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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 21, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: World AIDS Day, 1994

As you know, December 1, 1994, is World AIDS Day -- a day set aside for our Nation and for the world to reflect on the scope of the HIV pandemic, to honor those we have lost, and to renew our commitment to fight this disease on all fronts.

It is my hope that all departments and agencies once again will plan significant activities to recognize World AIDS Day, as so many did last year. I was touched by the outstanding programs many of your agencies presented for employees, and I appreciated the acts of personal service a number of you performed for people living with HIV and AIDS. These activities exemplify what we have worked to make hallmarks of this Administration: leadership by example and putting people first.

The theme of World AIDS Day, 1994, "AIDS and Families: Protect and Care for the Ones We Love," recognizes that HIV is a challenge to families, not just individuals. Family members must work together to protect their loved ones from becoming infected. And all family members share responsibility for those who have become ill.

In order to begin planning for December 1, I request that each agency head designate an appropriate individual to plan and coordinate World AIDS Day, 1994, activities for the agency. Please inform the White House Office of the National AIDS policy coordinator by November 1 of the individual you have selected who will act as the coordinator for your agency's activities, and keep the office informed of the activities you plan for that day. The Office also will sponsor a meeting of coordinators from all the agencies and will inform your World AIDS Day coordinator of the time and place.

William D. Clinton

Carol -

6/22/26
Tom Saunders

Todd says this is
in the process - some
changes were made -
But Todd thinks this
will probably go out
soon. "Boj"

Please stay in touch &
let me know when

it happens. Also
when it goes out
~~it~~ send cc to Patsy.
Give Patsy the current
status now.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 14, 1994

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Carol H. Rasco 

SUBJECT: Memorandum on World AIDS Day

I. BACKGROUND I am seeking your approval to issue a memorandum in your name to the heads of executive departments and agencies concerning World AIDS Day. The memo calls on all agencies to plan activities around World AIDS Day and sets up a mechanism for coordinating such activities through the Office of the National AIDS Policy Coordinator. A similar memorandum was issued last year. A draft of this year's suggested memorandum is attached.

II. RECOMMENDATION I recommend your approval, and my staff will work with the Staff Secretary, Cabinet Secretary and Executive Clerk to ensure that the federal government is actively involved in marking this important day.

III. DECISION

_____ Approve _____ Reject _____ Discuss Further

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

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It is my hope that all departments and agencies will once again plan significant activities around World AIDS Day, as so many did last year. I was touched by the outstanding programs many of your agencies presented for employees, and I appreciated the acts of personal service a number of you performed for people living with HIV and AIDS. Both are examples of what I hope are hallmarks of this Administration: leadership by example and putting people first.

The theme for World AIDS Day 1994 is "AIDS and Families: Protect and Care for the Ones We Love." HIV is a challenge to families, not just individuals -- in preventing those we love from becoming infected, and in the number of Americans caring for their loved ones who have become ill -- including all federal employees who have been affected in some way by this epidemic.

It is my hope that all departments and agencies will once again participate in this important day of commemoration and renewal. In order to begin planning for December 1, I request that each agency head designate an appropriate individual to plan and coordinate World AIDS Day activities for the agency.

Once you have selected the individual who will act as the coordinator for your agency's activities, please inform *by November 1st* Amy Hannah at the Office of the National AIDS Policy Coordinator (202/632-1096 [fax]; 202/632-1259 [phone]). Please keep the Office informed of the activities you plan for that day. The Office will also sponsor a meeting of coordinators from all the agencies and will inform your World AIDS Day coordinator of the time and place. For background materials regarding recommended activities, contact the American Association for World Health at 202/466-5883.

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file: AIDS
Mailed to
C/O ACLU
122 Maryland Ave, NE
D.C., 20002

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 3, 1994

H. Alexander Robinson
President, Board of Directors
National Task Force on AIDS Prevention
944 Market Street, Suite 210
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Thank you for your recent letter endorsing
Phill Wilson for the position of National
AIDS Policy Coordinator. I have forwarded
your recommendation to our Personnel
Division.

As always, we appreciate your taking the
time to share your thoughts.

Sincerely,


Carol H. Rasco
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Policy

CHR:ram

THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF DOMESTIC POLICY

CAROL H. RASCO
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

To: COZ

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and forward to CHR by: _____

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(copy to CHR) by: _____

Please advise by: _____

Let's discuss: _____

For your information: _____

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signature
on Thursday.

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FROM: H. Alexander Robinson *

DATE: 11-02-94

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November 2, 1994

Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President, Domestic Policy
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Rasco:

I am writing to you to reaffirm the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention's support for Mr. Phill Wilson to fill the position of the National AIDS Policy Coordinator.

As a African American gay man living with AIDS Mr. Wilson knows all to well the daily challenges faced by people with AIDS. He knows how the politics of race, sexual orientation, poverty and health serve to further isolate people living with this disease. This wealth of personal and professional knowledge and experience recommends Phill for this strategically important post.

As a well trained and seasoned community organizer Phill would do the office, the President and our nation proud by calling on the best of who we are as compassionate and caring men and women. Phill will have the moral authority needed to call to task all those in the public and the private sector who approach AIDS with apathy and complacency. And last but by no means least as a public health professional Phill posses the requisite skills needed to advocate for increased partnership between governmental and community-based AIDS prevention, care, treatment and research efforts.

As advocates for gay men of color, who represent an alarmingly disproportionate number of people infected with HIV, the NTFAP pledges it full partnership in our national effort to ameliorate the suffering, stop the spread and ultimately find the cure for AIDS. Please don't take the timid step of appointing someone who is neither a person living with HIV nor a sexual minority.

In the words of our founder Reggie Williams,

Yours in the struggle,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'H. Alexander Robinson'. The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

H. Alexander Robinson
President, Board of Directors

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 6, 1994

MEMORANDUM TO CAROL RASCO

FROM: Patsy Fleming *Patsy Fleming*
SUBJECT: World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day (December 1) has become a very important symbol for the AIDS community -- an opportunity to reflect on where the epidemic is going, and a traditional point for political groups and community based organizations to assess the work of the government in responding to the epidemic. Last year's Georgetown speech by the President was perceived as a major breakthrough by the AIDS community -- the first time in the course of the epidemic that a President indicated an understanding of the problem and showed genuine compassion.

It will be equally important for the President to be visible this year. Though World AIDS Day will come shortly after the naming of a new National AIDS Policy Coordinator, it will be essential to communicate that this appointment is not a substitute for Presidential commitment on the issue. In addition, there has been some complaining in the HIV community that the President is not attending the international summit on AIDS in Paris scheduled for December 1st. A visible domestic presence will respond to that criticism.

There are several options I would recommend, none of which are mutually exclusive. Indeed, implementing all of them would be a significant plus.

- (1) A Presidential declaration about World AIDS Day should be issued and widely distributed. This office can prepare a draft.
- (2) The President should have at least one HIV-specific activity on December 1st. There are two options:
 - (a) Visit a community-based HIV program in the Washington area (or wherever the President is traveling that day), one that fits this year's theme of families. We can investigate a suitable program -- ideally one that receives federal Ryan White funds to promote the Administration's commitment to providing care and services. One example of an appropriate activity that would fit with the theme would be for the President to visit a meeting of a support group of care givers of people with HIV.
 - (b) The President could also host a ceremony at the White House. Alternatively, this could be hosted by the First Lady. The President could invite a group of families (including people living with HIV) who have been helped by various federal programs

orig: CHR
xc: Billy Webster
Mark Hearn
Patsy & I would
like to discuss
this with the two
of you. My office
will try to set an
appt. for next
week.
MAM
10/12/94

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– the four titles of the Ryan White CARE Act, the AIDS housing programs at HUD, NIH clinical trials, etc. Something more substantive than a mere recognition of these programs and the struggles of these families is needed, however.

One possibility would be to announce the Administration's intention to support a five-year reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act (assuming it does not pass this week). The reauthorization bill filed last week included new policy goals that the Administration sought -- especially a policy to assure that people who need prophylaxis treatments for opportunistic infections will get them and that all pregnant women who want AZT have access to it.

This approach could highlight several things at once: the progress on the research front that has occurred in extending lives and in prevention of HIV transmission and the commitment of this Administration to assuring access to this progress through a strong CARE Act program. Highlighting the CARE Act reauthorization would also mitigate potential criticism from community based organizations (the most likely source of negative press comments on World AIDS Day) -- since they are so dependent on and supportive of the CARE Act.

(3) The President could prepare a videotaped message about HIV for wide distribution to events around the country marking World AIDS Day.

(4) The President could make AIDS the theme of his Saturday radio address before December 1st. This would be an opportunity to highlight the importance of this issue (playing a leadership role in bringing the nation's attention to the continuing challenge of the epidemic) while also highlighting the Administration's work. He could also talk about the importance of the AIDS Summit in Paris.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

OCT 26 1994

October 26, 1994

NOTE TO CAROL RASCO

FROM: Jeff Levi 
SUBJECT: Keith Cylar letter re Ryan White formulas 

The issue raised by Keith Cylar regarding the counting of prisoners with AIDS in determining Ryan White funding allocations has been resolved for FY 1995 by continuing to include prisoners. Therefore, the concerns raised by Cylar in his letter have been addressed for the time being.

However, this issue, in some form, will arise again in the context of reauthorization of Ryan White. There are two mechanisms for becoming eligible for Title I (large city, high incidence grants) funds: (1) by having more than 2,000 cumulative cases; or (2) by having an incidence factor greater than .0025. This was originally included five years ago to assure that Jersey City would be eligible.

What has occurred recently is that a number of small cities have become eligible for Ryan White funding under the incidence factor, even though they have far fewer than 2,000 cases. Dutchess County, NY has become eligible because they have a state prison -- for whom they provide no services -- in their geographic area and the prisoners were counted toward their AIDS population. At the request of the Senate Appropriations Committee staff, the Department looked into whether, by excluding prisoners from the case count, we could avoid funding what are not really high incidence communities under the intent of the CARE Act. However, in order to do so, it would have been necessary to back out prisoners from all jurisdictions -- including those providing services to prisoners -- resulting in significant changes in formula grant awards. Thus, it was decided to defer this until reauthorization.

The mechanism to address this in the reauthorization process will be to state that only metropolitan areas with more than 500,000 people will be eligible. The incidence factor may also be eliminated.

THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF DOMESTIC POLICY

CAROL H. RASCO
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

To: Fotay

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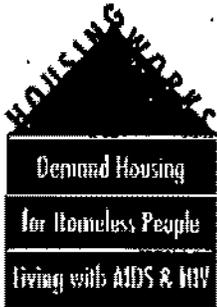
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Designee to attend: What is this

Remarks: all about?





OCT 21 1994

October 17, 1994

The Honorable Donna Shalala, Secretary
United States Department of Health & Human Services
Room 615 HHH
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 00201

Dear Madam Secretary:

I am writing in regard to a proposal you are considering that would require states and cities to remove prisoners with AIDS from the case counts in Ryan White funding and eligibility. We believe that this is a negative proposal and strongly encourage you not to adopt it. In addition, because this proposal does not include a "hold harmless" provision, existing EMA's and states would suffer a loss of financial resources and, therefore, reduction of services.

Housing Works is the nation's largest provider of housing and supportive services to homeless people living with AIDS and HIV. In addition, Housing Works is the largest minority-controlled AIDS service organization in the nation. We are dedicated to serving those people whom no one else can nor will serve, including those who are mentally ill and/or chemically dependent. Over the past three years, Housing Works has provided safe, supportive housing to over 600 homeless men, women and children. In addition to the service we provide those we have housed, we are currently providing supportive services to an additional 950 people who are currently awaiting permanent housing placement. The proposal you are considering would have dire consequences on many of the clients to whom we provide services. Should HHS proceed with this proposal, Housing Works will join with other community based organizations to explore avenues, both legal and otherwise, to overturn this proposal.

This proposal is discriminatory. People who have been incarcerated are no less worthy of HIV/AIDS treatment and services than the general population. In New York City, one of our funding priorities is discharge planning for incarcerated persons and for the provision of services of those recently released from incarceration. At Housing Works

Housing Works, Inc.
594 Broadway
Suite 700
New York, NY 10012

Phone 212 966-0466
Fax 212 966-0869

30% to 40% of our client population was previously incarcerated. The vast majority of these persons received no services while incarcerated and are often homeless as a result of the lack of discharge planning.

This proposal ignores the reality of prison length of stay. In New York City, the median prison stay is 24 months. Therefore, there is a constant influx of formerly incarcerated persons who will enter the general population in need of HIV related services. We cannot serve these individuals without adequate resources. Finally, the proposal sets a dangerous precedence for exclusion of one marginalized population of HIV-infected people from vital funding and services. Once you begin to discriminate against one group what is to prevent discrimination from spreading to other groups?

Given the harms caused by this proposal, I am sure you will want to reject it. Thanks for your consideration and I look forward to continuing to work with you on these issues in the future.

Sincerely,



Keith D. Cylar
Co-Executive Director

cc: Carol Rasko
Regina Aragon
Nilsa Gutierrez

File: AIDS

OCT 24 1994

**OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL AIDS POLICY COORDINATOR**

750 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20503

Phone: 202-632-1090
Fax: 202-632-1096

FACSIMILE COVER SHEET

TO: Carol Rasco

FAX NUMBER: 456-2878

FROM: Jeff Levi

DATE: October 24, 1994

PAGES INCLUDING COVER SHEET: 2

COMMENTS:

This is a revision of the budget data I have sent over to HHS reflecting the two options we discussed.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Thanks.

Revised Budget for Office of National AIDS Policy Coordinator

Option A: All funds coming from HHS.

Rent	\$124,000	Fixed cost of lease on 17th Street, already signed by OASH
Phones	\$50,000	Already direct billed to OASH
Travel	\$54,000	
Administrative	\$15,000	
Consultants	\$150,000	
Advisory Council	\$150,000	Direct support for travel, meetings, etc.
Total	\$543,000	

In addition, we will be looking to HHS for "agency representatives" totalling seven individuals. This could be five people coming from agencies plus two support staff currently provided by NAPO or it could be seven people from the agencies (e.g., NIH, HRSA, etc.). HUD, VA, OMB and others would be looked to for agency representatives as well.

Option B: HHS support for Office only

Rent	\$124,000	Fixed cost of lease on 17th Street, already signed by OASH
Phones	\$50,000	Already direct billed to OASH
Travel	\$54,000	
Administrative	\$15,000	
Consultants	\$150,000	
Total	\$393,000	

In addition, we will be looking to HHS for "agency representatives" totalling seven individuals. This could be five people coming from agencies plus two support staff currently provided by NAPO or it could be seven people from the agencies (e.g., NIH, HRSA, etc.). HUD, VA, OMB and others would be looked to for agency representatives as well.

Note: This option would probably increase the cost of the Advisory Council (to another agency), perhaps by as much as \$100,000 (for a total of \$250,000) since it would be necessary to hire consultants to do some of the staff work for the Council that AIDS office staff would have been able to do under Option A.

OCT 26 1994

Levi
AIDS

October 25, 1994

FAX NOTE TO CAROL RASCO

FROM: Jeff Levi

Total of seven pages

This is the latest from Tom Sheridan. It's not clear who, if anyone, will be joining this sign on.



TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: AIDS PAC
RE: AIDS CZAR -- Sign on letters.
DATE: OCTOBER 25, 1994

Many of you are in receipt of a letter from Carol Rasco regarding the status of a new AIDS Policy Coordinator.

We have drafted the following response for sign-on by interested members of the community. While we have a number of phone and fax numbers, we are not sure everyone who needs to be invited to sign on has been contacted. Please feel free to circulate this sign on to interested community members or call us with fax numbers of parties that should be reached. As usual it would be most helpful if this draft is not shared with anyone outside of the AIDS advocacy community.

AIDS PAC believes the community should have a response to the substantive concerns raised during the White House discussion late this summer. In keeping with our previous agreement, we have not entered into discussions regarding personnel. It appears however that the best we'll get from this process, without intervention, is status quo. Our board believes this is not acceptable.

The deadline for sign on is Friday, October 28, 1994 at noon.

Individuals and organizations are free to sign on.

To sign on or to make suggestions for edits etc...
Call Jean Hartnett at 202-462-8061.

October 24, 1994

The Honorable Leon Panetta
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

VIA FACSIMILE:

Dear Mr. Panetta:

As members of the AIDS community, we write with an urgent request to meet with you prior to any announcement regarding the position of the president's AIDS Policy Coordinator. Your leadership on AIDS issues in the past has been helpful and appreciated, and we appeal to you for assistance again.

We have attached a letter from us to Carol Rasco outlining some serious concerns about the process by which this decision is being made and the product which may result. Having had an opportunity to express to Ms. Rasco and Ms. Fleming our principal concerns about the structure of this position, it would seem only fair -- and politic -- for the community to be advised whether the position is to be improved or simply left, as some have characterized it, a "pumped up paper pusher."

There appear to be two distinct schools of thought on this subject. One, held by a vast majority of AIDS community leaders, believes the President intended to have a senior-level advisor on AIDS who would have the authority to mobilize public and private resources committed to ending the AIDS epidemic. Sadly, the original structure designed for this job, and the personnel choice to fill it, were lacking, and therefore incapable, of achieving the desired result.

The second school of thought believes the AIDS Policy Coordinator should be the consummate bureaucrat. Given title, but no real authority to bring the vast resources of the federal government, nor the partnership of private sector, to bear on this deadly disease. Having participated in the White House dialogue with the community, we are afraid this latter position is held by some of the President's advisors.

We do not wish to prejudge the outcome of this process. There are, however, serious warning signals that the President may ratify a decision that is not in keeping with the community's stated priorities and current understanding of the President's commitment on this issue.

The Honorable Leon Panetta
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We believe a meeting with you at your earliest possible convenience is the most effective way to resolve these issues and to reach an agreement on the structure of the job so that the President can choose the best possible person for the position with the AIDS community solidly behind him.

We will call your office in the next few days in order to schedule this meeting.

Sincerely,

October 24, 1994

Honorable Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Rasco:

The undersigned members of the AIDS community write on an urgent basis in response to your letter of October 20, 1994. We have a strong interest in the structure of the office of the President's AIDS Policy Coordinator and in the selection of the person to fill that office.

All of us welcomed, and late this summer most of us participated, in the process you organized to discuss both the structure of the position as well as the type of persons the President should consider for this position. After much thought and careful planning, the community during that process sent a clear and deliberate message that the job needed significant restructuring in order to meet the expanding challenges of the AIDS epidemic.

Since those meetings we have had no communication to indicate that our thoughts and perspectives have been taken into consideration, nor has there been any indication from the White House that filling this position was high on the president's priority list.

Needless to say, precious time has elapsed. When Ms. Gebbie resigned on July 8, 1994, the President appointed an interim replacement and promised to move with speed to find a permanent replacement. The White House assured the community that the interim Policy Coordinator would not be a candidate for the job. What the community was led to expect would last "less than two months" now has taken over four months.

In that time only one series of conversations was held with community leaders and the overriding message from the community participants in those meetings seems to have been ignored. We were assured that our good faith efforts to work toward mutually satisfactory goals would result in a timely and effective outcome - both of which appear in jeopardy at this moment. Our goal was and remains an AIDS Policy Coordinator with the authority and ability to solve the problems that confront the nation's response to the AIDS epidemic.

In correspondence to your office and to the President, the community consistently has offered criteria that would mark a successful restructuring of this position and a credible fulfillment of the President's AIDS promise during the campaign. To summarize these criteria, the AIDS Policy Coordinator will have:

Ms. Carol Rasco
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- * Meaningful authority
- * Direct access to the President
- * High profile/bully pulpit privilege
- * Independent staff
- * A role in the President's budget request.

The community felt so strongly about these characteristics that many of us simply have not felt comfortable recommending individuals for the job until we knew that these criteria had been incorporated or rejected as part of the job description for the AIDS Policy Coordinator. In fact some of the largest AIDS service organizations in the nation have gone on record stating, that absent meaningful restructuring of the position, the job should be abolished altogether.

To date no one, to our knowledge, has been briefed on the structure of the job. Moreover, a number of leaders in the AIDS community have attempted to contact you individually to determine this critical information. The response has been either that a decision had not been made, or more recently, that your decisions will be announced shortly (on or about November 11, 1994) and will not be open to further dialogue. This is troubling news and portends serious consequences.

We do not wish to make unnecessary or rash judgments about the ultimate success of this administration's ability to meet the needs of people with HIV/AIDS. This position, however, and the series of mistakes and empty processes that have haunted it, leave our community anxious for further dialogue prior to a decision being announced.

To fail to restructure the position using the criteria recommended in our meetings and summarized above; to appoint a person incapable of winning the community's confidence; or simply to assume that the community will accept the status quo -- all would be tragic errors.

In order to avoid such errors, we are sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Leon Panetta and requesting a meeting with him before November 11, 1994, to discuss our concerns and perspectives.

We thank you and Patsy Fleming for the work you have done to date and hope to continue our working relationship in an attempt to put an acceptable structure in place and find a qualified candidate to lead our efforts in the fight against AIDS.

Ms. Carol Nasoo
Page Three

Sincerely,

individuals and/or organizations.....

cc: Mr. Leon Panetta
Mr. George Stephanopoulos
Ms. Patsy Fleming
Senator Edward M. Kennedy
Representative Henry Waxman

FAX TRANSMITTAL

OCT 27 1994

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TO: CAROL Rasco

FROM: Bob Hattoy
Department of the Interior
White House Liaison

Comments:

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The community felt so strongly about these characteristics that many of us simply have not felt comfortable recommending individuals for the job until we knew that these criteria had been incorporated or rejected as part of the job description for the AIDS Policy Coordinator. In fact some of the largest AIDS service organizations in the nation have gone on record stating, that absent meaningful restructuring of the position, the job should be abolished altogether.

To date no one, to our knowledge, has been briefed on the structure of the job. Moreover, a number of leaders in the AIDS community have attempted to contact you individually to determine this critical information. The response has been either that a decision had not been made, or more recently, that your decisions will be announced shortly (on or about November 11, 1994) and will not be open to further dialogue. This is troubling news and portends serious consequences.

We do not wish to make unnecessary or rash judgments about the ultimate success of this administration's ability to meet the needs of people with HIV/AIDS. This position, however, and the series of mistakes and empty processes that have haunted it, leave our community anxious for further dialogue prior to a decision being announced.

To fail to restructure the position using the criteria recommended in our meetings and summarized above; to appoint a person incapable of winning the community's confidence; or simply to assume that the community will accept the status quo -- all would be tragic errors.

In order to avoid such errors, we are sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Leon Panetta and requesting a meeting with him before November 11, 1994, to discuss our concerns and perspectives.

We thank you and Patsy Fleming for the work you have done to date and hope to continue our working relationship in an attempt to put an acceptable structure in place and find a qualified candidate to lead our efforts in the fight against AIDS.

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Ms. Carol Rasco
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Sincerely,

individuals and/or organizations.....

cc: Mr. Leon Panetta
Mr. George Stephanopoulos
Ms. Patsy Fleming
Senator Edward M. Kennedy
Representative Henry Waxman

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October 24, 1994

The Honorable Leon Panetta
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

VIA FACSIMILE:

Dear Mr. Panetta:

As members of the AIDS community, we write with an urgent request to meet with you prior to any announcement regarding the position of the president's AIDS Policy Coordinator. Your leadership on AIDS issues in the past has been helpful and appreciated, and we appeal to you for assistance again.

We have attached a letter from us to Carol Rasco outlining some serious concerns about the process by which this decision is being made and the product which may result. Having had an opportunity to express to Ms. Rasco and Ms. Fleming our principal concerns about the structure of this position, it would seem only fair -- and politic -- for the community to be advised whether the position is to be improved or simply left, as some have characterized it, a "pumped up paper pusher."

There appear to be two distinct schools of thought on this subject. One, held by a vast majority of AIDS community leaders, believes the President intended to have a senior-level advisor on AIDS who would have the authority to mobilize public and private resources committed to ending the AIDS epidemic. Sadly, the original structure designed for this job, and the personnel choice to fill it, were lacking, and therefore incapable, of achieving the desired result.

The second school of thought believes the AIDS Policy Coordinator should be the consummate bureaucrat. Given title, but no real authority to bring the vast resources of the federal government, nor the partnership of private sector, to bear on this deadly disease. Having participated in the White House dialogue with the community, we are afraid this latter position is held by some of the President's advisors.

We do not wish to prejudge the outcome of this process. There are, however, serious warning signals that the President may ratify a decision that is not in keeping with the community's stated priorities and current understanding of the President's commitment on this issue.

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The Honorable Leon Panetta
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We believe a meeting with you at your earliest possible convenience is the most effective way to resolve these issues and to reach an agreement on the structure of the job so that the President can choose the best possible person for the position with the AIDS community solidly behind him.

We will call your office in the next few days in order to schedule this meeting.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 27, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: CAROL H. RASCO, ^{CHR} Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
RE: PATSY FLEMING
DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF NATIONAL AIDS POLICY (PA)

I. BACKGROUND

The Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy was created for the purpose of assuring that the efforts of the Administration are coordinated with policy formation, program implementation, research, outreach, and public awareness of the AIDS epidemic. The first Director, Kristine Gebbie, was appointed in the Summer of 1993 and resigned after one year in office.

II. DISCUSSION

Following the resignation of Kristine Gebbie, Patsy Fleming was named as Interim Director. At that time, Ms. Fleming stated that she did not want to be considered for the position. Extensive outreach was conducted through small focus groups led by Ms. Fleming and myself. Over sixty representatives of AIDS groups from across the country, as well as Federal officials and Congressional aides participated in the groups. Qualifications listed most frequently at these meetings were the knowledge of and respect among the community of providers, advocates, and persons living with AIDS; the ability to work with the Administration, OMB, government agencies and Congress; and a ready willingness to use the "bully pulpit" when addressing the AIDS issue. As a result of her work during the interim period, Ms. Fleming has recognized the Administration's commitment to addressing the AIDS epidemic, and believes she has the necessary skills for the position. A commitment has been made to make an announcement by November 11.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
October 27, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Carol H. Rasco *fill*
SUBJECT: AIDS Coordinator

I. BACKGROUND

A campaign promise was to appoint an AIDS coordinator within the White House to assure the efforts of the new administration were coordinated in policy formation, program implementation, research, outreach, and public awareness regarding AIDS. The first coordinator was appointed in the summer of 1993 and resigned after one year in office.

II. KIND OF CANDIDATE

Following the resignation of the first coordinator an interim director was named and extensive outreach was done through small focus groups led by the interim director, Patsy Fleming, and myself with over 60 representatives of AIDS groups from across the country, federal officials as well as Congressional aides. The groups identified for us their ideas on the desired characteristics of both the coordinator and the purposes of the office. While there was in no way a consensus on the priority ranking of the various characteristics, the qualifications listed most frequently were knowledge of and respect among the community of providers, advocates, and persons living with AIDS; ability to work with the remainder of the White House, OMB, appropriate Departments and Congress; and a ready willingness to speak out forthrightly on the issues of AIDS---actually utilizing the "bully pulpit" function.

III. RECOMMENDED PERSON

I recommend that Patsy Fleming be named the coordinator. She did state that she did not want to be a candidate when she took the interim position at the urging of Secretary Shalala and the White House. Her permanent appointment might provoke comments (although I do not know that it will) about her statements that she was not a candidate. Patsy has, in recent weeks, told me and Secretary Shalala she has realized how very serious this White House is on the topic of AIDS, and that she believes she has the skills needed for the position. I

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PATRICIA S. FLEMING

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Work:

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PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

- * **Clinton-Gore Transition Team,** for the Departments of Education, and Health and Human Services, November, 1992 to January, 1993;
- * **Professional Staff Member of the Human Resources and Intergovernmental Operations Subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee** conducting policy and advocacy oversight of the federal response to the AIDS epidemic, 1986-92;
- * **Chief of Staff to Rep. Ted Weiss** 1983-86;
- * **Senior Public Policy Associate,** consulting firm, James H. Lowery & Associates, 1981-83;
- * **Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation,** Department of Education, 1980-81;
- * **Assistant to the Secretary,** Department of Education, 1979-80;
- * **Director of Intergovernmental Affairs,** Office for Civil Rights, HEW, 1978-79;
- * **Special Assistant to the Secretary,** HEW, 1977-78;
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Patricia S. Fleming

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
IN VIDEOTAPING FOR PEDRO ZAMORA

The Roosevelt Room

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At a time when people are saying that young people don't care, Pedro has proved them very wrong. Through his work in classrooms and other public forums, Pedro has given a voice to a disease that is still too often treated with silence. And he's taught millions of Americans all across our country the importance of education, communication and prevention. This young man has shown that AIDS truly does not discriminate. It can strike any of us. It's a disease that concerns us all.

Our administration is dedicated not only to finding a cure for this plague, but to supporting those living with it.

I stand with you and applaud the efforts of people like Pedro who have given the inspiration to those in need. Making his battle with AIDS a public one, Pedro showed that one person can make a difference.

Over the past few years, Pedro became a member of all our families. Now, no one in America can say they've never known someone who's living with AIDS. The challenge to each of us is to do something about it and to continue Pedro's fight.

Pedro, all of us are very proud of you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 31, 1994

Letitia Gomez
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Gay Organization
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Dear Letitia:

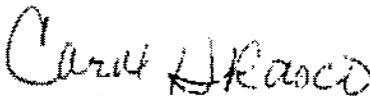
We are writing to thank you for having taken the time to meet with us recently about the future of the National AIDS Policy Coordinator's office. These meetings have provided valuable input to our process -- and we hope that they have contributed to the community's understanding of the role of the National AIDS Policy Coordinator within the White House and our efforts to find the right person for this critical position.

As we said at the meetings, President Clinton is committed to assuring that this Administration has a comprehensive and compassionate policy on HIV/AIDS -- from the White House to every agency of the federal government. Regular discussions with the community, such as those we had last week, are an integral part of assuring that we remain on course.

We know how important the National AIDS Policy Coordinator position is to the HIV/AIDS community. But we also heard how important it is to choose the right person. To that end, we want you to know that we intend to fill this position as expeditiously as possible -- while also being thorough in our outreach and consideration of all qualified candidates.

Thanks again for coming to the White House. We look forward to continued communication in the weeks and months ahead.

Sincerely,



Carol H. Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy



Patsy Fleming
Interim National AIDS Policy Coordinator

October 20, 1994

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Dear 4-:

I want to give you a status report on our efforts in the search for a new National AIDS Policy Coordinator.

This has been a longer process than we had hoped. During this period, I have greatly appreciated the numerous suggestions received from the HIV/AIDS community about the mission, structure, and personnel appropriate for this office.

Meanwhile, important work on the AIDS front has required our attention, not the least of which has been identifying sufficient funding for the Office of the National AIDS Policy Coordinator so that we can assure the new coordinator the resources to fully staff the office. We have also been preparing for the World AIDS Summit on December 1st, working on the FY 1996 budget, and helping with the attempted reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act. In short, the Administration's work on commitment on AIDS has not slowed during this interim period, in no small part because of the willingness of Patsy Fleming to take on the interim coordinator's position.

We plan to announce the decision on a permanent coordinator by November 11. We will be in touch with you to let you know the exact date.

Thank you for your support and patience in this important effort.

Sincerely,

Carol H. Rasco
Assistant to the President
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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CAROL H. RASCO
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 19, 1994

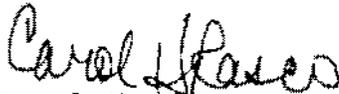
The Honorable Barbara F. Vucanovich
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2802

Dear Congresswoman Vucanovich:

Thank you for sharing with me your endorsement of Herb W. Perry for the position of National AIDS Policy Coordinator. I have forwarded your letter to our Personnel Division.

Again, thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,



Carol H. Rasco
Assistant to the President for
Domestic Policy

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BARBARA F. VUCANOVICH
2d DISTRICT, NEVADA
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-2802

October 12, 1994

The Honorable Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President
Domestic Policy Council
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Ms. Rasco:

I wanted to express my support for the candidacy of Herb W. Perry for the National AIDS Policy Coordinator.

Mr. Perry hails from the great state of Nevada, which I represent. Over the last few years I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Perry regarding federal AIDS/HIV related issues, including funding for programs in the state of Nevada. Mr. Perry is dedicated to the promotion of AIDS awareness, services and funding.

Mr. Perry first became aware of the problems associated with AIDS when he discovered that his son was infected with this devastating disease. Continuing the fight for his son and others who have passed on due to this illness, Mr. Perry is truly a committed individual with the determination needed to succeed.

Mr. Perry's qualifications are self-evident. He is a member of the Board of Trustees and the First Vice President of Aid for AIDS for Nevada and is a member of the National Speaker's Bureau of the National Association of People with AIDS. He has been instrumental in lobbying efforts to increase funding for research and public awareness programs for AIDS. He is an adept businessman who is able to work well together with members of the business community, as well as government leaders.

I believe he is an ideal candidate for the position of National AIDS Policy Coordinator and hope you will give his application every consideration.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Barbara F. Vucanovich

BARBARA F. VUCANOVICH
Member of Congress

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 13, 1994

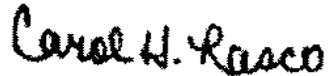
Herbert W. Perry, LPA/EA
6442 Bristlecone Circle
Las Vegas, NV 89102-6618

Dear Mr. Perry:

Thank you for sharing with me your interest in working with this Administration. I have forwarded your resume to our Personnel Division for review.

Again, thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,



Carol H. Rasco
Assistant to the President for
Domestic Policy

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HERBERT W. PERRY, LPA/EA
ENROLLED TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
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July 29, 1994

White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, dc 20500

Attention: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President
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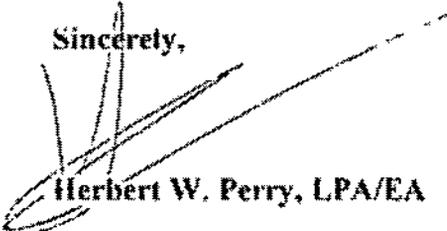
Dear Ms Rasco:

I am writing this letter to you to submit my name as the next National AIDS Policy Coordinator. With the ever changing face of AIDS, I feel that I would be a very viable candidate for that position. Also, there are many people, who have indicated support in my behalf.

I have been involved in AIDS advocacy for over three years. My participation in AIDS advocacy was a result of our son dying from AIDS. I made a commitment that if I could prevent one person, parent or significant other from going through the heartache or headache that our family has gone through my time and efforts would be well spent.

Enclosed is some material for your information. I am available to meet with you at any time. I await hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Herbert W. Perry, LPA/EA

Enclosures
HWP/dbh

Form 1040		Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service	SINCE 1970	
U.S. Individual Income Tax Return				
For the year Jan - Dec 31, 1994, or other tax year beginning				
Use the IRS label. Otherwise, please print name and address.		HERBERT W. PERRY LPA/EA ENROLLED AGENT (702) 253-1969 FAX: (702) 253-7306		
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The following is a list of individuals, at various state, local and national organizations that have knowledge of Herbert W. Perry, LPA/EA. His background and experience.

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State of New York Health Department - Vince Marrone - 518-473-8484

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin - Doug Nelson, Executive Director - 800-359-9272

MN AIDS Project - Lorraine Teal, Executive Director

Texas AIDS Network - Carolyn A. Parker, PhD, Executive Director

AIDS Action Council - Dan Bross, Executive Director, 202-986-1300 X11

NAPWA - Cornelius Baker - 202-898-0414

NASTAD - Julie Scofield, Executive Director - 202-434-8090

National Leadership Coalition on AIDS - Rosalind Brannigan - 202-429-0930

NAP - Lisa Hernandez - 702-870-3607

NV Attorney General's Office - Laurie Foremaster - 702-486-3777

Clark County Health District - Lionel Starkes - 702-383-1397

Clark County Health District - Rick Reich - 702-383-1394

Clark County HIV/AIDS Service Providers - Ron Lawrence - 702-369-8700

WY HIV Education Health Project - Beth Shober - 307-686-0317

Colorado Public Health Department - Karen Ringen - 303-692-2719

United Way of Southern Nevada - Deborah Campbell - 702-892-2319

American Red Cross - Marlene Griffins, Executive Director - 702-384-1225

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BIOGRAPHY OF HERBERT W. PERRY, LPA/EA

Mr. Perry graduated from college with a Degree of Master in Business Administration, and over twenty years experience in the small business bookkeeping and individual income tax return preparation profession. He handles all phases of the various required accounting needs for his small and medium sized business clients. He is retained by many clients to assist them in budget and financial planning, as well as income tax planning. He has represented many of his clients before the Internal Revenue Service as an Enrolled Agent.

LICENSES AND CREDENTIALS

Licensed Public Accountant by the State Board of Accountancy - Minnesota (LPA)
Enrolled to practice Before the Internal Revenue Service as an Enrolled Agent (EA)
Accreditation Council of Accountancy Certificate
Accreditation Council of Taxation Certificate
Licensed Real Estate Broker in three states
Licensed Mortgage Broker in Minnesota
Licensed Private Pilot - SEL

PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (member)

Minnesota Association of Public Accountants
National Society of Public Accountants
Nevada Society of Accountants
National Association of Enrolled Agents
Minnesota Association of Enrolled Agents
Nevada Association of Enrolled Agents
National Association of Tax Practitioners
Accreditation Council of Taxation
Accreditation Council of Accountancy

PUBLIC SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

Board of Trustees member of Aid for AIDS of Nevada (AFAN)
Holds the offices of First Vice President and Assistant Treasurer for AFAN
Serves as a member of the volunteer Speaker's Bureau of AFAN
Member of the National Speaker's Bureau of the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA)
Listed by Corporate Wellness as a recommended speaker on AIDS awareness
Member of and an active AIDS advocate on Capitol Hill in D.C. for AIDS Action Council
Former Development Director for Reach Out, pediatrics care center for children with AIDS, and a member of the Advisory Committee
Guest speaker on numerous occasions covering many subjects on small business operations and HIV/AIDS in the workplace, including many radio and television shows
Legislative Chair for Nevada Society of Accountants
Former member and officer of the Network and Executive Leads Clubs, which are business and professional organizations
Former member of the National Leadership Coalition of AIDS
Active in many other community affairs and volunteer organizations
Guest Host on Southern Nevada Perspective aired on KFB1, 107.5 FM

PERSONAL

Married. Two daughters, one son -in-law and two granddaughters.
Hobbies, include bowling, watching football and reading time permitting.

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July 15, 1994

Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Policy
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Support of Candidate for National AIDS Policy Coordinator

Dear Ms. Rasco;

This letter is written in support of Mr. Herbert W. Perry, LPA/EA as a candidate for the position of National AIDS Policy Coordinator. Mr. Perry has indicated to me that he has a sincere interest in seeking this position, and feels he has the insight, dedication, and commitment to do the job.

I have known Mr. Perry since February of 1992, when he volunteered with this agency during his sons battle with AIDS. Subsequently, Mr. Perry became a member of the Board of Trustees for Aid for AIDS of Nevada (AFAN). In this capacity, he has served as Treasurer and 1st Vice President of the Board, as well as Legislative Liaison. Mr. Perry has helped obtain grant funding for the agency, assisted with fundraising events, served in our speakers bureau, done hospital visitations, and actively involved himself in the political scene as an advocate for HIV/AIDS funding and services, in conjunction with this agency and other members of the Clark County Coalition of HIV/AIDS Service Providers.

Mr. Perry has demonstrated an ability to function well within the political/lobby arena, and to work with diverse people regardless of cultural, ethnic, socioeconomic or sexual orientation background.



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On a national level, Mr. Perry has done lobbying and worked closely with the AIDS Action Council, and has been a speaker on HIV/AIDS issues with a number of speaker bureau's including NAPWA. He understands and has interacted relative to HIV/AIDS with numerous national and regional governmental agencies, as well as the medical community. Mr. Perry has a strong finance background with budgeting experience ranging from one million to excess of fourteen million dollars.

As a mainstream father of a PLWA, Mr. Perry attacked the AIDS issue with fervor. He entrenched himself in the workings and shortfalls of the system, developed strong advocacy for the agency, clients, staff, and community at large. Following the death of his son, Mr. Perry did not stop, but rather stepped up his involvement and quest.

It is my impression that people with such passion are rare, and generally become the backbone of advocacy and change. Given Mr. Perry's knowledge of and ability to work with the medical, social, non-profit, and political communities, I am pleased to offer support for him as a candidate for the position of National AIDS Policy Coordinator.

Sincerely,



Gregory W. Durrett
Executive Director
GD/gd

cc: Herbert W. Perry, LPA/EA