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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

7/17/87

MEMORANDUM

TO: DONALD IAN MACDONALD

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FR*

SUBJECT: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: Trip to National Institutes of Health

DATE: July 23, 1987

TIME: Depart approximately 1:05 pm

DURATION: Return approximately 2:55 pm

LOCATION: Bethesda, Maryland

BACKUP LOCATION:

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

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PARTICIPATION: No

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 07/16/87 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: c.o.b. July 17th

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(Judge/ARD)
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DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: ARTHUR B. CULVAHOUSE, JR. 
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: National Institute
of Health Panel Discussion on AIDS

Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced remarks and, subject to the following comment, has no objection to them from a legal perspective.

The President refers to his recent call for certain kinds of testing in making an appeal to end ignorance about the disease. The sentence containing this reference is a brief and general one, but I question whether any reference to testing does more good than harm. As witnessed by the President's May 31 speech at the AIDS research awards dinner, comments by the President on testing evoke considerable controversy and dominate media coverage, thereby obscuring the many positive and widely-supported features of the President's program.

Attachment

cc: Rhett B. Dawson

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Ext. 2702

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the market, also developed here in this building, by Dr. Sam
Broder, whom I met earlier this afternoon.

Dr. Broder told me, by the way, that more progress is coming. He mentioned work on a number of new and promising drugs for treating AIDS. And I understand that a vaccine will soon go into testing. As these drugs and vaccines come along, I am determined that red tape will not keep them away from those in need. We will make certain that they get the same kind of accelerated review from the Food and Drug Administration that got the A.Z.T. application approved in only 4 months -- record time.

I know that everyone here understands how dazzling the progress against AIDS has been. It took 40 years of study to learn as much about polio. It took 19 years to develop a vaccine against hepatitis B. To keep up the momentum, this year the Federal Government will spend \$317 million on AIDS research and \$766 million overall. Next year we'll spend 30 percent more on research and \$1 billion overall. The only limits on research spending today are the physical limits of research facilities and people trained in the necessary techniques.

Today we're taking another big step against AIDS. This morning at the White House we announced the members of the Presidential Commission on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus Epidemic. Dr. Eugene Mayberry, the Chief Executive Officer of the Mayo Clinic, is chairman of the Commission, the members of which are drawn from a wide range of backgrounds and points of view. And I say Dr. Mayberry "is" chairman, not "will be" chairman, because not only did we announce the Commission's membership today, but today is also the Commission's first day of work. They're wasting no time. And, in fact, talk about speed,

Dr. Mayberry will present the Commission's first report to me in 90 days.

Dr. Mayberry and his colleagues will recommend a full-fledged strategy for battling AIDS. We already have a research strategy for finding a cure. The Commission will be reviewing not only that, but also looking at questions of treatment and prevention. How can we most compassionately care for those who have AIDS? How can we most justly and effectively protect the public from the spread of AIDS?

What we need right now in the battle against AIDS is a good, strong dose of common sense. It seems to me common sense to recognize that, when it comes to stopping the spread of AIDS, medicine and morality teach the same lessons.

It's also common sense that ignorance about the extent of the spread of AIDS won't help anyone -- those who have it; those who might get it; those who are looking for ways of preventing its spread. This is why I called recently for certain kinds of testing. I hope the Commission will help us all put aside our suspicions and work together with common sense against this common threat.

I wish I could say that the vast amounts of money and effort we're putting into AIDS research will give us a cure in a week, or a year, or by an absolutely certain date. The truth is, none of us knows for certain just when a cure will come. It might not be until the late 1990's. It might not be until later. That's why prevention and treatment are so important now.

But in the spirit of hope, let's not forget, a cure might possibly arrive much sooner. A few weeks ago I was reading about another field of astonishingly rapid scientific progress ~~the~~

~~field of superconductivity research.~~ The report said that,

~~despite all the advances of the last year, one problem was years~~ *not in medicine but in physics, said to be*

~~from solving, that of finding a superconducting material that~~ *in what has become known as the*

~~could transmit what I, as a layman, would call sufficient volumes~~ *phenomenal super-*

material that ~~of electricity.~~ *handle* ~~One week later, another report appeared~~ *large*

announcing that the problem had been solved. Years of progress

in one week. I don't know if the day will come when such

progress will be in the cards for AIDS research.

But that is my hope. And after the visit to the ward today and after the death by AIDS of friends and former associates -- Rock Hudson for one -- that is my prayer.

And now let me turn the meeting over to Secretary Bowen.

[CLOSING]

Thank Dr. Bowen, Dr. _____, and Dr. _____. By the way, I thought you would all like to know that, near as I can determine, Dr. Bowen is only the seventh physician to serve in the Cabinet from George Washington's time to the present.

As I was listening to the panel and going on the tour today, I couldn't help remembering something W.H. Auden said -- that the true men of action in our times are not politicians or statesmen but scientists. The Commission will be working with you and many others to chart the Nation's course against this disease. I believe that, when the medical history of our times is written,