF THIS FOLDER.

Dan Minish

P6/(b)(6)



Mrs. Carol H. Rasco
Office of Domestic Policy
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Chief of Staff

Washington D.C. 20201

file AIDS

FACSIMILE

FEB - 6 1995

DATE FEB 6 1995

TO: (NAME, ORGANIZATION, CITY/STATE AND PHONE NUMBER):

Carol Raeco
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Policy

456-2216

FROM: (NAME, ORGANIZATION, CITY/STATE AND PHONE NUMBER):

Kevin Thurm
Chief of Staff

690-6133

RECIPIENT'S FAX NUMBER: () 456-2878

NUMBER OF PAGES TO SEND (INCLUDING COVER SHEET): 4

COMMENTS:



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Office of the Assistant Secretary
for Health
Washington DC 20201

FEB 6 1995

TO : Carol Rasco
Through: Kevin Thurm *Kevin Thurm for*

FROM : Philip R. Lee, M.D. *Phil Lee*

SUBJECT: San Francisco AIDS Speech on Friday

On Thursday, February 2, I sent you a note advising you that I would make an important statement on needle exchange during my speech to the San Francisco AIDS Update Conference on Friday, February 3. Attached is my Thursday note.

I was concerned, given the strong support in San Francisco for needle exchange and the presence in the audience of those supporters, that there would be an unnecessarily harsh reaction by AIDS activists.

I have not changed my opinion that my planned statement is appropriate and should be made at the earliest opportunity. We will find an appropriate setting to do this.

Attachment



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Office of the Assistant Secretary
for Health
Washington DC 20201

February 2, 1995

To : Carol Rasco
Through: Chief of Staff _____
From : Assistant Secretary for Health
Subject: Needle Exchange Announcement

I want to alert you to a statement I will make tomorrow regarding needle exchange during my address to the San Francisco AIDS Update Conference.

BACKGROUND:

As you may know, the current HHS Appropriations law prohibits the use of Federal funds for the distribution of sterile needles unless the Surgeon General determines "that such programs are effective in preventing the spread of HIV and do not encourage the use of illegal drugs." (Under a 1988 statute authorizing substance abuse treatment programs, the Surgeon General must also determine that such programs "would be effective in reducing drug abuse.") We are allowed to use our funds to conduct research, or evaluation, of needle exchange programs. As a result of CDC's December, 1993, review of needle exchange studies, and Dr. Elder's interest in needle exchange programs, there was a perception that she was about to make the required determination and urge Federal funding of needle exchange programs.

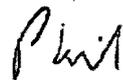
Needle exchange programs are now receiving greater attention because the HIV/AIDS epidemic is spreading fastest in the IV drug user population. In December, 1994, there were 77 needle exchange programs in 55 cities in 20 states.

MY STATEMENT:

The most recent studies of efficacy of needle exchange programs (including one important Dutch study that is not yet published) do not provide conclusive proof of a decrease, or an increase, in HIV transmission due to the distribution of sterile needles. As a result, I will announce tomorrow that there is insufficient data to make the determination called for in current law.

Page 2 - Carol Rasco

This statement will be understood by most AIDS researchers given the most recent data, and that about to be released. It is designed to remove any speculation that the Department is going to make the "determination" and initiate funding of needle exchange programs.



Philip R. Lee, M.D.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKA
CAROL RASCO *file*

SUBJECT: HIV-positive Refugees

We wanted to inform you of current plans for dealing with a sensitive and difficult issue: HIV-positive Haitians who were granted refugee status prior to the intervention but who have remained at Guantanamo Bay and in Haiti.

We also address two Haitian migration issues that relate to our decision on the HIV-positive Haitians: 1) disposition of Haitians currently in safe haven at Guantanamo and 2) disposition of Haitians who were approved for refugee status during the period of military rule but were not able to leave before the intervention.

Plans for Haitians Still in Safe Haven at Guantanamo

The large majority of the Haitians who chose safe haven at Guantanamo have returned voluntarily. There are, however, about 4100 who remain and whose disposition is unresolved. Over the next several days, we will make a final attempt to encourage them to return voluntarily and will inform them they are eligible for a reintegration grant and a short-term jobs program upon return. Those who continue to refuse to return will be repatriated involuntarily.

To meet concerns regarding fairness (and to maintain good relations with UNHCR), we will review the cases of individuals at Guantanamo who express continued fears of return. In view of changed conditions in Haiti, however, we expect few if any to meet the refugee definition and to remain at Guantanamo.

Movement of Previously Approved Refugees After Termination of In-country Refugee Processing in Haiti

At the time of the intervention, we stopped accepting applications for the in-country refugee processing program. However, we permitted U.S. resettlement for the some 1500

CC: Vice President
Chief of Staff

Haitians who were approved for refugee status during the period of military rule but who could not leave Haiti prior to the intervention.

We took this action primarily because these Haitians had already been informed that they would be admitted to the United States subject to administrative processing requirements. Many took measures -- e.g., selling their belongings, quitting their jobs -- in reliance on our statement about U.S. resettlement.

HIV-positive Haitian Refugees and the Medical Exclusion

This decision still leaves within Haiti about 100 HIV-positive Haitians who were approved for refugee status in the in-country program prior to the intervention. In addition, there are 26 HIV-positive Haitians at Guantanamo who were approved for refugee status at our processing ship in Jamaica. The 26 were approved before we ended refugee admission interviews of boat people and began the safe haven policy. However, they were not permitted entry when the 550 other Jamaica-approved refugees were accepted for admission into the U.S.

These two groups of HIV-positive Haitians -- in Haiti and at Guantanamo -- have been barred due to a medical exclusion in the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Waiver of the Exclusion

In the case of refugees, this exclusion may be waived for humanitarian, public interest or family unification reasons. However, a 1988 INS policy directive requires HIV-positive refugees to establish further that 1) the danger to the public health created by admission is minimal, 2) the possibility of the spread of the infection is minimal, and 3) there will be no cost incurred by any level of Government agency of the U.S. without prior consent of that agency as a result of entry. The third prong of this test -- and the need to find sponsorship -- has prevented most HIV-positive refugees (including the Haitians) from gaining entry.

INS Proposal to Alter the Public Charge Requirement

The INS policy directive's sponsorship requirement is discriminatory, as refugees, by virtue of their status, are by legislation exempt from "public charge" requirements imposed on other immigrants. This includes refugees with diseases more costly than HIV. For this reason, INS -- with support from State, HHS and the National Office of AIDS Policy -- proposed

earlier this year to modify its policy directive worldwide to eliminate this defacto public charge requirement for HIV-positive refugees.

INS estimates that, out of more than 100,000 refugees worldwide who enter the U.S. each year, this change would result in entry of less than 100 HIV-positive refugees annually. (These are people who meet our pre-selection criteria overseas, are interviewed and approved, and then are medically tested and discovered to have the HIV virus.)

While the logic of the INS proposal is sound, implementing such a policy change in the present political climate could spur a backlash that might result in restrictive legislation, including legislation to impose public charge requirements on all refugees.

Maintaining the INS Policy Directive and Disposition of HIV-Positive Haitians

We have thus suggested that Justice/INS defer considering a change in its policy directive. Justice understands our position on this issue. However, we still need to deal with the two groups of HIV-positive Haitians and similar refugees in other parts of the world.

The INS has now received guarantees of private sponsorship for the 26 Haitians at Guantanamo, thus bringing them into conformity with the requirements of the policy directive and its defacto public charge requirement. They will, therefore, be permitted to enter the U.S.

INS will also be informing the 100 others in Haiti -- who thus far have not been able to obtain private sponsorships -- that they will be given a limited time to obtain such sponsorships. Absent exceptional circumstances, their approval for entry will be withdrawn after this time period if they do not obtain sponsorships. (Frankly, INS officials are doubtful that those among this group of 100 -- who have been somewhat less visible than the HIV-positive Haitians at Guantanamo -- will be able to obtain sponsorships.)

Finally, in the absence of a change in the policy directive, the Attorney General is prepared to provide, in exceptional circumstances, an exemption from the defacto public charge requirement for approved HIV-positive refugees in other parts of the world. Such a circumstance would, for example, include a refugee applicant in one of our in-country programs who would be at grave risk if forced to remain in his country of origin after being approved by the U.S. Government.

Discussion

In view of the changed circumstances in Haiti, it is reasonable to question the need to permit entry for any of these groups of Haitians. On balance, however, we believe that the current course of action is appropriate for a number of reasons.

A blanket decision to bar entry of all HIV-positive Haitians -- even those who meet the existing waiver requirements -- would conflict with our decision to permit entry of the other (non-HIV) Haitians approved for refugee status prior to the intervention. We would be accused of heightening the already discriminatory treatment against HIV-positive refugees, as the factors that informed our decision on entry for the non-HIV Haitian refugees are just as relevant for those who are HIV-positive.

Attempting to return the 26 Haitians at Guantanamo would present additional problems. To ensure basic fairness, the UNHCR and others would press us to re-evaluate their already approved refugee cases if we sought to return them to Haiti. Such re-evaluation, as well as any attempt to return some or all of the Haitians, would almost certainly come under a court challenge similar to that which we faced last year (and which resulted in the admission of some 200 HIV-positive refugees).

For each of these reasons, Justice and State will begin quietly to implement the above-described effort over the next several weeks.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 9, 1995

MEMORANDUM TO LEON PANETTA
ERSKINE BOWLES

From: Carol H. Rasco *CHR*
Subject: Office of National AIDS Policy *fill*

I want to bring you up to date on some significant issues relating to the Office of National AIDS Policy. This fall, when we agreed to make the Director and Deputy Director members of the White House staff, we understood that both the funding for the office and additional staff would have to be supplied by other agencies. We have encountered significant problems that need to be addressed immediately:

- o We have been unable to finalize arrangements with HHS for funding for either the office or the Advisory Council.
- o We have been unable to bring any additional staff to work for the Office because the agencies have generally been unwilling to provide staff as agency representatives.
- o Without the funding finalized, we have not completed the legal paperwork necessary to establish the AIDS Advisory Council, which therefore has not been named. Public and advocacy pressure on this front is building.
- o Congressional offices are starting to inquire about the funding and status of the office. Senator Burns' office called to find out how it was funded, and Congressman Porter has circulated a letter to his appropriations subcommittee indicating that he is against transferring funds from HHS to run the office.

My staff and Patsy Fleming have been trying for weeks to solve the funding and staffing problems. Erskine Bowles even sent letters to eight selected Secretaries asking them to designate agency representatives by last week. Only one person responded, Shirley Chater from SSA, and she said SSA was "too small to be able to delegate someone." HHS is maintaining it can't find \$300,000 to fund this operation anywhere in its budget.

I raise this to your attention because we are at severe risk of embarrassment and anger from the AIDS community if these problems are not solved soon. My office and Patsy have exhausted our ability to try to make this happen, and we need help from other parts of the White House. These are the steps that need to happen:

1. Someone has to tell HHS to provide the funding. If HHS has a concern about the appropriators, we need to meet as soon as possible and decide what our alternative funding strategy will be. This will be an issue not just for this year but FY96 as well.
2. Somehow Erskine's letters to the Cabinet and agency heads need to be followed up with the strong message that we need them to designate staff now.
3. With funding and staffing resolved, the General Counsel's office can finalize the interagency agreements and Charter necessary to set up the Advisory Council. The names have been vetted and cleared and can be announced as soon as the legal paperwork has been complete.
4. We need to get a read from Legislative Affairs as to how serious an issue the funding transfer from HHS to the White House will be - and if necessary consider how we will fund this operation out of the White House budget next year.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters.