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## STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENT OF AIDS COMMISSION MEMBERS

The President is announcing today the appointment of the Presidential Commission on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus Epidemic -- the AIDS Commission.

The Commission's 13 members are drawn from a wide range of backgrounds and points of view. They bring together expertise in scientific investigation, medical care, and its costs, public health, private research, and both State and national government, as well as in fields that deal with the many painful issues of ethics, law, and behavior involved in the AIDS epidemic.

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.

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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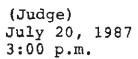
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