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THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

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File Commission

Mr. Gary Bauer
Assistant to the President
for Policy Development
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Bauer:

We have been receiving names of individuals who are being nominated to serve as members of the Presidential Commission on AIDS. As your office requested, I am forwarding them to you for your consideration. As we receive future nominations, we will forward them to you.

Sincerely,

Otis R. Bowen M.D.

Otis R. Bowen, M.D.
Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

EXECUTIVE ORDER

PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS EPIDEMIC

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.I), and in order to create an advisory Commission to investigate the spread of the (HIV) virus and the resultant acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) in the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Establishment.

(a) There is established the Presidential Commission on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus Epidemic to investigate the spread of the HIV virus and the resultant AIDS. The Commission shall be composed of 7 members appointed or designated by the President. The members shall be distinguished individuals who have extensive experience in the fields of medicine, epidemology, etc.

(b) The President shall designate a Chairman from among the members of the Commission.

Section 2. Functions.

(a) The Commission shall advise the President and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on long-range planning to deal with the public health danger including the medical, legal, ethical, social, and economic impact from the spread of the HIV virus and the resulting illnesses including AIDS, AIDS related complex, and other related conditions.

(b) The primary focus of the Commission shall be to recommend measures Federal, State, and local officials can take to (1) assist in finding a cure for AIDS; (2) protect the public from contracting the HIV virus; and (3) care for those who already have the disease.

(c) In particular, the Commission shall (1) evaluate efforts by educational institutions and other public and private entities to provide education and information concerning AIDS; (2) analyze the efforts currently underway by State and local authorities to combat AIDS; (3) examine long-term impact of AIDS treatment needs on the health care delivery system, including the effort on non-AIDS patients in need of

medical care; (4) review the U.S. history of dealing with communicable disease epidemics; (5) identify future areas of research that might be needed to address the AIDS epidemic; (6) examine policies for development and release of drugs and vaccines to combat AIDS; (7) monitor the progression of AIDS among the general population and among specific risk groups; (8) evaluate research activities relating to the prevention and treatment of AIDS; and (9) study legal and ethical issues relating to AIDS.

d) The Commission shall report to the President from time to time and shall submit its final report no later than one year from the date of this order.

Section 3. Administration.

(a) The heads of Executive departments and agencies shall, to the extent permitted by law, provide the Commission, upon request with such information as it may require for purposes of carrying out its functions.

(b) Members of the Commission shall serve without additional compensation for their work on the Commission. While engaged in the work of the Commission, members appointed from among private citizens of the United States may, to the extent funds are available, be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law for persons serving intermittently in the government service (5 U.S.C. 5701-5707).

(c) The Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, provide the Commission with such administrative services, funds, facilities, staff, and other support services as may be necessary for the performance of its functions.

Section 4. General Provision. The Commission shall, unless sooner extended, terminate 30 days after submitting its final report to the President.

EXECUTIVE ORDER

PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) EPIDEMIC IN AMERICA

By authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. I), and in order to create a Commission of distinguished individuals to investigate the spread of the (HIV) virus and the resultant acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) in the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Establishment. (a) There is established a Presidential Commission to investigate the spread of the HIV virus and the resultant AIDS. The Commission shall be composed of 7 members.

(b) The President shall designate a chairman from among the members of the board.

Sec. 2. Functions. (a) The Commission shall advise the President on long-range planning to deal with the public health danger including the medical, legal, ethical, social, and economic impact from the spread of the HIV virus and the resulting illnesses including AIDS, AIDS related complex (ARC), and other related conditions.

(b) Its primary focus shall be to recommend measures Federal, State, and Local officials can take to (1) assist in

finding a cure for AIDS; (2) protect the public from contracting the HIV virus; and (3) care for those who already have the disease.

(c) Specifically, it shall (1) evaluate efforts by educational institutions and other public and private entities to provide education and information concerning acquired immune deficiency syndrome; (2) analyze the efforts currently underway by state and local authorities to combat acquired immune deficiency syndrome; (3) examine long-term impact of AIDS treatment needs on the health care delivery system, including the effect on non-AIDS patients in need of medical care; (4) review the history of dealing with communicable disease epidemics; (5) identify future areas of research that might be needed to address the AIDS epidemic; (6) examine policies for development and release of drugs and vaccines to combat AIDS; (7) monitor the progression of acquired immune deficiency syndrome among the general population and among specific risk groups; (8) evaluate research activities relating to the prevention and treatment of acquired immune deficiency syndrome; and (9) study legal and ethical issues relating to acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Sec. 3. Administration. (a) The heads of Executive departments, agencies, and independent instrumentalities, to the extent permitted by law, shall provide the Board, upon request, with such information as it may require for purposes of carrying out its functions.

(b) Members of the Commission shall serve without additional compensation for their work on the Commission. While engaged in the work of the Board, members appointed from among private citizens of the United States may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law for persons serving intermittently in the government service (5 U.S.C. 5701-5707), to the extent funds are available.

(c) To the extent permitted by law and subject to the availability of appropriations, the _____ Office shall provide the Board with such administrative services, funds, facilities, staff, and other support services as may be necessary for the performance of its functions.

Sec. 4. General Provision. The Board shall terminate 30 days after submitting its report to the President but not later than 1 year after its initial meeting. The Board shall submit interim reports as appropriate.

RONALD REAGAN

THE WHITE HOUSE,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 21, 1987

Dear Senator D'Amato:

Thank you for your letter recommending that several people be appointed to serve on the National Commission on AIDS.

On May 1 President Reagan asked that a charter for a commission on AIDS be developed to define membership and purpose. That work is underway and, when it is completed, the selection of candidates will begin.

Many people have expressed an interest in serving on the commission, and I am delighted with the level of interest, although it does make the selection process more difficult. However, I assure you that your recommendations will be given fair consideration.

Thank you again for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gary

Gary L. Bauer
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy and
Director of the Office of Policy Development

The Honorable Alfonse M. D'Amato
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

ALFONSE M. D'AMATO
NEW YORK

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 14, 1987

Honorable Gary Bauer
Assistant to the President
for Policy Development
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Gary:

I am proud of the fact that many New Yorkers are among those who have stepped forward with the desire to serve on the Presidential AIDS Commission.

I am pleased to recommend the following:

ALAN ROSENFIELD: Dean, Columbia School of Public Health (Columbia University has the only School of Public Health in the State of New York). He would be especially qualified to advise on AIDS education, public health, and testing.

MONSIGNOR CASSIDY: Director of Health and Hospitals/ Archdiocese of New York.

DAVID ROGERS: Immediate Past President of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (the foundation that established the demonstration projects for AIDS alternate health care delivery systems) and former Chairman, Council on Foundations. At present he is the Walsh McDermott University Professor of Medicine at Cornell University. He has also been the Dean of Medicine at John Hopkins Medical School and is a member of the Institute of Medicine. In addition, he has been asked to head the private sector task force on AIDS for the states of New York and New Jersey.

ALVIN FRIEDMAN-KIEN: He is a member of New York University faculty and an attending physician at Bellevue Hospital. He first described Kaposi's Sarcoma and Pneumocystis Pneumonia among homosexual men in the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report in July 1981. This was the <u>first report of the disease in New York.</u>

LAWRENCE C. HOFF: President of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, and President and CEO of Upjohn Company. He was involved in the Project Hope Conference on AIDS.

CHARLES EDWARDS: President of Scripps Institute. Former Commissioner of FDA and Assistant Secretary of Health during the Nixon Administraiton.

JAY KATZ: Psychiatrist, Yale Law School, World famous expert in ethics and is considered to be the "father" of medical ethics. He was born in Europe, trained at Harvard, and has been on many major Commissions. He is a member of the IOM.

DR. STEPHEN C. JOSEPH: Commissioner of Health - New York City Health Department.

RICHARD YEZZO: President of St. Clare's Hospital. St. Clare's is said to have the largest AIDS program in the country. Hey have a 60-bed unit dedicated exclusively for the treatment of AIDS patients. Ten of these beds are for prisoners with AIDS. The hospital currently serves more than 200 AIDS patients on an outpatient basis.

RICHMOND KRINKLEY: Broadway Producer (with a group known as Cerberus) who has been involved in various AIDS activities. He was instrumental last year in getting Senator Weicker to include $47 million in a bill for clinical trials of the the drug AZT.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Alfonse M. D'Amato

Alfonse D'Amato

United States Senator

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ALFONSE M. D'AMATO
NEW YORK

Acknowledge

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 8, 1987

Honorable Gary Bauer
Assistant to the President
for Policy Development
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Gary:

I am pleased to recommend with enthusiasm, the inclusion of Andrew O'Rourke of New York as a prospective nominee for the Presidential Commission on AIDS. I understand that it is desirable that the Commission members respresent a broad and comprehensive community experience with emphasis on the health and educational aspects of an incipient disease of potentially epidemic proportions.

Andrew O'Rourke, Westchester County Executive, has consistently shown the political courage necessary to confront the health and social issues involved in the anti-AIDS program. Additionally, his characteristic approach to such matters is one of practicality and straight forward action.

I know that your further analysis of Andy O'Rourke's credentials will lead you to a conclusion favoring his nomination as I do. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alfonse D'Amato

Alfonse M. D'Amato
United States Senator

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Andrew P. O'Rourke
Biographical Data

Andrew P. O'Rourke, the Westchester County Executive, brings to the position experience garnered as a city and county legislator, a practicing attorney, a teacher, an author, a military officer, and a civic leader.

Andy O'Rourke has a long history of involvement in Westchester's governmental and civic affairs. He began his career as an elected public official in 1965 when he won the right to represent Yonkers' 5th Ward on the City Council. During his 8 year tenure on that legislative body, he served both as its Majority Leader and its Minority Leader. In 1973, O'Rourke ran for the 17th District seat on the Westchester County Board of Legislators, and was elected to represent an even larger area of northeast Yonkers. His colleagues named him Chairman of the Board of Legislators in January, 1978, and O'Rourke held that position until he left the Board in December, 1982.

O'Rourke resigned from the Board of Legislators in order to accept nomination to the office of Westchester County Executive by his fellow legislators in January, 1983 and resoundingly won election in his own right to the two-year balance of the term on November 8, 1983. In November, 1985, Andy O'Rourke won election to his first full four-year term as Westchester County Executive by the largest margin in the history of the office.

Born in Plainfield, N.J. on October 26, 1933, his education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in 1954 and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1962, both from Fordham University, as well as a Master of Laws degree in 1965 from New York University.

O'Rourke also has a lengthy service record in the military. He enlisted in 165th Infantry, New York National Guard in 1949, obtaining the rank of Private First Class prior to his honorable discharge in 1950. He saw active duty as a navigator from 1955 to 1963. Since 1964, O'Rourke has been a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve, and currently holds the rank of Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps and is a Rear Admiral in the New York Naval Militia.

Prior to assuming the full-time duties of County Executive, Mr. O'Rourke practiced law, and since 1978 was a partner in a White Plains firm, doing mostly trial work.

The author of numerous articles published in many law journals, O'Rourke has also had articles published on such diverse topics as the Russian Navy (Journal of the Naval Institute, April 1982) and the Roman Army (the Medal Collection, August 1982).

His novel on the Russian navy, The Red Banner Mutiny, will be published by Bantam Books in April, 1986

He was an Adjunct Associate Professor of Law at Fordham University from 1974 to 1975, and an Instructor in Business Law from 1976 to 1977 at Mercy College.

A member of many local, state, and national bar associations, County Executive O'Rourke is admitted to practice in New York State Courts, U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts, the Court of Military Appeals, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

Andy O'Rourke has long played an active role in his community. He is a former director of the Cardinal Newman Foundation of New York, a former member of the Big Brother-Big Sister Committee, a director of Westchester Community Development, and belongs to the Yonkers 5th Ward Republican Club, the John Dunbar Post of the American Legion, the Fordham University Alumni Association, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, and is on the Board of Advisors for the Hudson River Museum. O'Rourke is a communicant of Annunciation Church in Yonkers.

As County Executive, O'Rourke has been awarded Long Island University's 1984 "Seth Low Award for Distinguished Public Service" and the Jewish National Fund's highest award, the "Tree of Life" in recognition of his "outstanding community involvement and dedication to the cause of peace and the building of Israel". He was also named 1984 "Man of the Year" by the Westchester County Sheriff's Association for speaking out "in the areas of Drunk Driver Awareness Programs, DWI Road Blocks, advancement of Volunteer Law Enforcement Groups..." He was granted a honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by Mercy College in January, 1985.

Andy and Alice O'Rourke live in Yonkers and have three children - Alice, Andrew Jr. and Aileen.

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ALFONSE M. D'AMATO
NEW YORK

Acknowledge

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 8, 1987

Honorable Gary Bauer
Assistant to the President
for Policy Development
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Gary:

I am pleased to recommend with enthusiasm, the inclusion of John Cardinal O'Connor of New York as a prospective nominee for the Presidential Commission on AIDS. I understand that it is desirable that the Commission members respresent a broad and comprehensive community experience with emphasis on the health and educational aspects of an incipient disease of potentially epidemic proportions.

Certainly, the name of John Cardinal O'Connor would have to be on everyone's list as one concerned not only with the public health issues involved with the AIDS debate, but as one who can add a special ethical and moral authority to this needed national program.

I know that your further analysis of Cardinal O'Connor's credentials will lead you to a conclusion favoring his nomination as I do. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alfonse D'Amato

Alfonse M. D'Amato
United States Senator

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 12, 1987

Dear Senator Pease:

Thank you for your letter expressing an interest in serving on the National Commission on AIDS.

On May 1 President Reagan asked that a charter for a commission on AIDS be developed to define membership and purpose. That work is underway and, when it is completed, the selection of candidates will begin.

Many people have expressed an interest in serving on the commission, and I am delighted with the level of interest, although it does make the selection process more difficult. However, I assure you that your application will be given fair consideration.

Thank you again for your willingness to serve the nation in this way.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Bauer

Gary L. Bauer
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy and
Director of the Office of Policy Development

The Honorable Edward A. Pease
Senator of the State of Indiana
State Capital
Brazil, Indiana 47834

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State of Indiana — Senate

Senator Edward A. Pease
P.O. Box 452
Brazil, IN 47834
Business (812) 237-4141
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May 8, 1987

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Interstate Cooperation

Mr. Gary Bauer
Executive Assistant
Office of Policy Development
Second Floor, West Wing
White House
Washington, DC 20500

RE: The President's Commission on
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

Dear Mr. Bauer:

I am informed that, as part of your responsibilities for President Reagan, you are to assist him in the formation of the above referred to commission. In this regard, I would respectfully request that you consider recommending to the President my appointment to this commission. As an attorney, I believe that I would bring a variety of perspectives that would be of great assistance to the deliberations of the commission and assist it in developing its' recommendations to the President regarding the practical responses by government and private industries to this disease.

I am currently in my second term as a Republican member of the Indiana State Senate and, in that capacity, serve as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. In this capacity, I have dealt with a variety of AIDS-related issues during the past two legislative sessions, including required testing, exclusion from school, required quarantine, blood testing and other legal issues. I believe that I have acquired a reputation as a legislative chairman who can tackle tough issues fairly and dispassionately and have exhibited an ability to deal with this issue without the emotionalism which is sometimes associated with it.

In addition, I serve as Assistant to the President for Legal Affairs at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana. In this capacity, I provide legal advice to a major public institution of higher learning. In that role, I have participated in the University's deliberations on its appropriate response to AIDS in a variety of contexts including employment, insurance, housing, educational instruction, public education and discrimination.

Finally, I serve as Chairman of the Board of the National Legal Center for the Medically Dependent and Disabled, a national support center for the Legal Services Corporation which is concerned about ensuring appropriate medical care for persons with disabilities, including infants and those with life-threatening conditions. In this capacity, I have dealt on a regular basis with issues of legal rights, ethics and public policy regarding the provision of medical care under federal and state laws. I have a deeply held personal conviction on the sanctity of human life which, I believe, provides a context in which an analysis of appropriate public policy on this issue can rationally be fashioned.

I have enclosed my resume for your consideration. I would be pleased to provide further information upon your request. I appreciate your careful consideration of this request and would be honored and privileged to serve in this position for the President.

Very truly yours,

Edward A. Pease

State of Indiana

Senate

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EDWARD ALLAN PEASE

PROFESSION

Attorney, Chairman of the Indiana State Senate Judiciary Committee, Assistant to the President for Legal Affairs, Indiana State University.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

State of Indiana:

Indiana State Senator - 1980 to Present -- Chairman of Senate Judiciary Committee; Member of Committees on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs; Elections; Economic Development and Evaluation; and Interstate Cooperation; Criminal Law Study Commission
Member, Indiana Judicial Study Commission
Member, Indiana Energy Development Board
Member, Indiana Coal Commission

National:

Member, National Conference of State Legislatures Committee on Science, Technology, and Resource Planning

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Assistant to the President for Legal Affairs, Indiana State University
Of counsel, Thomas & Thomas, Attorneys at Law, Brazil, Indiana
Chairman of the Board, National Legal Center for the Medically Dependent and Disabled, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana

Admitted:

Indiana Supreme Court

AWARDS

Outstanding Freshman State Senator in 1981 (by Indiana Press corps)
Outstanding Freshman State Senator in 1981 (by Indiana State Senate members)

1986 James D. Linden Award of the Indiana Psychological Association for contributions to mental health in Indiana
1985 AFL-CIO Public Servant of the Year
1983 UMWA Award for Excellence Legislator of the Year Award for work on behalf of the Indiana Coal Industry
1982 Indiana Health Care Association Legislator of the Year Award for work on behalf of senior citizens
Selected Chapter Advisor of the Year by Pi Kappa Alpha National Fraternity - 1983
Selected on of Ten Outstanding Young Hoosiers by Indiana Jaycees, 1984

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Vice-President, Pi Kappa Alpha National Fraternity, 1984 - present
President, Wabash Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America (9 counties in Indiana and Illinois) and a member of the Executive Board since 1972
Member of the Board, East Central Region, Boy Scouts of America
Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award for Distinguished Service to Youth, and National Distinguished Service Award, Order of the Arrow
Member, National Order of the Arrow Committee, Boy Scouts of America
Former Board of Directors, Brazil-Clay County YMCA
Former Lay Leader, First United Methodist Church of Brazil
Former Board of Directors, Clay County Unit of American Cancer Society
Former Board of Directors, Indiana Asbury Towers, a United Methodist Retirement Community in Greencastle, Indiana
Advisory Board for Paralegal Program, St. Mary of the Woods College, Terre Haute, Indiana
Advisor, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana
Advisory Board, First Bank & Trust Company of Clay County

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

1984-present - Assistant to the President for Legal Affairs, Indiana State University
1980 - Attorney for City of Brazil, Indiana
1978-1979 - Attorney for Clay County Department of Public Welfare
1977-1979 - Clay County Public Defender
1977-1984 - Partner, Thomas, Thomas & Pease, Attorneys, Brazil, Indiana
1975-1976 - National Director of Alumni Affairs, Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Memphis, Tennessee
1974-1975 - Office of the Indiana Attorney General, law clerk in appellate and contracts division
1971-1972 - Indiana University - intern in Honors Division, developing new courses
Summers of 1965-1975 - Wabash Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America camp staff, including three years as Camp Director

ACADEMIC RECORD

Post Graduate:

Indiana University, Indianapolis, Indiana
J.D. Cum Laude, 1977
Recipient, Merchants National Bank (Indianapolis) award for Excellence in estate planning, 1977
Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana
graduate study in English

College:

Indiana State University, Bloomington, Indiana
A.B. with Distinction, 1973
Rhodes Scholar Nominee of Indiana University
Phi Eta Sigma Scholastic Honorary
Phi Beta Kappa Scholastic Honorary
Wendell Wilkie Scholar recipient
Herman B. Wells Award, 1973
(outstanding graduating senior)
President, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and selected its national outstanding undergraduate, 1973
Blue Key

High School:

Terre Haute, Indiana, Gerstmeyer
President and Valedictorian, Class of '69

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 2, 1987

Dear Senator Kennedy:

President Reagan has asked me to thank you for your letter recommending that Dr. Harvey Fineberg, Dr. William Haseltine, Dr. Philip Lee, Dr. Mathilde Krim, and Mr. Ashton Hawkins be appointed to President Reagan's National Commission on AIDS. Because of the tremendous interest from many people willing to serve on the Commission, the selection process is still under way. All resumes are being given careful consideration, and final decisions will be announced soon.

Thank you again for your helpful comments and interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Bauer

Gary L. Bauer
Assistant to the President for Policy Development

Senator Edward M. Kennedy
Chairman
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Will Ball's office answered this - we do not respond

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United States Senate
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
HUMAN RESOURCES
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

Acknowledged

May 29, 1987

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to encourage you to consider the following individuals for the AIDS Commission. I feel their experience and credentials will facilitate the work of the Commission, and I know that all of us in Congress look forward to working with the Commission in a spirit of bipartisan cooperation to deal as quickly and effectively as possible with this immense health crisis. The five individuals I recommend for your consideration are:

Harvey Fineberg, M.D., Dean of the Harvard School of Public Health, has made AIDS a priority for his institution -- particularly the communication of educational and prevention information, for both general audiences and health professionals. At the Harvard School of Public Health, great emphasis is placed on the evaluation of the effectiveness of disease prevention/health promotion campaigns. In whatever fashion individual communities and educational institutions decide to convey AIDS prevention messages, it is essential that we assess the impact on behavior change. Dr. Fineberg also served on the National Academy of Sciences/Institute of Medicine panel that conducted an in-depth study of the AIDS problem.

William Haseltine, PhD, molecular virologist at the Dana Farber Cancer Center, has been at the cutting edge of basic research on AIDS since the discovery of the etiologic agent responsible for the epidemic. In fact, his most recent work on the genetic components of the AIDS virus offers the possibility of defusing the reproductive capability of the virus. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on a National Strategy for AIDS (Research Panel) and is a member of the Executive Commitee of the Board of Directors of the American Foundation for AIDS Research. He was also a member of the Director's AIDS Executive

Committee at the NIH. Dr. Haseltine has participated in numerous NIH grant review panels and has concrete suggestions for expediting the award of funds to meritorius AIDS research projects.

Philip Lee, M.D., Director of the Institute for Health Policy Studies at the University of California/San Francisco, has unique knowledge of the impact of AIDS on the nation's health care system. The institute has studied the economic effect of AIDS more closely than any other agency. In addition, Dr. Lee oversees the $17 million program funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to create more affordable patient care mechanisms for AIDS. As a former Assistant Secretary of HEW, he is equipped with hands-on knowledge of how federal health programs and policy operate.

Mathilde Krim, PhD, Founding Chairman of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, is a research biologist who has played an instrumental role in the development of interferon for use in cancer. Her early recognition of the potentially catastrophic implications of the AIDS epidemic helped establish her reputation as a leading private sector spokesman on the issue. In collaboration with Ms. Elizabeth Taylor, Dr. Krim has rallied the financial support of both private and corporate donors to expedite AIDS research efforts with quick-turnaround grant dollars.

Ashton Hawkins, Esq., Vice President and Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, is a prominent New Yorker who has worked diligently in the last 12 months to make others aware of the AIDS crisis and to enroll their support in curbing the epidemic. He has been active in raising funds and mobilizing support in the art world for the American Foundation for AIDS Research. In addition, he was instrumental in introducing NIH AIDS Coordinator, Anthony Fauci M.D., to Mrs. William F. Buckley and Mrs. Samuel Peabody who have become actively interested in this issue. Mr. Hawkins has extensive board experience, with both academic and charitable organizations, and can assist in building the kind of consensus that will be essential for the AIDS panel.

Each of these five outstanding citizens has already demonstrated the abilities to contribute to the solution of the national emergency that this epidemic poses. I urge you to review their

credentials and consider them as candidates for membership on the National Commission on AIDS.

With best personal wishes,

Edward M. Kennedy

Edward M. Kennedy
Chairman

cc: Honorable Howard Baker
Mr. Gary Bauer
Honorable Robert Byrd
Honorable Alan Cranston
Honorable Robert Dole
Honorable Lowell Weicker

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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September 14, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR HOWARD H. BAKER, JR.

FROM: GARY L. BAUER

SUBJECT: AIDS Commission Report Deadline

As you know, the AIDS Commission has been given one year to complete its work. Depending on when one considers the "starting gun" went off, that means the report will be delivered sometime between June and August of 1988 - right in the middle of the Presidential primaries and nominating process.

Several Commissioners are concerned about whether the work can be done in this time, and whether we are risking the issue becoming even more politicized. The attached letter, written by Dr. William Walsh, suggests we extend the deadline until December 1, 1988. I believe this is a good suggestion and we ought to move now to implement it.

Attachment

cc: Ken Duberstein
Rhett Dawson

Nancy R/Gary/Ken D.
My understanding is that final report is due 12 mos from appointment i.e. last week. I agree that we must move on this but I'd recommend reviewing w/ Dir before not Commission meeting. Be flexible. Pres-Gen talking points 9/15 RD 09/

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PROJECT HOPE

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President and
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September 4, 1987

Mr. Gary L. Bauer
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Gary:

You will recall when I visited with you last Monday that I expressed considerable concern over whether the AIDS Commission could properly complete its work by its currently scheduled deadline of June of 1988. Three days in New York with several of the Commission members, and a dawn-to-dark schedule of learning the complexities of this problem, have convinced me more than ever that there should be an extension of the deadline to the first of December.

The likelihood of any such report being received in an unprejudiced fashion, during the midst of a political campaign for the nation's highest office, would in my opinion negate the value of our effort. We had the benefit of meeting with, hearing or receiving statements from almost 200 committed individuals in New York City. Members of Congress accompanied us on some of our visitations. Two outstanding members of the Republican State Legislature, who had pulled together an excellent task force report on AIDS for the State, joined with us. All who participated were serious, but many had deep emotional commitments which will require time and reasoning to modify so that we may have a broad base of support for whatever we may recommend.

May I respectfully suggest, therefore, that you bring to the attention of the President or whomever he has so designated, the suggestion that the work of the Commission be extended to December 1, 1988 so as to avoid the bitter conflicts that may arise during the 1988 campaign. The vast majority of the members of the Commission, with whom I have discussed this, share these feelings with me. We want to do a very good job but it will take time.

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It is conceivable that the Commission will recommend such an action in its initial report to the President at the end of the 90-day period. This may be an opportune time for the President to authorize the extension if you and your colleagues along with him, agree that it would be of greater benefit to the nation in its development of a national strategy against this dread disease.

Sincere personal regards,

Bill

William B. Walsh, M.D.

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