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STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF AIDS COMMISSION MEMBERS

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The primary focus of the Commission will be to recommend measures that Federal, State, and local officials can take to stop the spread of AIDS, to assist in finding a cure for AIDS, and to better care for those who have the disease.

In the course of its work, the Commission will: 1. review current efforts at AIDS education; 2. examine what is being done at all levels of government and outside of government to combat the spread of AIDS; 3. examine the impact of the needs of AIDS patients in years to come on health care in the United States; 4. review the history of dealing with communicable disease epidemics in the United States; 5. evaluate current research relating to the prevention and treatment of AIDS; 6. identify areas for future research; 7. examine policies for development and release of drugs and vaccines to combat AIDS; 8. assess the extent to which AIDS has spread both among specific risk groups and the population as a whole; 9. study the legal and ethical

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The Commission will proceed under the leadership of Dr. Eugene Mayberry, the Chief Executive Officer of the Mayo Clinic. The President has asked Dr. Mayberry to move quickly. Accordingly, the Commission begins its work today. It will deliver its first report to me within 90 days. It will produce a final report within a year.

The President believes that the spread of AIDS is a cause for deep concern, but not panic. It should not become an excuse to point fingers at one another. Instead, if Americans work together with common sense and common purpose, the President believes we will, in the end, defeat this common threat.

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