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012. email	Sandra Thurman to Records Management at 18:35:29.00. Subject: Official USSS WAVES Request - Records Management Document. [partial] (1 page)	06/18/1997	P6/b(6)
013. email attachment	Memorandum to the President from Bruce Reed and Sandra Thurman. Subject: U.S. Conference of Mayors Needle Exchange Resolution. [partial] (1 page)	n.d.	P5 4088
014. email	Sandra Thurman to Karen E. Finney at Subject: Re: [none] [partial] (1 page)	07/01/1997	P6/b(6)
015. email	Sandra Thurman to Karen E. Finney at 21:03:30.00. Subject: Re: [none] [partial] (1 page)	07/01/1997	P6/b(6)
016. email	Sandra Thurman to Anne S. Walker at 14:28:14.00. Subject: Todd Ferguson - Volunteer. [partial] (1 page)	07/01/1997	P6/b(6)
017. email	Sandra Thurman to Chris Gruin at 10:30:28.00. Subject: [none] (1 page)	07/28/1997	P6/b(6)
018. email	Sandra Thurman to Records Management at 13:28:19.00. Subject: Official USSS WAVES Request - Records Management Document. [partial] (1 page)	07/09/1997	P6/b(6)
019. email	Sandra Thurman to Records Management at 11:15:54.00. Subject: Official USSS WAVES Request - Records Management Document. [partial] (1 page)	07/09/1997	P6/b(6)
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and avoid difficult votes on this issue. If HHS were to lift the ban, staff are not sure how the votes would fall.

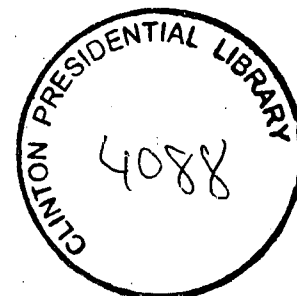
Community The AIDS advocacy community is pushing vigorously to have the federal ban on needle exchange funding lifted. The community has recognized that a lot of political work needs to be done in Congress prior to removing the funding restrictions, so that a worse outcome is not realized with a flat ban on funding in lieu of the Secretary's waiver authority. Now that there's a clear sign that the House Subcommittee will consider an amendment for a flat ban, there is heightened interest in having HHS remove the funding restrictions and aggressively defend the science behind its action on the Hill.

To that end, some groups are trying to place press questions on needle exchange to you in conjunction with the USCM resolution on needle exchange.....

Recommendation:

[013]

- * Indicate support for local flexibility in these matters (in keeping with the NGA, ASTHO, AMA positions)
- * HHS is in the process of meeting with AIDS advocates, members of Congress, scientists and others to analyze the data and determine a course of action. Ask the Secretary to report to you regarding this matter ASAP..
- * Acknowledge HHS is actively engaged in an internal discussion around developing strategies that would counter the dominant role intravenous drug use is playing in the transmission of HIV.
- * The Federal role must always be in deference to local control.
- * Indicate that we must work with the Congress to insure that we are providing all possible options to local communities to respond to the epidemic.



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001. email	Sandra Thurman to Cheryl S. Bauerle at 08:59:51.00. Subject: [Fwd: AIDS] (4 pages)	05/17/2000	P5 8072

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAY-2000 08:59:51.00

SUBJECT: [Fwd: AIDS]

TO: Cheryl S. Bauerle (CN=Cheryl S. Bauerle/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

----- Forwarded by Sandra Thurman/OPD/EOP on 05/17/2000

08:59 AM -----

Alex Ross <aross@afr-sd.org>

05/16/2000 10:47:43 PM

Record Type: Record

To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

cc:

Subject: [Fwd: AIDS]

FYI-- These are Bob Lester's, GC comments--I will incorporate into the latest draft that I worked on and send to OMB. Please forward me any comments you have early tomorrow am. The meeting with OMB, ONAP, and Treasury is Thursday at 1:00 pm

Thanks

Alex

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: AIDS

Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 15:28:50 -0400

From: "Bob Lester" <blester@usaid.gov>

Reply-To: <blester@usaid.gov>

To: <AROSS@AFR-SD.ORG>, "Alex Ross" <alex=ross%afr.sd%aidw@usaid.gov>

Alex,

Just a few comments.

1. The President is authorized to enter is probably the better formulation.

If we said nothing, there would be the constitutional issue and the Executive branch would view the language as not binding. This would bring us, essentially, back to the "is authorized to enter into negotiations" position.

2. In section 101(2) I was surprised that there's no mention of USAID. We're the largest bilateral donor so you'd expect some explicit reference to USAID here.

3. Under Governance, in subparagraph (A), I would say "UNAIDS, or" vice "UNAIDS, and".

4. Governance, in subparagraph (B), you probably need to put a line through "be".

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5. Funding. If you authorize appropriations but do not specify a fiscal year (e.g., your option 3), then it's considered a permanent authorization against which the appropriators can appropriate funds at any time. In other words, you can authorize appropriations in year one, but if the TF is not established until year 3, presumably there would be no appropriation for it until then, at which time the appropriations committees could appropriate funds in satisfaction of this authorization. You, then, really don't need an effective date for the appropriation of funds. Just don't include the fiscal year language that you've included, for example, in option 2. In option 3, at the very end, probably should be 101(5) rather than 101(4).

Hope this is useful.

bob

Message Sent

To: _____

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002. email	Sandra Thurman to Bruce N. Reed and Erskine Bowles at 12:06:34.00. Subject: Report on Conference Call of President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) (1 page)	04/09/1998	P5 8073
003. email	Sandra Thurman to Patrick E. Briggs at 16:34:22.00. Subject: Hey There! (1 page)	04/20/1998	P6/b(6)
004. email	Sandra Thurman to Bruce N. Reed at 19:16:16.00. Subject: Fun Day. (1 page)	04/20/1998	P6/b(6)
005. email	Sandra Thurman to Richard Socarides at 08:20:26.00. Subject: Re: Needles Exchange Meeting. (1 page)	04/28/1998	P6/b(6)
006. email	Sandra Thurman to Jonathan T. Weber at 16:59:58.00. Subject: Re: Traveler's ills. (1 page)	05/28/1998	P6/b(6)
007. email	Sandra Thurman to Sylvia M. Mathews at 19:45:45.00. Subject: Need help with travel. (1 page)	06/09/1998	P6/b(6)
008. email	Sandra Thurman to John Podesta at 19:13:19.00. Subject: Need help with travel. (partial) (2 pages)	06/17/1998	P6/b(6)

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 9-APR-1998 12:06:34.00

SUBJECT: Report on Conference Call of President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA)

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Erskine B. Bowles (CN=Erskine B. Bowles/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Richard Socarides (CN=Richard Socarides/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Virginia Apuzzo (CN=Virginia Apuzzo/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Elena Kagan (CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I thought I would give you a quick summary of the just-completed conference call of the PACHA. They have decided, based upon a call earlier this morning from the COS to Dr. Hitt, to forestall any decision on a resolution calling for the Secretary's resignation. However, they have scheduled another conference call of the whole on April 15 to discuss any progress between now and then, and an executive committee call on April 20th to determine if the resolution should be reconsidered or modified.

Concern was expressed about the timing of any decision by the Administration in relation to the Congressional recess. We also suggested to them that they should not publicly discuss any of the specifics of the message from the COS to Dr. Hitt for fear of giving opponents a head start.

I very much appreciated the call from the COS and think it was very effective in delaying any unfortunate action by the Council.

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003. email	Sandra Thurman to chris at 17:12:50. Subject: Re: Arrival Ceremony. (1 page)	12/19/1997	P6/b(6)
004. email	Sandra Thurman to Todd Summers at 19:07:11.00. Subject: AF Media Training. (partial) (1 page)	12/22/1997	P6/b(6)
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007. email	Sandra Thurman to isbell at 10:12:54.00. Subject: Re: Congrats. (partial) (1 page)	01/09/1998	P6/b(6)
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009. email	Sandra Thurman to Bruce N. Reed at 18:34:38.00. Subject: Re: 7:45 a.m. mtgs. (1 page)	02/20/1998	P6/b(6)
010. email	Sandra Thurman to Richard Socarides at 12:02:10.00. Subject: Re: Tobacco Event - Time Change - (1 page)	02/26/1998	P6/b(6)
011. email	Sandra Thurman to Sarah T. Holewinski at 12:25:30.00. Subject: Re: Read when you get a chance/Fwd: Poem by Maya Angelou. (1 page)	03/19/1998	P6/b(6)

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014. email	Sandra Thurman to Sandy (Pager) Thurman at 15:26:55.00. Subject: [none] (partial) (1 page)	03/21/1998	P6/b(6)
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SUBJECT: The General on needle exchange.

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Rumor has it that General McCaffrey is going to issue a press release fairly soon that expresses his opposition to federal funding for needle exchange programs pending additional research to prove that the programs do not encourage drug use. (we already have enough data to choke Miss Astor's pet horse!).

At any rate, this would not be helpful in our attempts to find some sort of solution to this needle exchange problem of ours. The General's throwing down the gauntlet and starting a public, cabinet level hissing match would be rather nonproductive (not to mention in bad taste).

Any chance that you can put the kibosh on this?

In the mean time, if you have any comments on the memo we prepared for Erskine please let me know.....and I am sending you a little note regarding my ongoing concerns about including a law enforcement component in whatever needle exchange proposal we come up with (realizing that I am clearly in the minority on this issue).

Sandies are from Georgia works for me.....

Sandy

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-DEC-1997 10:50:28.00

SUBJECT: Follow up to Erskine meeting

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

As you know, Scott Hitt and I met with Erskine (and supporting cast) last week to discuss the Advisory Council's report. The conversation focused on Medicaid expansion, needle exchange, and support for our office. I think it was a productive meeting. Scott certainly felt better after having an opportunity to vent.

Erskine committed to requesting a meeting with the President for the Council (but did not commit to a time frame) and to having us work on a strategy on needle exchange. No big surprises. However, in our conversations after Scott departed, the notion of including some sort of law enforcement piece in a compromise was brought up again, and once again I voiced my strong opposition. I ran the idea past McCaffrey last week and he whole heartedly agrees that it would won't work for his constituents or mine. I was delighted that we agreed on something!

As an alternative, we might want to consider a compromise that includes some combination of certifying the existing science (to give existing programs the imprimatur they need), call for additional research on the link between needle exchange and drug treatment (to make the General happy), and extend the moratorium on the use of funds until the research is complete (to pacify the Congress and buy us time to get through whatever elections, confirmations, etc. are imminent). I mentioned this to Elena following the meeting and told her I would chat with her about it but I wanted to run it past you first..

As you probably know, Donna and McCaffrey are having lunch this week to discuss needle exchange (and take my name in vain!). Donna is now back on the program of telling people that we can't do anything until Satcher is confirmed... which is fine. That should allay the General's concerns in the short run. But that isn't going to keep us from getting pounded in the interim if it doesn't appear that we have a plan while we are on hold.

Not much new on the Medicaid expansion front. Nothing a little money and conversation won't fix in the short run.

The Council is particularly focused on beefing up our office and expressed as much to Erskine. I know there is very little you can do to fix the problem. I have made some progress with detailees and will continue to work on this after the holiday. The Council and the community are concerned that we are taxed to the max. That may well be true but so is everybody else in the WH. I think I must appear to be a little frayed around the edges. Nothing a couple of days off won't cure. I am, after all, considerably older than the rest of ya'll!

I am sorry that I missed the party. I had made plans when I thought we were convening on the 13th. Todd said it was lovely.

Thanks so much for all your support....I greatly appreciate it....even if we never pay to exchange a single needle.

Merry Christmas.

Sandy

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 8-JAN-1998 17:57:30.00

SUBJECT: CDC Funding

TO: Joshua Gotbaum (CN=Joshua Gotbaum/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Happy New Year!

I hope you enjoyed your visit to Hilton Head, although I have my doubts since you were so rudely interrupted on a regular basis. Please accept my apologies. My guess is that I was not the only offender, perhaps just the most egregious.

While I understand that OMB has particular concerns regarding the bang for the buck we are getting from the CDC, and that these concerns have been directly expressed by OMB to the AIDS advocacy community, I am concerned that giving CDC no new AIDS prevention dollars (not even a few pennies) , or giving more money to STDs to " teach the AIDS people a lesson" might not be helpful to us in the long run either politically or programatically.

We are working very closely with CDC to impress upon them the need to provide information (and product) in a format that is acceptable to OMB..... and the rest of the community for that matter. Our failure to acknowledge the importance of prevention at the same time we are so dramatically increasing treatment dollars sends a bit of a contradictory message.

The malaria epidemic is long over. I vote that we pack up CDC and move them back to DC so we can keep them on a shorter leash. What do you think?

Thanks much....and, hang in there...it's almost over.

Sandy

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CREATION DATE/TIME:17-FEB-1998 18:55:34.00

SUBJECT: Re: Needle Exchange Meeting

TO: Sarah A. Bianchi (CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I only got the first line of the memo a minute ago. Now I have the whole thing.

There have been no activities in Congress specific to needle exchange. However, during the Satcher confirmation hearings Senator Ashcroft made some brief negative comments about needle exchange that were not responded to.

During the AIDS prevention hearing in the Health Subcommittee of the House Commerce Committee,

DR Coburn asked a panel of four of his witnesses (WHO, a city, state and local health director, all of whom were selected because they were not perceived as carrying the water of the AIDS community) if they thought needle exchange was an effective public health strategy. Although none of the witnesses had been told that needle exchange would be part of the discussion, when pushed by Coburn to answer they all said " yes". HHS reports that he was visibly stunned and quickly moved on to another topic.

We are monitoring both the Commerce Committee and the Government Oversight Committee and there is nothing on the radar screen between now and the end of March.

It is rumored that the General has sent a letter to the President indicating his opposition to needle exchange. Given the Congressional waters are generally calm, the Administration might not want to muddy the water at this critical time. I fear that leaking the General's letter would do just that.

That is it for the moment.

Sandy

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 20-MAR-1998 16:55:12.00

SUBJECT: Help!

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ: UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Our friend the General has decided to take our process public by copying the letter he sent to me following our meeting (the letter, by the way, was completely inconsistent with the tone and substance of the meeting... but, I assumed, was the General equivalent of spraying on the bushes) to 20 or so of his favorite members of Congress and God only knows who else, and, surprisingly, it has now wound up at the New York Times. This little trojanesque move (rather appropriate given our line of work!) is particularly disingenuous given the fact that we have spent the last three days attempting to reach a consensus statement for possible release on this matter.

We now have a draft prepared for your and Rahm's review just in time for it to be sabotaged. What a coincidence!

Call me when you can.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Chris Jennings

From: Sandy Thurman

Date: October 7, 1996

Re: Needle Exchange

This memorandum is designed to provide background information on the issues surrounding the Secretary of HHS's authority to waive the current restrictions on the use of federal funding for needle exchange programs to reduce the transmission of HIV. A brief overview of the changing epidemic, the public health response, the science, the public opinion, the politics, and other considerations are included.

I thought that some of this information might be helpful if shared with Bruce or others but I wanted to get your input first. Please let me know what you think.

The Evolving AIDS Epidemic

IV drug use now plays a central role in fueling the spread of HIV, particularly among women, children, and people of color.

HIV/AIDS continues to be considered by some as predominantly a gay white male disease. However, AIDS is increasingly a disease seriously affecting people of color, women, adolescents, and IV drug users.

A recent report by CDC estimates that more than 50% of all newly reported cases of AIDS are associated with IV drug use, including drug users, their partners and their children. In fact, IV drug use is now the predominate cause of pediatric AIDS. In the last five years there has been a 32% increase in AIDS cases in people of color (representing 63% of new cases), an increase of 64% in women (representing 20% of new cases), and an increase of 22% among injecting drug users (representing 29% of new cases). The gay community continues to be heavily impacted, but the disease is clearly moving rapidly into poorer and more disenfranchised populations. While death rates and new cases of AIDS have both declined in recent months as a result of better therapies, the rate of new infections has not gone down, and there is great disparity among affected communities. For example: while the death rate from AIDS declined 25% for men, it declined only 10% for women. For white men and women the decline in AIDS deaths was 32%, for Latinos it was 20%, and for Blacks it was only 13%. If we look at primary risk factors for infection, the greatest drop was in gay men, for whom AIDS deaths dropped 30%. For injection drug users the reduction was only 15%, and for heterosexuals (including partners of IV drug users) the decline was only 8%.

It is this burgeoning epidemic among IV drug users, their partners and children that have propelled the issue of needle exchange to the forefront of AIDS policy. As those on the front lines fight to keep these families alive long enough to get them into treatment and off drugs, they seek effective strategies for what often seems an overwhelming task.

Scientific Overview

Credible evidence demonstrates that needle exchange programs reduce the spread of HIV without increasing drug use, thereby saving countless lives.

In February, the Secretary of HHS reported to Congress on the results of several major studies of needle exchange programs, including those conducted by the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Academy of Sciences. More than 100 programs were reviewed. These studies provided strong and credible evidence that needle exchange programs **COPY** have a positive impact on reducing the transmission of HIV among users. This translates into saving the lives of their partners and children. In addition, the studies found no evidence that needle exchange

programs increase drug use by program participants or in the communities in which the programs were conducted.

Public Health Overview

The Administration seeks to retain the Secretary's authority to gather scientific data not to create a national needle exchange program.

Several years ago, the Congress banned the use of federal funding for needle exchange programs unless the Secretary determines that such programs have been found: (1) to reduce the rate of HIV transmission, and (2) not to increase the use of illegal drugs. If the Secretary was to make such a determination, based on credible scientific evidence, this would not create a national needle exchange program, as the opposition likes to claim. Such action would simply give state and local public health officials the flexibility to include this strategy as part of a comprehensive HIV prevention program -- if, and only if, they chose to do so.

Although some may frame this debate as solely about federal support for needle exchange programs, it is actually about much more basic public health policy. At the core of this debate are two essential principles of public health: (1) that sound science and not politics should drive policy development, and (2) that state and local public health officials should be given the flexibility to design programs that meet the needs of their citizens. Since the beginning of the AIDS epidemic, these principles have guided the federal role in HIV prevention.

HIV prevention has always been a difficult political challenge -- raising issues that people would rather not talk about. In the early days of AIDS, the controversy was over homosexuality; in 1997, it is over IV drug use. In 1980s, the right wing said that AIDS education targeted at the gay community promoted homosexuality. In 1997, they say that needle exchange programs promote illegal drug use. In each case, public health officials employ these strategies because they have been proven to reduce the transmission of a deadly virus. Consistently throughout the epidemic, HHS has sought to make scientific evidence available, report on the effectiveness of various HIV prevention strategies, and let programmatic decisions be made locally, where the needs can be better assessed and the politics can be better managed. In fighting to retain the Secretary's authority to "let the science drive" and "let local communities decide," the Administration simply seeks to defend longstanding public health principles.

Political Landscape

Although this issue needs to be politically "managed," it is not gays in the military.

Unlike gays in the military, this is not a policy being pushed on those who will be forced to implement it -- it is being pushed by them. The current restrictions on federal funding for needle exchange programs tie the hands of city, county, and state health officials who are struggling to save the lives of their citizens. More than 100 needle exchange programs in 27 states have already been developed with state and local funds. Now, the National Association of City and County Health Officials and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers are seeking the flexibility to use federal HIV prevention funding for this purpose. These officials are joined by a host of mainstream health, public health, and governmental organizations including: the American Medical Association, the Academy of Pediatrics, the American Nurses Association, the American Public Health Association, the National Academy of Sciences, the US Conference of Mayors, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, and the American Bar Association.

Given this line up, it is difficult for the opposition to pass this off as fringe policy put forward by those who do not understand how the system works.

The policy of local control is tremendously popular with the vast majority of Americans. Further, needle exchange programs are supported by a majority of Americans. A 1996 poll done by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that two-thirds of Americans favor providing clean needles to IV drug users. A 1997

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poll done by the Republican Tarrance Group found that 55% of voters supported needle exchange programs as a way to curb the spread of AIDS. This poll found 64% of Democrats and 58% of Independents supported needle exchange, with an 11% spread in the South and a 33% spread in the West. In addition, the editorial boards in all major media markets have solidly supported needle exchange, many challenging the Administration to take a more active leadership role.

Finally, there are bipartisan leaders on Capitol Hill who want to join with the Administration in standing up for sound public health policy. Although the House of Representatives stripped the Secretary of her authority during consideration of the Labor-HHS Appropriations bill, the Democrats supported her by more than a two-to-one margin (141-59). This was true despite the fact that the Democratic Leadership and the Administration devoted little energy to working this vote. In addition, 16 Moderate House Republicans joined with Democrats in the face of serious Leadership pressure to fall in line. On the Senate side, despite right wing efforts to find a champion willing to bring this issue to Senate floor and ensure it was a non-conferencable item, they found no takers. Therefore, the Secretary's authority, originally offered several years ago by Senators Kennedy and Hatch, was affirmed by the Senate as part of the Labor-HHS bill by a vote of 86-14.

In summary, unlike gays in the military, this issue may be sticky, but it is winnable.

Considerations

It is important to consider the potential negative political ramifications of seeking to maintain the Secretary's waiver authority, and at some point, to exercise it. A few such political considerations follow.

The Right Wing: Certainly the Family Research Council will try to use this opportunity to say that the Administration is soft on drugs. However, the Administration's record proves otherwise. On the issue of needle exchange itself, again the Administration is not pushing a national needle exchange program; in fact, the Administration would not support such an effort. We believe that HIV prevention decisions are best made locally. It is the conservatives who often claim that the long arm of federal government has reached too far into state and local decision making. Removing federal restrictions on how local communities spend their HIV prevention dollars is an effort to be less intrusive, not more.

ONDCP: Dialogue with the General has been improving and the two of us are having breakfast this Friday. His willingness to waive comment on the Statement of Administration Policy that went to the Congress supporting the Secretary's authority was a hopeful sign of cooperation. While I certainly understand his concern about sending the wrong message to young people, the vast majority of people who use needle exchange programs are addicts that have been using for more than 10 years. In addition, the research on needle exchange programs demonstrates that such efforts help to bring hard-to-reach users into treatment. If and when the Secretary exercises her authority, conditions should be placed on the use of federal funding to make sure that referrals to drug treatment are an integral part of any program.

The Satcher Nomination: The Satcher nomination could be used by the right wing as a referendum on needle exchange. However, conversations with those on Capitol Hill makes this seem highly unlikely. There seems to be the feeling that the hearing will proceed without a hitch. However, gun control and the AZT trials for pregnant women in the developing world are still hot topics. It is true that Dr. Satcher called for the removal of the restrictions on the use of federal funding for needle exchange programs as CDC Director in 1993. This is widely known and a reality that will simply need to be managed. He can certainly talk about the longstanding public health principles of "let science drive" and "let local communities decide" as policies he will embrace as Surgeon General. In addition, his views on needle exchange can be wrapped in mainstream public health support by our friends on the Committee. Finally, unlike Dr. Elders, Dr. Satcher would certainly say he opposes legalization of drugs for those who like to claim that needle exchange is a slippery slope to legalization.

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It is also important to consider the potential negative political ramifications of not maintaining the Secretary's waiver authority, and at some appropriate time (i.e., after Dr. Satcher is confirmed and the Congress has adjourned), exercising it. A few such political considerations follow.

The AIDS Community: This issue has become central to the AIDS community and, rightly or wrongly, it has become symbolic of the Administration's leadership on AIDS. The Administration can and should be proud of the major increases in AIDS funding in the early years. However, with the Balanced Budget Agreement, such major increases in the future are highly unlikely. In addition, each year since the Republicans took the Congress, they have increased AIDS funding above the President's Budget Request. In these times of limited resources, the AIDS community is looking for a new form of leadership, leadership on the difficult policy questions that lie ahead. As pressure on funding intensifies, maximizing the effectiveness of each dollar becomes increasingly important. Generic prevention pamphlets will simply not save the lives of IV drug users and their families.

There is no doubt that the AIDS community would feel abandoned by the Administration if the Secretary's authority is not maintained; I have heard a protest would be scheduled for the President's visit to the Human Rights Campaign Dinner, and several members of the Presidential Advisory Council would resign at the December meeting.

The Public Health Community: Many in the public health community have been concerned that the reinventing government reforms at HHS have dismantled the Public Health Service -- traditionally charged with seeing to it that as administrations come and go, politics do not ride rough-shod over public health. Public health officials are concerned that the new HHS structure politicizes public health policy. Walking away from the longstanding public health principles at play in this debate would reinforce this perception. In addition, mayors and their health officials, who have watched significant authority and flexibility turned over to the states, are looking for some help here in dealing with the twin epidemics of AIDS and drugs in our major urban areas.

Communities of Color: Some certainly perceive that the reason that the Administration is not fighting for this important policy is because it does not affect the gay community, known for its financial support of the campaign. Some have already called it racism, claiming that if the President really wanted to have a national dialogue on race, he would deal with the reality that AIDS is *the* leading cause of death in the African-American community and a leading cause in many communities of color. The gay community was able to go out and raise private funding to pay for effective, targeted HIV education programs when the government got squeamish. Unfortunately, disenfranchised communities cannot. While it may be true that the issue of needle exchange is difficult, it is also true that it saves lives. For those who are continuing to watch their friends and families die, the politically sensitive nature of the debate offers little consolation.

Recommendations: Let us discuss.

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SUBJECT: World AIDS Day

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

We seem to be getting mixed messages regarding our World AIDS Day events.

According to Chris and Sarah we have now decided that we don't have to come up with an initiative to announce on World AIDS Day. In addition, I understand that we are considering sending the President to the Pediatric AIDS Foundation event with Mrs. Clinton. This will be politically very problematic if we don't also do something of substance with him on that day.

If we are going to trash the MTV idea, that's fine as long as we have the President do something with a little ballast. The Pediatric AIDS Foundation event is simply too quaint to be appropriate at a time when we have dozens of teenagers getting infected at a pop because our nation's apparent inability to support the youth we profess to be so dedicated to. We will be criticized for it, and deservedly so.

Let us not forget that over 50% of all new infections in this country occur in people under 25, and 1 in 4 are in teenagers. It would be helpful to have a little focus on education from the "education" President. This initiative, and our visible leadership is an opportunity to respond to an urgent need, with no new money.

Apparently I am missing something here. As usual, I need you to help me understand what the deal is here....and I need your advice on how to proceed.

Thanks much.

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TO: Christopher C. Jennings (CN=Christopher C. Jennings/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TEXT:

From: Sandra L. Thurman
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

CC: Steve Lew, Bruce Reed, Chris Jennings

Date: September 18, 1997

RE: Draft language on AIDS funding for Conference SAP

Thanks for sending me the draft language for that portion of the Conference SAP dealing with ADAP funding. I have several comments.

First, I recommend strongly that the Administration take a more supportive stance on ADAP funding by clearly supporting the \$132 million in the House budget. This is a fundamental marker of the Administration's commitment to AIDS funding, a subject made all the more sensitive because of the lack of protected status for any AIDS program in the recent budget agreement. The difference between the House and Senate numbers is small relative to the entire LHH appropriations, yet it will make a big difference to states that are trying to meet growing demand for drug assistance.

There is also some susceptibility to a charge of hypocrisy if you state in the SAP, "...the Administration wants to take advantage of recent advances in AIDS treatment as quickly as possible" without then actively supporting the higher number for ADAP.

Second, I am having a great deal of trouble with the last sentence of the draft language ("these Titles spend larger proportions of their grants on primary care and drugs than any other AIDS treatment programs..."). Definitions of health care services and primary care have differed widely across the Titles. Also, my understanding is that Title I pays for more primary care than Titles II, III, and IV combined (excluding ADAP funds). I am also concerned that we don't gratuitously editorialize in ways that are bound to anger large constituency groups, including big-city mayors and large AIDS service organizations. This issue needs further discussion and analysis before we continue with this line of argument.

If you have any questions, please page me through White House signal operator. I am in Miami at the U.S. Conference on AIDS, busily trying to explain to the 2,500 attendees, along with the wire services and TV reporters, why the Republican Congress is better on AIDS funding than our Administration (that was a real question posed to me more than once this morning). I could use a little help here!!!

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 26-SEP-1997 09:41:40.00

SUBJECT: Re: Meeting With The AIDS Community

TO: Sylvia M. Mathews (CN=Sylvia M. Mathews/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ: UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I think we might want to consider another meeting that would include a broader and more diverse base to provide us with political cover. The dynamics around singling out the two largest Washington based organizations that are perceived by others as largely representing the gay community at the time when the new wave of the epidemic is predominately people of color, women (particularly women of color) and adolescents are significantly problematic. This, coupled with the growing concern in the AIDS community that the Administration has abandoned AIDS at the very moment it is raging in minority communities, makes it even more important that we make every attempt be inclusive.

Having said that, I have spent the last several months trying to assure these people that AIDS remains a high priority for the Administration but they are now at a point where they are looking for something tangible. There are two important issues on the table in the Labor/HHS conference (needle exchange, and Ryan White funding) and the AIDS community is looking desperately for signs that the Administration is going to do the right thing by them. Perhaps the most important thing is to see if we can get together internally and figure out how to advance this and then decide how, and when, it is best to engage the community in the dialogue.

As you know, Daniel Zingale of AIDS Action Council and Winnie Stachelberg of the Human Rights Campaign met yesterday with Rahm to discuss the needle exchange issue. They felt that it was a productive meeting. I have all the polling data and talking points they shared with him and would be happy to provide them to you or brief you on them if that is helpful.

Thanks so much for your help on this!

Sandy

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-JUN-1997 12:10:29.00

SUBJECT: Re: Hello

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hey There!

I am sorry I missed our meeting this morning. I was stuck in horrible traffic coming in from Virginia, which affirms my decision to move to the Hill (even though all my friends think I have lost my mind).

At any rate, I desperately need to steel a few minutes of your time, sooner rather than later.

I am particularly concerned about followup to the Vaccine Initiative. I have met with all the major AIDS and vaccine advocacy groups and they all insist that we need to do something in Denver, not necessarily as part of the Summit per se, but as a parallel event. (I am sending you a memo on this). If indeed we decide to do this we need to get ourselves in gear pretty quickly.

Other issues I want to chat with you about include:

1. Our rapidly declining and extrordinarily counterproductive relationship with our colleagues at HHS(Eric has been grounded and can't play with me anymore, so we are sneaking around after hours to get our work done.....isn't that cute?).
2. The fact that the AIDS community feels that we have "de-prioritized" AIDS as a result of a combination of events including the budget agreement, the failure to get additional money in the supplemental for ADAP, and the misconception that our focus on vaccine development indicates a waning interest in treatment. (We are handling this pretty well, but I want to bring you up to date and bounce a couple of ideas off of you).
3. The need for press support for this office has been clearly evident in the aftermath of the vaccine announcement. It is the consensus of all the AIDS groups, and I happen to agree, that we seriously underserved our boss on this issue. I think we can salvage this over time, but I want to make certain it never happens again.
4. I am dying of exhaustion! In the past this office has operated, for all intents and purposes, as an outpost of HHS. Now that we are attempting to be a little more proactive on these issues, we seem to be generating an inordinate amount of work for ourselves. This hasn't appeared to as much of an issue in the past, and consequently I was not prepared for such an onslaught of activity.

So...I need you kind assistance in leaning on some folks to get us a little help over here.....I'm too old for this!!!!!!

I hope you had a fabulous vacation. Give me a call when you have a chance.

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 9-JUL-1997 19:50:30.00

SUBJECT: Re: Needle Exchange Meeting

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Christopher C. Jennings (CN=Christopher C. Jennings/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly!

The problem with not going with recommendation 1 (moving from "if" to "when and how") is that Secretary Shalala said in a large community meeting (with representatives of a strong Ryan White advocacy organization) that she was working on the "when and how." To have gone on this long without having moved is seen not as the Administration moving slowly but as moving backwards. Affirmation that this is our intent is what the community is coming to hear.

The community does not have any reason to believe the Administration is actively moving toward removing the restriction on Federal dollars. In fact, we have been openly accused of deliberately "waiting" to allow the Republicans to take the authority away from HHS. From what the community can discern from the appropriations staffers, the ability to stop this action in subcommittee may be good, but not in committee and certainly not in the House.

If the Administration wants to stay on the "high ground" by arguing the SCIENCE (which shows needle exchange programs are effective in reducing seroconversions), we need to act before the House acts to remove HHS authority. Waiting until the Republicans have played their hand by attempting to remove this authority will likely result in the Administration being accused of reacting to the politics, and not the science, in moving forward with removing the restriction.

Regardless of whether the Secretary exercises her authority, House Republicans are likely to rescind her authority. If we preempt that move, we will be in a much better posture for a debate in the Senate and we will have much better cover. We can wrap the Secretary's action in public health (including a roll out with AMA, state and local health directors, APHA, etc.) and accuse the Congress of playing politics with a life and death issue. Because Congress is in my opinion likely to act (they already know that the Administration is largely in favor of removing the restriction), they will be able to gain the advantage and claim any subsequent action by the Secretary is political ("catering to an influential lobby").

What do you think?

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-JUL-1997 17:29:00.00

SUBJECT: Follow-Up to Needle Exchange Meeting

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Christopher C. Jennings (CN=Christopher C. Jennings/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Well, wasn't that the fun part of the job! You were great!

I would like to help arrange your briefing by Eric tomorrow. That would also provide us with an opportunity to discuss this issue further. I'll check with your office to see what times might be available and I'll coordinate with Eric.

Thanks for your help and advice on this issue. As you can see, it carries a lot of weight with the community. I would expect that there will be some additional fallout, including calls and press activities. FYI, Victor has been working hard to spin this as "we were ready to move, and the White House pulled us back." What a surprise!

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002. email	Sandra Thurman to Kate Carr at 09:58:11.00. Subject: Re: FW: Heads up re Rwanda. (partial) (1 page)	10/16/2000	P6/b(6)
003. email	Sandra Thurman to Robert D. Kyle at 10:56:04.00. Subject: HELP! (partial) (1 page)	10/24/2000	P6/b(6)
004. email	Sandra Thurman to Gene B. Sperling at 09:20:10.00. Subject: Thank You. (partial) (1 page)	10/26/2000	P6/b(6)
005. email	Sandra Thurman to Shirley Sagawa at 14:40:29.00. Subject: [none] (partial) (1 page)	11/20/2000	P6/b(6)
006. email	Sandra Thurman to Loretta M. Ucelli at 11:19:11.00. Subject: Don't kill me for asking (1 page)	11/28/2000	P6/b(6)

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-OCT-2000 18:39:32.00

SUBJECT: Ryan White Signing

TO: Maria Echaveste (CN=Maria Echaveste/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

It has come to my attention that the signing of the Ryan White Care Act has been tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 23 in Queens, New York. This is a bit problematic since the First Lady cannot attend and consequently her staff is very opposed to our doing any kind of event in New York. As you know, both Mrs. Clinton's and Congressman Lazio's offices were recently taken over by ACT-Up in protest of their lack of attention to AIDS in the campaign.

Given this dynamic our preference would be to have a signing at the White House, something that the Congress and community have weighed in strongly about. However, if a White House event is a non starter, the President is scheduled to be in Boston on Friday. Since Senator Kennedy is the lead sponsor of the bill might we consider doing the signing there? Some of the best AIDS programs in the country are in Boston. At any rate, the bill must be signed by COB Monday.

Let me know what you think.

Thanks much.

Sandy

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006. email	Sandra Thurman to Kay Casstevens, Elizabeth J. Potter, and Karen Tramontano at 16:20:41.00. Subject: Ryan White CARE Act Reauthorization. (partial) (1 page)	07/13/2000	P6/b(6)
007. email	Sandra Thurman to Ann Delroy at 14:45:47.00. Subject: Re: hey tv star. (1 page)	07/25/2000	P6/b(6)
008. email	Sandra Thurman to Christine A Stanek, Maria Echaveste, Elizabeth J. Potter, and Mary E Cahill at 19:27:37.00. Subject: Invitee list for Medal of Freedom event. (1 page)	08/04/2000	P6/b(6)
009. email	Sandra Thurman to MEIskowitz@aol.com at 15:45:50.00. Subject: [none] (3 pages)	08/05/2000	P6/b(6)
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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 28-JUN-2000 18:38:13.00

SUBJECT: Re: RYAN WHITE RE-AUTHORIZATION

TO: Elizabeth J. Potter (CN=Elizabeth J. Potter/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ: UNKNOWN

CC: matthew murguia (CN=matthew murguia/OU=opd/O=eop@eop [opd])
READ: UNKNOWN

CC: christopher c. jennings (CN=christopher c. jennings/OU=opd/O=eop@eop [opd])
READ: UNKNOWN

CC: kay casstevens (CN=kay casstevens/OU=who/O=eop@eop [who])
READ: UNKNOWN

CC: broderick johnson (CN=broderick johnson/OU=who/O=eop@eop [who])
READ: UNKNOWN

CC: paul oetken (CN=paul oetken/OU=who/O=eop@eop [who])
READ: UNKNOWN

CC: daniel c. montoya (CN=daniel c. montoya/OU=opd/O=eop@eop [opd])
READ: UNKNOWN

CC: mary e. cahill (CN=mary e. cahill/OU=who/O=eop@eop [who])
READ: UNKNOWN

CC: loretta m. ucelli (CN=loretta m. ucelli/OU=who/O=eop@eop [who])
READ: UNKNOWN

CC: karen tramontano (CN=karen tramontano/OU=who/O=eop@eop [who])
READ: UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thanks for the note. I am sorry that I could not be there but I have met with the CAEAR Coalition several times over the past few months as well as the groups that represent the other three titles of the Ryan White Care Act.

We were able to get a more inclusive process in the Senate because it was a process driven by Jeffords and Kennedy who assembled a bill based on recommendations from the Administration and the AIDS community. On the House side the process has been more problematic because it was an attempt to harmonize the divergent views of Coburn and Waxman. We have taken much of our lead from both Waxman and Gephardt who recommended that the White House not take a visible role in the negotiations. Given where we are in the legislative calendar they believed, and we agreed, that the only way to get the bill passed was to insure that it did not get politicized and included in the traditional hissing match between the President and the House leadership. Now that they are getting close to introduction it is our hope that the process will come out from behind closed doors providing more opportunity for dialogue with both the Administration and the AIDS community. In the end we would like to work closely with the Senate and the community on a conference strategy that gets us as close to the Senate bill as possible. As part of that process we will continue to be in

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close communication with the Ryan White reauthorization working group of the National Organizations Responding to AIDS (a coalition of 150 national organizations) and which includes the CAEAR Coalition on the executive committee.

Regarding the recommendations:

- 1.) ONAP requested a POTUS statement calling for the House to take action after the Senate bill passed. The idea is still a good one but the timing is a bit awkward.
- 2.) The call for bipartisan support should be included in Administration statements on budget and legislation and I have discussed this with Sylvia but we ought to have a follow up conversation.
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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 12-JUL-2000 17:17:21.00

SUBJECT: Re: Ryan White Reauthorization

TO: Devorah R. Adler (CN=Devorah R. Adler/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ: UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hi Devorah, this is Sarah from Sandy's Office, as she is currently at the AIDS Conference in South Africa.

Sandy has asked me to forward some email correspondence sent about a week ago regarding the RWCA, and wanted you to know that she will be updating it tomorrow. In addition, she does not recommend doing an event with the President before the House acts.

I'll be in touch with her tomorrow and will be sure to pass along to you the RW update and any further information on that POTUS event. I can be reached at 456-2959 in the interim - Thanks! Sarah

Sandra Thurman 06/28/2000 06:38:10 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Elizabeth J. Potter/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

Subject: Re: RYAN WHITE RE-AUTHORIZATION

Thanks for the note. I am sorry that I could not be there but I have met with the CAEAR Coalition several times over the past few months as well as the groups that represent the other three titles of the Ryan White Care Act.

We were able to get a more inclusive process in the Senate because it was a process driven by Jeffords and Kennedy who assembled a bill based on recommendations from the Administration and the AIDS community. On the House side the process has been more problematic because it was an attempt to harmonize the divergent views of Coburn and Waxman. We have taken much of our lead from both Waxman and Gephardt who recommended that the White House not take a visible role in the negotiations. Given where we are in the legislative calendar they believed, and we agreed, that the only way to get the bill passed was to insure that it did not get politicized and included in the traditional hissing match between the President and the House leadership. Now that they are getting close to introduction it is our hope that the process will come out from behind closed doors providing more opportunity for dialogue with both the Administration and the AIDS community. In the end we would like to work closely with the Senate and the community on a conference strategy that gets us as close to the Senate bill as possible. As part of that process we will continue to be in close communication with the Ryan White reauthorization working group of the National Organizations Responding to AIDS (a coalition of 150 national organizations) and which includes the CAEAR Coalition on the executive committee.

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Elizabeth J. Potter
06/28/2000 04:22:11 PM
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To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
cc: Daniel C. Montoya/OPD/EOP@EOP, Matthew Murguia/OPD/EOP@EOP,
Paul Oetken/WHO/EOP@EOP
Subject: RYAN WHITE RE-AUTHORIZATION

Yesterday a group of administration folks met with the CAEAR Coalition. As you know, this group represents 51 metropolitan areas serving 500,000-1 Million persons living with HIV and AIDS.

They are extremely concerned about the passage of Ryan White, the Senate version passed unanimously, but the House version is stalled in negotiations between Coburn and Waxman and includes issues concerning mandatory reporting.

Additionally, they are requesting that we provide better coordination of legislative efforts between the WH, HHS and the community. They felt the communities voice was not heard during negotiations with the Senate.

The following list sums up their recommendations:

- 1.) POTUS should call on the House to pass strong bi-partisan legislation--- similar to the Senate version.
- 2.) We should include this "call to action" in administration statements regarding the budget and legislation.
- 3.) Have an upcoming radio address focus on Ryan White---
- 4.) Have POTUS do a specific Ryan White/AIDS message event---preferably out of town.

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Next month there might be opportunities at NGA, NAACP, or DLC---or one of the message slots.

Let me know what how you think we can best be responsive/supportive.

Thanks.

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SUBJECT: tps as promised

TO: jkamen (jkamen@aol.com @ inet [UNKNOWN])
READ: UNKNOWN

TEXT:
jeff, here they are.....michael

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for State Visit with President Mbeki

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SUBJECT: Timing of Africa Report

TO: Karen Tramontano (CN=Karen Tramontano/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

As you requested, here are a few reasons why I believe that we should not release the Africa report next week at the NIH vaccine center event:

1). Real deliverables are the key to maximizing our politics on this issue, and I am not sure that we will have all agreed on real deliverables by next week. We cannot afford to release a report that simply outlines the horror of AIDS in Africa, without demonstrating leadership to help turn the tide.

2). If we are prepared to propose real action, we should get appropriate credit. If we try to do the NIH vaccine center and the Africa report on the same day -- we will be stepping on our own message. The NIH vaccine center is about more than AIDS. In fact, the Bumpers (for whom the center is named and who will be present) have been involved in childhood immunizations but have never been involved in AIDS. If done together, one of these two issues is likely to get short shrift. Both are important. Each stands on its own.

3). Given that the South African inauguration is scheduled for June 16th and the G-8 for June 18th, OVP, NSC, and I all agree that this is a great time to demonstrate US global leadership. Africa will be in the news because of Mandela's swansong and the G-8 is scheduled to talk about debt relief for sub-Saharan Africa.

All things considered, releasing the report sometime during the week of June 14th seems like the better timing. Don't worry, we would not be expecting another POTUS event, we can simply talk about a press rollout strategy.

Thanks for your help!

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 25-MAR-1999 17:32:18.00

SUBJECT: Re: HIV Funding

TO: Maria Echaveste (CN=Maria Echaveste/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ: UNKNOWN

CC: Robert D. Kyle (CN=Robert D. Kyle/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ: UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Here is the excerpt from the President's meeting with the Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS relative to international AIDS funding. I have included the specific response of the President, and then the complete question and answer related to this issue.

Thanks for your help on this!

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MR. ISBELL: Mr. President, six million people become infected with HIV each year around the world, half of them under the age of 25. More than 90 percent of the infections in the world happen in the developing world where there is little or no access to the drugs that have made such a big difference to people in this country.

We were extremely impressed and heartened by your use of World AIDS Day to highlight the need for American leadership in the global fight against HIV. We strongly support the \$10 million program that you announced to address the needs of women and orphans of AIDS. And we would strongly support you making this one-time funding a permanent part of USAID.

Despite this initiative, Mr. President, U.S. funding for global AIDS activities has declined in real dollar terms since 1993. Just last year the administration proposed a 10 percent cut in federal support for funding for infectious disease programs throughout the world. We believe that we cannot turn the tide against HIV throughout the world without the aggressive, bold, energetic leadership of the United States. And we would strongly encourage in your next budget, Mr. President, that you're about to send to the Hill, that you include substantial increases for international AIDS programs at USAID and the CDC.

Just also to close, we'd also strongly support an improved coordination of the many federal programs that happen all across the government that have a role to play in the international AIDS efforts. Secretary Albright has announced, as you know, a plan to draft a U.S. international AIDS strategy, and we would hope that you would look to this as a first step toward making sure that all the federal agencies are reading off the same page and that they're part of the same team because it's an urgent problem and it requires an urgency of the entire U.S. government.

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One is that this budget year will be more difficult than the last one because we got such big increases in everything last time and because of the global economy kind of slowing down, we don't expect the same amount of revenues to come in this time. And we have to fund all the big increases we got last time again. But we'll do the best we can.

The second thing I would like to say is I think that it would be very helpful to have all of you using your, whatever influence you have, with members of Congress in both parties to support more global efforts, because eventually all this is going to a menace to the United States. So it's not only a moral imperative, it's also very practical over the long run.

One of the things that has kind of bothered me is that in the aftermath of the Cold War we were able for several years to reduce our defense budget, and that was a good thing and everyone --and even the Pentagon wanted to do it. There reduced like by about 300,000 the number of civilian employees. And they plan for further reductions there.

But during that time, we actually needed to make a larger commitment on the diplomatic front or in the non-defense security areas, if you will. And with the exception of the special efforts we made in the former Soviet Union to dismantle and destroy nuclear weapons, basically there's been a wholesale effort to cut back on our diplomatic budget, even though, contrary to popular wisdom, the United States spends a smaller percentage of our income on international affairs than any other major country.

And one of the things that I have seen -- almost no one knows this, but it's true -- one of the things that I have -- now, to be fair, we also spend more on defense and a lot of our defense goes to protect other countries, as you see in the last couple of days. But, still, for the numbers -- are so much more modest, not only for -- if you just look at the USAID program, the health programs, the empowerment of women and children, especially young girls, initiative, the small scale microeconomic development -- all that stuff that doesn't cost much money and it has a huge impact. And especially a lot of the things we can do in public health.

And, interestingly enough, a lot of the preventive activities that we would engage in with regard to AIDS, for example, would go quite well with other things we need to be doing out there with these large populations anyway in a lot of countries that have severe public health problems.

So we've been sitting here meeting in our -- I've been having each of the last three or four days rather long, detailed budget sessions, trying to figure out how to get more blood out of that turnip. And one of the things that I'm trying to do is to figure out how to make the case to the Congress in an effective way that the United States has enormous interest, as well as obligations, in making these kinds of investments beyond our borders.

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And I think anything you can do to help that, I would appreciate it. I mean, there is this sort of general awareness in Congress that the world is becoming more interdependent. There's a much more sophisticated understanding of the economics, for example. But it's not just economics. It's the environment, it's the public health, it's all these other things where we are becoming more and more caught up with each other.

Our major military mission in the last six months, before the operation in Iran, has been to send several thousand of our uniformed personnel to Central America to help them rebuild after Hurricane Mitch. It's not only the right thing to do from a humanitarian point of view, it is in our national interest. Because if those countries don't rebuild they will become highly vulnerable to all the drug traffickers. And if they don't rebuild then all their people will have to come here. And if they can't get here legally will try to come illegally. So there's all these things that we need to begin to see our relationships beyond our borders, as more of an extension of our relationships with one another, rather than as something totally different and apart from our relations with one another.

And, anyway, I don't mean to give you a speech on that; I know you believe that. But the point I want to make is, most people who run for Congress never have to think about these things unless they have a large immigrant population within their district from a particular place. So it doesn't -- this kind of discussion we're having, because you understand the HIV/AIDS issue -- I'm preaching to the choir here. But anything you can do to sort of just sit down and walk through this with congressional delegations, or their chiefs of staff, or whoever the appropriate people are from around the country, I would really appreciate.

Because I think there is a lot of support. For example, you can always get good support in Congress, bipartisan, for a big increase in the Ryan White Act. And now, we've finally got pretty good support in Congress, this whopping increase we had to help people purchase the drugs, the medicines. But it drops off markedly when you try to talk about the connection between what we're doing here at home and beyond our borders. And I really think you could help, because this is one example of a more general challenge the country will have to face -- more every year for the next 20 years. Maybe forever, but certainly for the next 20 years.

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SUBJECT: AZT Controversy

TO: OGUNBAAE (OGUNBAAE @ state.gov @ inet [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Dear Atim:

Greetings from Washington! I have been meaning to send you a note to thank you for all of your incredible support during our visit to South Africa. It was, as always, a perfect delight to work with you! I hope we have an opportunity to work together again in the near future.

The whole AZT issue and intellectual property rights/compulsory licensing issue continue to heat up. The demonstration occurred today and received a good deal of press coverage.

I spoke with Steve Sternberg today and actually think it would be a good idea to talk to him " on the record ". He is trying to give us the opportunity to make our case in the face of mounting criticism from a variety of sources.

I think that the opening paragraph of the text is great. However, I would caution us in our talking points not to appear combative or defensive, particularly of the pharmaceutical companies. Remember, the advocacy community thinks they (the drug companies) have us in their proverbial pockets so our defense of them only reinforces that notion. Besides, they are more than capable of defending themselves! While everyone recognizes that investment in research and development is an essential component in the development of new drugs, let's face it...these guys are hardly going broke in the face of this epidemic!

I think it is essential that we continue to be positive and upbeat and focus on the United States' commitment to work with both the South African Government and industry to find a balance between the need to increase access to drugs while, at the same time, protecting the incentives that lead to the discovery of new and better treatments.

I am attaching the talking points that we prepared for internal use and the statements we prepared for the press office.

I hope they help.

Let me know if I can be helpful in any way.

Take care.

Sandy

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TO: DMixner@aol.com (DMixner@aol.com [UNKNOWN])

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TEXT:

Dear David:

We had a chat with the VP's folk yesterday and they are very enthusiastic about doing the event. However, they are less inclined to do it with the President since whether we like it or not, if the President is in attendance it appears as a "Presidential" event.

That means we would have to hold the event in room 450 and have the reception in the Indian Treaty room (which isn't bad).

Does that sound OK to you?

Much love.

Sandy

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VI. TALKING POINTS

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- We look forward to working with you to do all that we can to support your leadership to stem the spread of HIV and care for those already infected. Your new Partnership Against AIDS and National AIDS Plan are great steps forward. We will continue to support your implementation of these good programs and to be a partner in the struggle against AIDS.
- The President and I have asked Sandy Thurman, our AIDS advisor, to recommend ways to improve our response to the growing number of young people orphaned by AIDS. She just concluded a trip here and will return later in the spring with some members of Congress to try to increase their awareness of the needs. USAID has told us that there will be over 40 million AIDS orphans by 2010 and we'd like your advice on how we can improve our response.
- I hope that we can expect that after the election you will build on your leadership on this important issue.

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SUBJECT: Africa Trip

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CC: John Podesta (CN=John Podesta/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TEXT:

Regarding the proposed trip to Africa that resulted from the President's remarks on World AIDS Day, I wanted take the opportunity to convey my concerns about the suggestion that the mission be led by the Congress and to reiterate a brief history of this project.

First, while a congressionally driven delegation may save money, this approach could be serious trouble for us if the Republican Congress decided to get deeply involved in the politics, the policy, or the invitee list. For example, what if they decided that since they were paying for the codet to Africa -- a look at the family planning programs, abortion, or other issues were also in order? Further, as you know, Dr. Coburn has taken a keen interest in HIV/AIDS, particularly with respect to women and children. Should he or any of his highly conservative colleagues seek to be part of the delegation, our inability to restrict the invite list would be problematic. Finally, those who are looking to us for leadership on this issue (i.e. the CBC and the African American and AIDS communities) would be extremely disappointed if we gave control of this process to the Republican Congress, and the trip ended up being a failure.

In the end, the idea of this trip is to advance the politics and the policy of this issue. I strongly believe that we can do just that, but our control of the process would dramatically enhance our control of the outcome. With this in mind, I continue to believe that a Presidential mission is in the best interest of the President.

In addition, I thought I would be useful to reiterate the history of how we got where we are.

On December 1, the press release issued by the White House press office specifically stated that we would "lead a fact-finding delegation" and that the "delegation would include representatives from key Congressional offices". This release created an expectation of a White House delegation including members of Congress among:

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- (1) members of Congress themselves, particularly CBC members;
- (2) NGOs, advocates in the African-American, AIDS, and religious communities; and
- (3) a range of government officials and NGOs in Southern Africa.

Based on this directive, we began to receive numerous telephone calls from congressional staff and members about their desire to participate in such an effort. At that point, we drafted a proposed congressional invite list and vetted it with NSC, leg affairs, State, and USAID.

As we discussed, it was our hope to move expeditiously on the delegation, and we sought to schedule it for the period between New Year's and the beginning of 106th Congress. However, the impeachment trial, and the Iraq situation and its safety implications for African embassies, ultimately complicated taking a delegation to Africa which included members of Congress during that period.

Once we realized that it would be impossible to move forward in January, we began to tell interested congressional members (who continued to call) that due to circumstances beyond our control, the trip would have to be postponed -- perhaps until the Easter recess.

At this juncture, there is certainly an expectation on the hill that we will be leading a delegation including members of Congress to Africa some time soon.

This expectation also applies to the USAID teams and US Ambassadors in a host of African nations. Shortly after the President's World AIDS Day speech, the countries were notified -- by the State Department -- that a codel was coming to Africa. While I was there on the advance trip, all of the US Ambassadors expressed serious excitement about an upcoming delegation including members of Congress. The State staffer who accompanied us on the entire trip, engaged in these conversations, and remained genuinely supportive of the codel.

After many years of ignoring the international situation, the US AIDS community is now very focused on the pandemic in Africa. The President's AIDS Council talked with him specifically about the need for increased Administration leadership on the international AIDS front. They are returning to Washington March 15th and will be seeking updates. Given that the FY2000 budget does not provide the USAID funding increases they were looking for, being able to demonstrate our leadership in other ways would be helpful.

As Ben said at our meeting, the CBC and the African American community is actively engaged in this issue and is monitoring this project closely. We are certainly receiving many calls, letters, and emails -- and Ben says that he is as well. While they feel good about my recent trip -- they are looking to us to help build a partnership with Congress for an enhanced response.

I am scheduled to give remarks on Friday at the conference of African Americans on AIDS. This is a large gathering and will be carried on CSPAN. They are expecting me to talk about international issues and what our plan is. Even if I do not mention the delegation, it will certainly be raised in the Q & As.

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The religious community including the Catholics and the Methodists have all been actively engaged in this project since World AIDS Day. They worked closely with me on my recent advance trip and continue to call

frequently about our upcoming trip and how to coordinate visits to their programs in Africa.

In terms of the strategic objectives we discussed: to elevate the importance and the responsiveness to this issue in host countries; and to build a partnership for progress with the Congress; it certainly seems to me that we have not yet accomplished our goals.

All in all, I believe that this project is well worth pursuing. If we work together, I am confident that we can achieve a substantive and political win for the President.

I have attached a revised Congressional invite list as you requested. I have been hesitant to schedule the briefings we discussed until we are clearer about how we plan to proceed.

I hate to state the obvious, but we need to make a decision about this fairly quickly so that the members can make appropriate plans. We are currently looking at their departing on March 27 and returning on April 5.

As always, thank you very much for your time and your assistance.

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TO: Katharine Button (CN=Katharine Button/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TEXT:

Dr. Mathilde Krim of the American Foundation For AIDS Research and longtime supporter of the President recently issued an invitation to Mrs. Clinton to speak at their annual luncheon at the United Nations on World AIDS Day, December 1, 1998. She received a letter indicating that the First Lady's schedule would not permit her to accept the invitation.

Last week the President announced an new \$158 million initiative to address the raging AIDS epidemic in the African American and other communities of color. More than 50% of all new HIV infections in this country are in people under 25 years old and the vast majority are African American or Hispanic. The hardest hit, by far, are women and children. The focus of World AIDS Day this year is on adolescents and Mrs. Clinton's commitment to young people is legendary (I knew of her work long before I knew anything about her husband other than the fact that he was Governor of Arkansas!).

If we can't revisit the decision regarding the AmFAR luncheon could we possibly schedule a site visit to an HIV/AIDS program for at risk youth or women and children? There are a range of options in New York City that could be considered.

I would be delighted to discuss this you when you have a moment. I can be reached at 62441.

Thanks so much!

Sandy

PS Congratulations to all of you on Mrs. Clinton's GOTV efforts.
Amazing!!!!!!!!!!

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TEXT:

I am scheduled to make a speech in Dallas tomorrow night to the largest gay and lesbian black tie event in the country (4,000 people) which benefits 20 gay/lesbian and AIDS organizations including the Human Rights Campaign. The HRC chapter in Dallas issued the invitation on behalf of the dinner committee several months ago presumably because of the Administration's long-standing relationship with them. I have also planned to meet informally with several gay and lesbian and AIDS activists.

Ginny Apuzzo has denied my travel request.

We cannot afford to loose the support of the gay and lesbian in developing sound and effective AIDS policies. Our slight of both the gay and lesbian communities in Texas is not good for us either substantively or politically.

I hate to drag you into the middle of this but I think, as does Richard Socarides, that this is a huge mistake.

Any advice or help you could offer would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks.

Sandy

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TEXT:

The frustration in the AIDS and public health communities over our failure to act on needle exchange continues to mount with the expiration yesterday of the moratorium on funding.

The President's Council on HIV/AIDS is now circulating a resolution calling for Secretary Shalala's resignation (I will forward a copy). They will vote next Thursday. The resolution is expected to pass and be endorsed by several of the national AIDS organizations.

AIDS Action Council (the organization that represents the largest number of AIDS service providers) is having it's board of directors meeting in Washington on Monday. They will be discussing what actions to take in response to our inaction. Monday night is their awards dinner where, last year, the Vice President announced the ill fated demonstration program on Medicaid expansion for people with HIV disease. As you all know, we are still working to recover from that little snafu.

In the interim our friends at HHS made overtures to the AIDS community that they were going to meet with them this week to discuss the status of needle exchange and now, once again, have failed to do so. The AIDS groups are not amused.

The Human Rights Campaign, AMA, NAACP and a couple of other groups have requested a joint meeting with Erskine to discuss this and Scott Hitt has requested to speak to him by phone. Neither request has been acted on and these folks are calling me on a daily basis to see what the holdup is.

I understand that Donna met with Erskine and Elena last week to discuss needle exchange. While it may be entirely appropriate, given the state of affairs with Barry, not to include me in the meeting, some little clue regarding what transpired might have been helpful in responding to HHS's spin.

I appreciate that we are overwhelmed with tobacco and that several key players are out of the country at the moment. However, it is becoming increasingly difficult for me to manage the community politics around this effectively in the absence of a little clearer communication and good information. The fact that my best information regarding internal meetings on this issue is coming to me from the street rather than some sort of internal channel is problematic and is putting me in an awkward and somewhat embarrassing position.

Again, I know you are swamped, but any guidance you or Elena could give me as how best to respond to all of this would be greatly appreciated.

You warned me that these decision making processes might prove to be a bit trying....however, this is downright tedious!!!!

Thanks much.

Sandy

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