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AIDS - World AIDS Day

**PRESIDENT CLINTON:
WORLD AIDS DAY 1998**

December 1, 1998

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President Bill Clinton
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Today, President Clinton is joined by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Brian Atwood to commemorate World AIDS Day by launching a series of new initiatives to address the growing crisis of HIV/AIDS around the world, particularly the millions of children orphaned by AIDS.

THE NEED TO HELP CHILDREN ORPHANED BY HIV/AIDS. Over 33 million people around the world are now living with HIV or AIDS, with another 5.8 million becoming infected every year. The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) projects that up to 40 million children will be orphaned by HIV/AIDS by the year 2010, with more than 90 percent of those children living in developing countries with few resources to provide care and support. In the United States, as many as 80,000 children already have been orphaned by AIDS.

INCREASING RESEARCH INTO HIV/AIDS. The President will announce an increase in funding by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) on research to prevent and treat HIV around the world. NIH will undertake the largest single public investment in AIDS research in the world by supporting a program that will include:

- **\$200 million for research on AIDS vaccines to prevent transmission around the world**, a 33 percent increase from last year and a critical part of meeting the President's challenge to develop an effective AIDS vaccine;
- **\$164 million for other research critical to addressing the HIV/AIDS epidemic around the world**, including a new prevention trials network to reduce adult and perinatal transmission of HIV/AIDS; new strategies to prevent and treat HIV infection in children; funding to train more foreign scientists to collaborate on this epidemic; and research on the prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections, such as tuberculosis, that commonly kill people with HIV/AIDS;

SUPPORTING NEW INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS THE HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC. At today's event, the President also:

- **Unveils \$10 million in emergency relief funding at USAID to provide support for AIDS orphans.** In addition, USAID will take steps to help prevent the spread of HIV from mothers to children and to improve medical care for children already infected with HIV;
- **Asks AIDS Policy Advisor Sandra Thurman to lead a fact-finding delegation to raise awareness and make recommendations to address the growing problem of AIDS orphans in Sub-Saharan Africa;**
- **Highlights new steps to address the continued need of those living with HIV/AIDS in the United States.** The President will emphasize an announcement by Vice President Gore, who will release \$200 million in funds for the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program this year to assist communities around the country to prevent individuals affected by HIV/AIDS and their families from becoming homeless.

BUILDING ON A RECORD OF COMMITMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV/AIDS. Today's announcements build on a deep and ongoing commitment by the Clinton Administration to respond to the AIDS crisis in the United States and around the world. This year alone, the President:

- Declared HIV/AIDS in racial and ethnic minority communities to be a severe and ongoing health care crisis and unveiled a new \$156 million initiative to address this problem; and
- Worked with Congress to secure historic increases for a wide range of effective HIV/AIDS programs, including, a \$262 million increase in the Ryan White CARE Act; a 12 percent increase in AIDS research funding at the NIH; a \$32 million increase for HIV prevention programs at the CDC; and a \$21 million increase in the Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) program at HUD.

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS FOR WORLD AIDS DAY
THE OLD EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING
December 1, 1998**

Acknowledgments: Sec. Albright; USAID Director Brian Atwood; Dir., WH Office of National AIDS Policy Sandy Thurman; UNICEF Director Carol Bellamy.

I want especially to thank Amy Slemmer for sharing her story here with us today and for reminding us that we really can think globally and act locally and when it comes to helping families cope with AIDS.

This is a very solemn occasion. While we have much to celebrate here at home in our fight against AIDS and much to hope for, we know that around the world and in the United States, the AIDS epidemic continues to rage, tearing families and lives apart.

Here is our goal, at home and around the world: we must put a stop to AIDS. To do that, we must develop an AIDS vaccine. We must continue to invest in research. And to put a stop to the devastation AIDS causes, we must continue to support families affected by this disease.

A decade ago, AIDS seemed unstoppable. A diagnosis of AIDS was a virtual death sentence. Ignorance, prejudice, and fear about HIV transmission infected our communities, separating neighbor from neighbor. For people with AIDS and the people who love them, every day was a struggle -- for information, for treatment, for funding. I took office determined to change this -- and to do everything in my power to win the war against AIDS.

For nearly six years, we have pursued this goal with single minded purpose. To draw attention to AIDS and to better direct our resources, we created the Office of National AIDS Policy, and we convened the first-ever White House Conference on AIDS. We helped to ensure that people with HIV and AIDS cannot be denied health benefits for their pre-existing condition. We have accelerated the approval of dozens of new AIDS drugs -- helping hundreds of thousands of people with AIDS to live longer, more productive lives.

Working together with members of both parties in the Congress, we have increased our investment for AIDS research to an historic \$1.8 billion. This year, we secured \$262 million in new funding for the Ryan White CARE Act, which provides medical treatment, medication, and even transportation to families coping with AIDS. This October, we declared that AIDS had reached crisis proportions in the African-American, Hispanic-American, and other minority communities, and we fought for a \$156 million initiative to address it.

The results of our efforts have been nothing short of remarkable. In 1996, for the first time in the history of the AIDS epidemic, the number of Americans diagnoses with AIDS has declined. For the first time, deaths due to AIDS in the United States have declined. And for the

first time, hope has begun to rise -- hope that we will defeat AIDS.

But all around us, we see fresh evidence that the AIDS epidemic is far from over -- and our work is far from finished. We see it in the rising numbers of AIDS cases in countries like Zimbabwe, where 11 men, women, and children become infected with AIDS every minute of every day. We hear it in the cries of children orphaned by AIDS -- tens of thousands here in America and tens of millions in developing nations around the world.

We cannot rightly celebrate our progress in the fight against AIDS when so many people are suffering around the world. And with the HIV transmission disproportionately high among our own young people, we know that we cannot afford to be complacent. We must take action.

Last year, at Morgan State University, I declared that we must redouble our efforts to develop an AIDS vaccine within the decade. Today, we are one step closer to meeting that challenge. I am pleased to announce an unprecedented \$200 million dollar investment in cutting edge research at the National Institutes of Health to develop an AIDS vaccine. **With this new historic investment in an AIDS vaccine, we are one step closer to putting an end to the AIDS epidemic -- for all people, for all countries, for all time.**

I am also pleased to announce more than \$160 million for other new research critical to fighting AIDS around the world -- from new strategies to prevent and treat AIDS in children, to new clinical trials to reduce the transmission of AIDS.

As hard as we are working to stop the spread of AIDS, we must never forget our profound obligation to care for the most heart-breaking victims of this disease: the orphaned children it leaves in its wake. In fact, around the world, and especially in Africa, tens of millions of children have lost their parents to AIDS -- and that number is expected to rise to 40 million in less than 15 years. Some of these children are free of AIDS, others are infected with the disease that robbed them of their parents. But sick or well, too many of these children are left without a parent to protect them, to teach them right from wrong, and to guide them through life.

We cannot hope to restore to these children all they have lost, but we can give them hope for the future -- a foster family, enough food to eat, medical care, and a chance to make the most of their lives in school. Today, I am pleased to announce \$10 million in emergency relief funding at USAID to help communities around the world do exactly that. This small step will make a huge difference for thousands of children in need.

I am also directing Sandy Thurman, the Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy, to lead a fact-finding mission to Sun-Saharan Africa, where 90% of all AIDS orphans live. Following this mission, she will report back to me with recommendations on how we can continue to help these children and give them something to hope for.

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Participants for World AIDS Day
POTUS - Youth Meeting

HIV+ Youth

- **John Michael O'Connor (DC):** white, gay, 24, worked at Millennium Communications Group where he assisted non-profits concerned about civic participation; recently became youth outreach coordinator at AIDS Action Council and chair of Positive Peddlers (HIV+ participants in AIDS Rides); Rotary International Youth Exchange Program, Eagle Scout, Fortis Foundation Academic Scholarship to Georgetown University;
- **William Barnes (SF, CA):** African American, gay, 20, works at Health Initiatives for Youth (HIFY), editor of Reality magazine for HIV+ youth; moderator of recent "Youth in the Age of AIDS" town hall meeting in SF with Rep. Nancy Pelosi and Todd Summers;
- **HIV+ straight women** (profile coming today from AIDS Policy Ctr for Children/Youth)

Youth Peer Educators

- **Tommy Amico,** education coordinator for the Good Samaritan Teen Tap Project in Kansas City, KS and MO; operates a teen HIV hotline that responds to more than 1,000 calls from 13-16 year olds per month (2,500 calls the month following Mayville incident); staffed by 200 high school volunteers;
- **Danielle Pessolano (16),** chair of the Daring to Reform Education on AIDS Matters or DREAM team, a high school AIDS education program in Shrewsbury, MA; the DREAM Team is the 1997 recipient of the Angel Award from the Ryan White Foundation;
- **Joni Lee Sanders (17),** founder of her high school HIV prevention program and teen theater group called "Let's TALK" (Teens for AIDS Learning and Knowledge); she is the teen representative on the Chatham County, NC HIV/AIDS Council and recipient of Governor Hunt's volunteer of the year award;
- **Turia Daquise Brown (16),** peer educator with the Girl Scouts AIDS Education program in Atlanta, GE; she works mostly with African American young women in housing projects, schools, shelters, juvenile justice programs, and Girl Scout troops;
- **William Windley (17),** is the youth representative on the NJ HIV Prevention Community Planning Group; his mother was diagnosed with AIDS in 1994; she became ill, lost her job, and they lost their home; he now attends school, works in a restaurant, volunteers at a youth center, cares for his mother, and educates anyone who will listen; he and his mother recently held their 3rd annual "Wonderfully Positive Picnic" attended by nearly 200 people living with AIDS and their families;
- **AmeriCorps volunteer** (profile coming today from Harris Wofford's office)

Parents

- **Mr & Mrs Carsons** from Bangor, ME who lost their daughter Kerry to AIDS at age 19; they are outspoken AIDS educators encouraging parents to talk to and listen to their children; before she died, Kerry hosted a PBS TV special entitled "In Their Own Words" of HIV+ young people telling their stories;

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Record Type: Record

To: Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP
cc: Joshua Gotbaum/OMB/EOP
Subject: World AIDS Day Directive

I just got back into the country and wanted to check on the Directive that Todd sent you. Did you think it was ok? Josh has sent it to some folks in his shop to look at. We're finishing up the scheduling request for the President and need to know if the Directive is in or out (we very much want it to happen).

Can you give me or Todd a shout and let us know? Thank you!!

Sandy



Todd A. Summers

11/19/97 02:23:46 PM



Record Type: Record

To: Joshua Gotbaum/OMB/EOP

cc: Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP

Subject: Draft Presidential Directive - HIV Prevention in Federal Programs Serving Youth

Attached is a draft directive that we would like the President to issue on World AIDS Day. It has not been formally reviewed by any of the federal agencies. I spoke with Elena and Bruce about this at yesterday's staff meeting and told them that I would be drafting this. Elena suggested that you could get it to the right folks at OMB for review, and that she would then help with the agency vetting if it passed muster at your shop.

Essentially, the directive asks each federal agency to determine what programs they operate which serve young people, and then to work with HHS and our office to put together a plan for increasing access to HIV prevention and education efforts.

Please get back to me with your comments by the end of Thursday, if at all possible.

Thanks,

Todd

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Office of the Press Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET MEMBERS

SUBJECT: Integration of HIV Prevention in Federal Programs Serving Youth

Youth marks a major rite of passage, a transition from childhood to adulthood. It is a period of significant physical, social, and intellectual growth and change. It is also a period of experimentation and risk taking. The choices that young people make during these years will profoundly affect their chances of becoming healthy, responsible, and productive adults.

Unfortunately, too many young people lack the support, the self esteem, and the skills needed to make sound decisions, and end up putting their lives and their futures at risk. Today, one quarter of all new HIV infections in the United States occurs in young people between the ages of 13 and 21. This means that at least one American under the age of 21 becomes infected with HIV every hour of every day. The Centers for Disease Control reports that in some communities as many as one in thirty 18-19 year olds are HIV positive.

For those who become infected, there are promising new treatments available that help people living with HIV and AIDS to live longer and more productive lives. Yet these treatments only forestall the progression of the disease; they do not constitute a cure. Sadly, many of these young people with HIV do not survive. In fact, AIDS is the sixth leading cause of death among young people 15-24 years old (and the leading cause of death among African-Americans of the same age group).

~~While we have been able to significantly increase our commitment to HIV~~ prevention, care and research, it has clearly not been enough. The loss of so many young Americans to this terrible epidemic is a threat to this nation, and should

serve as a call to action.

My Administration is firmly committed to doing everything within its power to end the AIDS epidemic. That includes finding a cure for those already infected, as well as a vaccine to keep others from contracting HIV. This commitment also includes reaching out in new ways to encourage young people to protect themselves from HIV infection.

Accordingly, as we have discussed, I hereby direct:

whom - 1/1/85 + AIDS office

1)

That each federal agency, within 60 days, identifies all programs under its control which serve young people ages 13 to 21; and

2) In collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of National AIDS Policy, that each federal agency develop within 120 days a specific plan through which said programs could increase access to HIV prevention and education information, as well as to supportive services and care for those already infected.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

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and that

SCHEDULING REQUEST PROPOSAL

Date: 11/19/97

ACCEPT

REJECT

PENDING

TO: Stephanie Streett, Assistant to the President and Director of Scheduling

FROM: Bruce Reed, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
Sandra L. Thurman, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

REQUEST: Photo opportunity with youth for signing of World AIDS Day Proclamation

PURPOSE: To commemorate World AIDS Day and to amplify the Administration's commitment to fighting HIV and AIDS.

BACKGROUND: To commemorate World AIDS Day the President will meet with four youth peer educators from HIV prevention programs, three HIV+ youth, and the parents of a youth who has died of AIDS for a photo-op and signing of the World AIDS Day Proclamation and possible Presidential Directive.

World AIDS Day is sponsored by the World Health Organization and was first observed on December 1, 1988. The 1997 World AIDS Day theme, **Give Children Hope in a World with AIDS**, challenges people around the world to contemplate the long-term repercussions of the AIDS pandemic, and not lose sight that AIDS affects everyone.

Recent years have seen a significant shift in the demographics of the AIDS epidemic, with new infections in youth rising dramatically we must recognize these changes. Today, one out of every four new infections in the United States is an adolescent. Every hour another two teenagers are infected. To commemorate World AIDS Day the President has a unique opportunity to call on parents, teachers, governments, churches, businesses, and young people themselves to build a healthy future for our youth.

PREVIOUS

PARTICIPATION: A Presidential Proclamation has been released on World AIDS Day every year. In 1993 the President spoke at Georgetown University. In 1994 the Office of National AIDS Policy arranged an Oval Office meeting with the President and HIV+ youth. In 1995 a Presidential video message was produced and the historic White House Conference on HIV/AIDS was held. In 1996 the President met with NIH, CDC, and HHS representatives for a scientific research briefing in the Oval Office.

DATE & TIME: Monday, December 1, 1997 (World AIDS Day)

DURATION: Ten minutes.

LOCATION: Oval Office.

PARTICIPANTS:

The President
Sandra Thurman, Director Office of National AIDS Policy
Four Youth Peer Educators
Three HIV+ Youth
Parents of Youth Who Died of AIDS

**OUTLINE OF
EVENT:** Photo-Op.

REMARKS: None.

MEDIA: White House Still Photo.

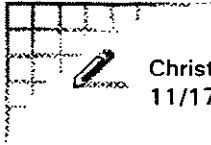
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**RECOMMENDED
BY:** Bruce Reed, Sandra Thurman

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To: Ann F. Lewis/WHO/EOP, Stacie Spector/WHO/EOP
cc: Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP, Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP
Subject: WORLD AIDS DAY plan/now that there is no MTV piece.

The President will still tape a video tomorrow, which we will try to get t.v. stations to air as PSA's, but will definitely be distributed to World AIDS day events throughout the country. It will also be made into radio actualities.

Also, we are now proposing an Oval Office photo-op on Dec. 1 with 6 or 7 teens who do AIDS education in high schools. We would propose having this open to WH Still Photographers, and have POTUS sign the World AIDS day proclamation at that time. In addition, there is a chance we may have a directive for agencies to report back on new efforts they can undertake on AIDS education. I'll give you an update tomorrow on the likelihood of a directive. In either case we could certainly use your help getting an Oval photo-op scheduled. Thanks.