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February 29, 1992

Randy Miller
E.A.C.H.
625 O'Farrell St.
San Francisco, CA 94109

Dear Mr. Miller:

Enclosed are samples of new brochures that the Center for Positive Care is using for outreach and a copy of the March calendar.

If you feel you can use additional copies of any of these items please call me at 476-3671 (there is voice mail), Eddy Francisco at 476-3672, or leave a message with the front desk, 476-3644. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Erik Wheaton
Information and Resources Coordinator

des

request 100 brochures

*Call 3/9, request 100
left msg on Voice Mail*



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BAHSES MEMORANDUM



BAHSES
TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES

March 3, 1992

TO: BAHSES Staff

FR: Lee Y. Woo

RE: STAFF ASSIGNMENT

This memo is to confirm the loss of two staff and their replacements.

Michael (Mike) Brunetti will replace Larry Denson in the position of Program Coordinator-Support Services.

Thomas Hajjar will replace Teresa Brown Scott as Program Assistant-Education/Outreach.

Larry and Teresa have found new opportunities outside of BAHSES. If you have any questions regarding the respective programs, please call Mike or Thomas at 749-6714.

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AFRICAN AMERICAN INTERFAITH ALLIANCE ON AIDS



March 6, 1992

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AIDS Training (CPAT)

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Rev. Paul D. Jackson

Rafiki Services Project

Randy Miller
EACH
944 Market St., Ste. 210
San Francisco, CA. 94102

Dear Randy:

Hello! I am really glad that you were a part of the "Theology of AIDS" panel at the "WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?" conference this past Saturday. That panel got rave reviews and people commented that each presentation was outstanding. Thank you for agreeing to participate on such short notice.

I hear things are hopping at EACH. I know you are more than equal to the tasks at hand.

Best of "luck." Take care.

Sincerely,

Vaneida White, M.D.
Community Provider AIDS Training Project

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Member Organizations: (partial list)

Bayview-Hunter's Point
Foundation for Community
Improvement/AIDS Services

City of Refuge
Community Church
Rev. Yvette Flunder

El Bethel Baptist Church
Rev. Johnnie Robinson

Hamilton Memorial Church
of God in Christ
Rev. James L. Langston

Rev. James McCray, Jr.

St. Paul of the
Shipwreck Church
Fr. James Goode

Bay Area Sexual Minority Speakers Network

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March 13, 1992

Dear Networker,

(I will accept any and all ideas forthcoming as to how I should address you all in the opening of these letters. I favor "Comrades!", but the connotations...)

Our most recent meeting on March 4 was chock-full of new faces: Morrey from LGBAP, Tala from SFSI, Tom from BAHSES, Toby from CUAV (no Man from UNCLE that I could make out). I thank you, old and new members, one and all for attending.

The meeting was key for me to get a sense of the direction that many of us wish to take as a group. I heard members say that they would be more inclined to come to planning meetings if there were a main event -- an informational talk, discussion, or workshop on a specific topic. Since events such as these are what most of us are experienced at providing, and hope to provide more of, the answer seems obvious.

The upshot is that Tala will be leading a workshop on issues of consent, power, and sexuality next Friday, March 20. The enclosed flier gives details. I had intended to organize a planning meeting to go along with it, but this workshop promises to be too good by itself -- I may bore you with a couple/three announcements, but after that the floor belongs to Tala.

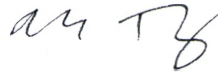
The word CONSENT, seems to me to lie at the core of so many issues which not only create controversy between political factions, but also divide communities and cause tension between activists. I think it is essential to our movement, however you define it, that we begin to discuss our very deeply-held beliefs about what consent entails, and that we begin to tolerate our own discomfort at beliefs which differ from ours, if we are to be effective at dismantling all of the -isms and building a peaceful community. I am opening up my home to all who are interested in the hopes that we can do that. Talk it up among your friends, and please join us.

Also on the table is a more formal group training tentatively slated for late April-early May. We hope to get a space at New College, and run a day-long series of workshops to include training around HIV/AIDS issues, effective speaking techniques, organizing in the business world, and _____! Get in touch with me at the phone number conveniently located by my signature if you or a member of your group wish to avail yourselves this speaking opportunity.

Some of you have sent already sent me info on your organizations, in the form of pamphlets, informal letters, or by answering our questionnaire. One of the more helpful resources this network can provide, which seemed to interest most of the people attending the last meeting, would be a handbook containing information on all the members. At this point, it is not clear to me whether this handbook should be a collection of the materials themselves (i.e. pamphlets, cover letters, etc., in a loosely organized book form) or a more formalized rendering of this material entered into and printed out of a computer database. There are advantages in both directions -- the first is more personalized but unwieldy and therefore harder to use, whereas the second may be more useful but may not convey the information which each group has taken the time to include (photos, for example, would be out). Anyway, for starters, if those of you with nice-looking mailer packets could send me what you have, I could get an idea which way to decide. (Thanks, by the way, to Face To Face and the MBLGS at UC Berkeley for including this with your questionnaires.)

Is that enough? I think so. One more plug for Tala's upcoming talk -- fair warning, if you miss this event, you may regret it for years...

In Solidarity & Diversity,



Mark T. Zegarelli
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DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 20

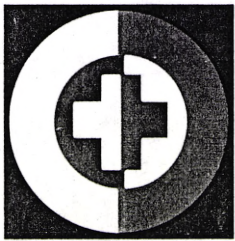
TIME: 7:30 - 9:30 PM

LOCATION: 3851 26TH ST, SAN FRANCISCO
(X CHURCH ST., NEAR 24TH ST BART)

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT MARK T. ZEGARELLI AT 415-285-7229

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**BAY AREA SEXUAL MINORITY
SPEAKERS NETWORK**



**Asian
AIDS**
PROJECT

March 12, 1992

MAR 14 1992

Dear Colleague:

The Asian AIDS Project (AAP), a program of the Asian American Recovery Services, Inc., is a community based, non-profit organization providing HIV/AIDS services to the Asian/Pacific Islander Communities in San Francisco. Asian AIDS Project, founded in 1987, provides HIV prevention education services, client support groups, and community training.

The Asian AIDS Project is looking for a Health Education Specialist I. Enclosed is a job description. Please distribute or post them in your agency. For more information contact us at (415) 227-0946.

Sincerely,

Vince Sales
Program Associate

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WESTSIDE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

TENDERLOIN DETOX PROGRAM

183 GOLDEN GATE AVENUE • SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102 • TELEPHONE (415) 255-1786

Alfred Sellers, Jr.
Program Director

March 18, 1992

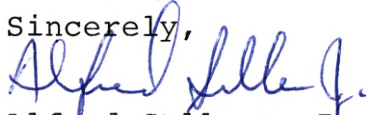
To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. Brisbane was invited to give a discussion on HIV for our AIDS Education and Prevention group on Tuesday 6/25/91. Since our first meeting he has been asked to return as a guest speaker on 1/7/92, 1/28/92, 2/4/92, 2/25/92 and 3/17/92.

Mr. Brisbane provides our clients who are in the process of detoxing off drugs with important information on HIV so that they can alter their lifestyle in recovery to prevent being infected by HIV, and get tested or receive treatment if they were tested positive for HIV. This group is an essential component to Westside Tenderloin Detox's outpatient program for our clients are high risk for contracting HIV.

Mr. Brisbane is an excellent speaker who effectively communicates the many dynamics of HIV to our client population. I feel that Mr. Brisbane is a positive spokesperson for this group and request his continued participation as a speaker in this group.

Sincerely,



Alfred Sellers, Jr.
Program Director

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United States Mission

P.O. Box 426437, San Francisco, California 94147

ABOUT THE MISSION

THE CONGREGATION OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION WAS FOUNDED IN 1962 AS A NON-PROFIT, NON-DENOMINATIONAL ORGANIZATION. THE MISSION CURRENTLY OPERATES FACILITIES HERE IN THE SAN FRANCISCO, SAN JOSE, AND SAN DIEGO, ALSO WITH MISSION'S IN PHOENIX, LOS ANGELES, OREGON, ETC. UNDER THE CAREFUL DIRECTION OF REV. ROBERT HUMPHRIES, FOUNDER OF THE ORGANIZATION, AND MR. PAT LENHOFF, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MISSIONS, WE HAVE GONE FROM HELPING A FEW TO HELPING MANY HOMELESS AND NEEDY PEOPLE OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MISSION IS TO PROVIDE A LIVE-IN RESIDENCE, WITH QUALITY MEALS, A SELF-HELP WORK PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES THE INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY OF TURNING HIS/HER LIFE AROUND AND GETTING BACK INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF SOCIETY.

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FUNDING FOR THE MISSION

THE CONGREGATION OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION RECIEVES NO MONEY FROM ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR CITY AGENCIES. WE DEPEND ENTIRELY UPON THE INDIVIDUAL GENEROUSITY OF CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES TO KEEP OUR DOORS OPEN, AND THE CURRENT PROGRAMS IN OPERATING ORDER.

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DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION IS OUR BASIC MEANS OF SUPPORT, AND ALSO SERVES SEVERAL OTHER FUNCTIONS AS WELL.

- 1) IT IS A WAY FOR THE RESIDENTS TO FEEL THAT THEY ARE A VITAL PART OF THE ORGANIZATION THAT IS HELPING THEM.
- 2) DOING THE DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION REQUIRES THAT THE RESIDENTS PUT IN AT LEAST 4 VOLUNTEER HOURS A DAY, THIS GETS THEM BACK INTO THE HABIT OF A REGULAR WORK SCHEDULE.

LOS ANGELES

PAT LENHOFF
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
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Sonja Meadows
Secretary

"PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE"
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1962

The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc.

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February 14, 1992

CASTRO HALLOWEEN 1991
AIDS GRANT AWARDS

Castro Halloween 1991 was a tremendous success, produced by

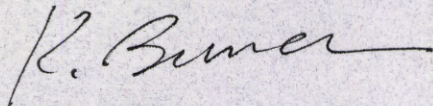
The Sisters Of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc.

Money totalling \$5,400 was made available to local minority and women's

Aids organizations through a Request For Proposal placed in local
newspapers. We received 21 proposals. The Board of Directors of SPI, Inc.
decided to fund 7 of these proposals. (See enclosure).

Thank you for your proposal. Hopefully our Castro Halloween 1992 will
produce more revenue and we will be able to fund more AIDS proposals.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Bunch
The Sisters Of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc.
584 Castro, suite 392
San Francisco, Ca. 94114

(415) 864-6722

The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc.

United States, Australia, France, Great Britain

February 14, 1992

PRESS RELEASE

On Valentine's Day, February 14, 1992, The Sisters Of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc. distributed \$5,400 in grants to AIDS organizations in the Bay Area.

These grants were made available from The Sisters' donation collections at their annual CASTRO STREET HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION (The World's Largest Costume Party).

A "Request For Proposal" was placed in local Lesbian/Gay newspapers. Twenty-one proposals were received. The criteria used to determine award winners were: minority and women's AIDS organizations; novel programs; programs that are in great need.

Additionally, \$400 will be distributed to the S.F. Street Patrol.

SPI, INC. CASTRO HALLOWEEN 1992 AIDS GRANT AWARDS

\$1000.....	Positive Resource job referral agency for PWA/HIV including minorities and women.
\$1000.....	C.U.R.A.S. (Comunidad Unida en Respuesta Al Sida) AIDS services for Latino Gay men.
\$1000.....	Health Outreach Tenderloin health care team serving mainly PWA/HIV IV speed users.
\$1000.....	E.A.C.H. (Early Advocacy and Care for HIV) Serves HIV infected gay and bisexual men including American Indians, Latinos, Asian/ Pacific Islanders and indigent white men.
\$500.....	Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services HIV services program for women.
\$500.....	San Francisco General Hospital Ward 5A To improve the quality of HIV/PWA patient lives.
\$400.....	African-American AIDS, Support-Services and Survival Institute, Inc. Targeted services for Oakland, California.
\$400.....	San Francisco Street Patrol monitors and patrols Gay/Lesbian neighborhoods and prevents acts of homophobic violence.

Contact: Kenneth Bunch (415) 864-6722

584 Castro Street, Suite 392, San Francisco, California 94114

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for

March 26, 1992

Mr. Randy Miller
Early Advocacy and Care for HIV
994 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Randy:

Please find enclosed a new and amended version of our contract per Russ Zellers. If every thing is to your agreement please sign and mail it back to me that I may forward it back to Russ.

Thanks for all of your patience.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Elkins

Robert L. Elkins
Development and Finance Director

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March 12, 1992

Dear AIDS Service Provider:

Continuing to discover service linkages for our multicultural/multiracial client base seems to be a challenge for us all, particularly for the African-American male. Our clients need to know where to obtain services, when these services are available, whom to contact and any costs involved.

In order to provide you, the service provider, with updated information about our activities, the Bay Area HIV Support and Education Services (BAHSES) is mailing several flyers which may be of interest to you - should you not be aware of these services. *All services announced in the flyers are free to the client.*

Please feel free to reproduce as many copies as you deem necessary for distribution to your client base or for display racks in your offices. We would also like to encourage you or your clients to call our office for detailed information about available services.

Thank you for allowing BAHSES to be a part of your service linkage system. I would encourage you to provide me with the same type of information about *your* agency's activities. And, any information you provide me will be passed-on to our staff for their resource listings/information.

Sincerely,

Mike Brunetti
Support Services

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A PROJECT OF BLACK & WHITE MEN TOGETHER / MEN OF ALL COLORS TOGETHER

IF YOU ARE HIV POSITIVE

The Bay Area HIV Support and Education Services (BAHSES)

OFFERS A

"Drop-In" HIV Support Group

For Those Living with HIV Disease

**Every Tuesday 6:30pm-8:30pm
625 O'Farrell St.
San Francisco, CA**

The purpose of this program is to provide a safe environment in which a person can work through their HIV issues and continue or return to a productive way of living.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming involved in our HIV Support Program, please feel free to contact:

BAHSES at 749-6714

******ALL INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL******



**BAHSES
625 O'Farrell Street
San Francisco, CA 94109
(415) 749-64714**

A Project of Black and White Men Together/Men of All Colors Together (BWMT/MACT)

IF YOU ARE HIV POSITIVE

**The Bay Area
HIV Support and Education Services
(BAHSES)**

**Will begin a new support group
on APRIL 2, 1992
For 10 Weeks**

**Thursdays, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
For Those Living with HIV Disease
(Other groups are in progress; however, if Thursday is
not convenient for you, call for information about
upcoming groups during the day as well as
evenings.)**

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person can work through HIV issues and continue or return to a
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TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT for HIV Positive People

If you need assistance with transportation to:

- o Doctor Visits
 - o Picking up Medication
- o Support Group Meetings
 - o Other Medical Visits

Then BAHSES may be able to help you with:

- o Bus Tokens
- o Taxi Vouchers

*For detailed information about this service, call
Support Services of BAHSES at (415) 749-6714*

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Bay Area HIV Support and Education Services (BAHSES)

Seeks: HIV Support Group Volunteers

Description: HIV Support Groups typically meet on a weekly basis at the BAHSES office. The support group provides a safe environment for people with HIV to exchange information and provide emotional support to one another.

Role: HIV Support Group Facilitators create the safe environment which encourages group members to discuss issues which surround a life with HIV openly.

Required of Volunteers: Strong desire to help people who face life with HIV. Additionally, attendance at a training session is required. (Previous experience as a counselor or group facilitator is NOT required.)

Training: Training addresses the following:

- o Basic information about HIV/AIDS
- o Emotional issues associated with being seropositive
 - o Basic group facilitation skills
- o Handling difficult situations which occur in support groups
 - o Crises intervention skill development
 - o Community resources and their use

Heavy emphasis is placed on group participation during the training, including discussion, role-plays and sharing experiences.

Schedule: May 2, 1992 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Place: 631 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

Contential Breakfast provided from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

For More Information, call: BAHSES, Support Services at
(415) 749-6714

**TRAININGS BEING DONE FOR SAN FRANCISCO AS WELL AS
OAKLAND VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORT GROUPS**



A PROJECT OF BLACK & WHITE MEN TOGETHER / MEN OF ALL COLORS TOGETHER

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March 30, 1992



Dear Friend:

We are requesting **your** immediate and continuing action on the National Institutes of Health AIDS Budget discussion in Congress. It is urgent that the members of the key budget Sub-Committee of the House of Representatives hear the voices of their **personal** constituents and treatment advocates as soon as possible. The House is currently considering this important budget issue, and needs to hear from you **now**. The Senate has not scheduled their budget process yet, but we urge you to contact them now. They will need to hear our concerns again later in the process and we will be asking you to contact your Senators again this spring and summer. We can not allow this issue to "fall through the cracks". Too many lives depend on our actions.

Some reminders on Congressional communications:

- o A personal visit is the most effective means of communication with your Representative. The House spring recess is from April 13th through April 26th. The Senate will be recessed from April 13th through April 27th. During spring recess Congressional Representatives will return to their home districts. This is a perfect opportunity for a personal visit.
- o The second most effective means of communication is a personal handwritten letter.
- o Thirdly, you can use the Project Inform 800 number (1-800-372-2626 x 9227) set up through Western Union and outlined in the letter that is being sent March 30th to the Project Inform mailing list. This number will generate a mailgram to William Natcher and/or Tom Harkin. While not as effective as a personal letter, it is an action that concerned persons can take to register their demand for full funding of the NIH AIDS Budget Request.

Enclosed you will find a list of the Congress-persons on the Sub-Committee as well as the other key Senators and Representatives.

We thank you for your personal action. We are fighting for our lives and the lives of those we love.

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ALERT -- ACTION NEEDED NOW!

March 26, 1992

FEDERAL AIDS RESEARCH FUNDING BEING SLASHED

The Federal 1993 AIDS budget proposal is currently under discussion in the United States Congress. There is both good and bad news for AIDS from Capitol Hill this year. On the positive side, there has been a small proposed increase in funds for the Ryan White Care legislation which funds direct services. However, for those seeking new, more effective treatments, the news is bad. Project Inform and other AIDS activist groups have looked closer at President Bush's AIDS budget to discover that funding for AIDS drug research is being cut - particularly, funding for clinical research, the testing of treatments in human subjects through drug trials. Bush is proposing \$873 million for 1993 National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding. The NIH has requested \$1.195 billion for its 1993 budget in order to continue the current research effort.

Members of Congress need to hear from us that the administration's proposal is unacceptable. PI TAN is calling for full funding of the 1993 NIH budget request at \$1.195 billion, which will restore President Bush's proposed cuts in clinical AIDS research.

BACKGROUND: President Bush has grossly overestimated the total AIDS research budget at \$1.8 billion dollars. In reality, total federal dollars allocated for AIDS research in 1992 is more like \$1.08 billion according to Bush's own Office of Management and Budget (OMB). However, those who know the system better believe the real figure to be something like \$450 million. That's the amount set aside for the AIDS program of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). NIAID is an arm of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) which conducts the bulk of AIDS research. NIAID operates the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) and the Community Programs for Clinical Research on AIDS (CPCRA). These two networks conduct the majority of the AIDS clinical trials. Very few people realize the disturbing truth is that NIAID spends less than \$130 million annually on clinical AIDS research, the research that most directly affects people living with HIV.

THE REAL STORY: On the surface President George Bush's 1993 NIH AIDS budget proposal (\$873 million) appears to increase the total "research" budget by about 3.8%. This purported increase does not keep pace with inflation or the exploding AIDS epidemic. The patient population which this budget is meant to serve has increased by more than 100%. In addition, the cost of conducting research has grown. The biomedical inflation rate is 12 percent. The bottom line is that the apparent 3.8% increase actually represents a significant cut. In comparison to the cuts in the NIH AIDS programs, Bush has proposed an increase of 5.1 % in the NIH non-AIDS budget and a total Federal budget increase of 13%. Also, the budget process does not end with the administration's proposal. Congress can still elect to increase or decrease that budget. We cannot allow that decision to be made without our input. Last year, the democratically controlled Congress voted to decrease the administration's proposed AIDS budget by \$10 million dollars.

Upon closer examination, it becomes apparent that money spent on clinical research on people with HIV is actually proposed to decrease significantly. **Funding for the Adult ACTG is proposed to decrease by as much as 20% to 25%.** The Adult ACTG conducts the majority of AIDS drug trials in this country. This cut will cause a shrinkage in the number of drug trials conducted and in the number of sites across the country offering these trials. A total of 10 sites will have their funding denied and others, like Houston, Texas, have already been denied funding for several years in spite of the high AIDS incidence rates in that area. Although 28 sites will remain in the ACTG system, many of them will shrink by up to 40% under the current proposal. (see attached map) In addition, with fewer sites and fewer human trials, new drug development and work towards a vaccine and cure will slow, something even Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the NIAID, acknowledged in recent Congressional testimony. There are far fewer relative opportunities for HIV-infected adults to participate in clinical trials today than there were just a few short years ago and the situation will only worsen under this proposal. In San Francisco alone, these budget cuts will mean the closure of three Clinical Trial units and a virology laboratory, cuts in core research faculty and limitations in outreach programs for women and ethnic minorities. In the absence of opportunities to participate in controlled clinical trial opportunities, patients turn, at best, to the AIDS underground or, at worst, to the burgeoning field of quackery and medical fraud ready to exploit desperate HIV patients.

THE NAKED TRUTH: Exposing the myth of the "huge" AIDS budget, leaves only a disturbing reality concerning the philosophy of the government's true AIDS agenda. The naked truth is that the government is not interested in treating the majority of those currently infected. The administration claims to be spending more than enough on research, yet this 1993 budget request will bring us into the third year of flat funding. There has been no increase in AIDS research spending during a time when the epidemic has continued to grow exponentially. Key congressional staff have told PI TAN that Congress no longer considers AIDS spending a priority. Members of Congress have not heard from enough of us recently, allowing them to ignore the growing epidemic in their communities. We must speak out again.

Last year, Congress mandated an increase in spending for pediatric AIDS research. Because of this significant increase, pediatric research spending now reflects what we consider to be a reasonable level of funding for any infected individual. NIAID currently spends \$28,359 per ACTG enrolled pediatric patient. In comparison, NIAID spends only \$3,157 per ACTG or CPCRA enrolled adult or adolescent.

We are not arguing that the government is spending too much on children. Not at all. Instead, we believe that the government should spend as much on adults as children, as much on women as men, as much on minorities as non-minorities. Last year's cruel game of funding one group by short-changing another can not be repeated. The only honest solution is more funding for the entire package of AIDS research - not some simplistic shuffling of dollars to please another constituency group. Rational spending decisions should be based on human need and epidemiology, not politics. When we write off any group of people with AIDS, as the government has in past and present budget proposals, we write off everyone.

WHAT'S NEXT: It's urgent that we blow the whistle now and tell our representatives in Congress that the administration's AIDS research budget is inadequate and unfair before more damage is done to the AIDS treatment research effort. Now is not the time to cut adult clinical research. The face of the epidemic is beginning to change as more people of color, women and children join the ranks of the infected. We have to question why Congress is choosing this time to cut government spending. We demand equal levels of effort for every person infected with HIV, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation and age. We are calling for:

- **Full funding of the NIH budget request** which will increase funding for adult and adolescent clinical research and work toward equalizing effort for everyone.
- **Full funding of all federal AIDS programs**
- **Special panel hearings on the AIDS research budget in front of the appropriate Congressional Appropriations Subcommittees.** This will allow those making the important AIDS budget decisions to hear from those infected and affected by the proposed research cuts.

Write your Congressional representative and tell them in your own words why increased funding for clinical AIDS research is important. If you're participating in an ACTG or CPCRA trial tell them about your experiences and how important participation is to your well-being and health. If you need help with writing your letter, we've enclosed a sample to use as your guide. Enclose a copy of our handout "The Myth of 'Too Much Spending on AIDS'" with your correspondence.

We have enclosed a list of the Representative and Senators who sit on the key budget committees. Please look it over to see if any of your elected officials sit on these committees. If so, it is even more important that you write or call now to let them know how you feel. Congress hasn't heard from us yet. We need an extra effort on this issue. Here are some ideas:

- Members of Congress will be home during the Spring recess. This is an excellent time to organize an individual or group visit. We would be glad to help with background information. Please call us if you would like to make a personal visit at their home office or in Washington.
- Organize a letter writing party at your home. Invite friends and family, provide the sample letter, stationery and stamps. The host should be responsible for mailing all the letters generated at the party.

If possible send us a copy of your letters. Congress must hear from you regarding this critical AIDS funding issue. Together we can do some AIDS budget myth busting. We must act now to save the lives of everyone with HIV.

AIDS Research Funding Sample Letter

Honorable
Address
Washington, DC

Dear Senator/Representative Name:

Now is not the time to cut AIDS research, but that's exactly what will happen if you support President Bush's 1993 National Institutes of Health (NIH) budget proposal. The NIH AIDS program, as well as AIDS care, education, and prevention programs at other agencies need to be fully funded. I am asking you to support the NIH 1993 AIDS budget request of \$1.195 billion as well as fully funding all federal AIDS programs.

[Insert your own personal story here, if possible.]

Don't listen when anyone tries to tell you we are spending too much on AIDS research. It's a myth. The Bush proposal, on paper, appears to increase the AIDS research budget by 3.8%. This apparent increase does not keep pace with inflation or the exploding AIDS epidemic. The patient population which this budget is meant to serve has increased by more than 100%. In addition, the cost of conducting research has grown. The biomedical inflation rate is 12 percent. The bottom line is that the apparent 3.8% increase actually represents a significant cut.

When you look at Bush's actual budget line items, the picture only gets worse. Funding for the Adult AIDS Clinical Trial Group (ACTG) is proposed to decrease by up to 20 to 25%. The Adult ACTG conducts the majority of AIDS clinical trials in this country. This cut will cause a shrinkage in the number of drug trials conducted and in the number of sites across the country offering these trials. In addition, with fewer sites and fewer human trials, new drug development and work towards a vaccine and cure will slow, something even Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the NIAID, acknowledged in recent Congressional testimony. In the absence of the opportunity to participate in controlled clinical trials, patients turn, at best, to the AIDS underground or, at worst, to the burgeoning field of quackery and medical fraud ready to exploit desperate HIV patients.

In addition to supporting full funding of the 1993 NIH budget request, I urge you to request your colleagues, Representative William Natcher, (D, Ky.), and Tom Harkin, (D, Iowa), to convene special panel hearings on AIDS research within their respective congressional sub-committees. Congressional members making critical budget decisions need to hear how cuts in the AIDS research budget will affect the future of the biomedical research effort and the 1.5 million Americans living with HIV and AIDS.

As people with HIV and friends and family of people with HIV, we cannot afford to watch the gains made in treatment research be eroded by inadequate funding. The devastating cost of a research effort crippled by a lack of concern from our nation's policy makers will be paid in lives lost and future health care dollars. It is time for the U.S. Government to make a real commitment to ending the HIV epidemic by fully funding the NIH AIDS budget request and all federal AIDS programs. Act now before it's too late.

I'm counting on your support.

Sincerely,

Your Name and Address

TARGET ADDRESS LIST

APPROPRIATIONS SUB-COMMITTEES on LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES

The Senate:

Majority Members:

Tom Harkin (D-IA) *Chair*
Robert C. Byrd (D-WV)
Ernest F. Hollings (D-SC)
Quentin N. Burdick (D-ND)
Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI)
Dale Bumpers (D-AR)
Harry Reid (D-NV)
Brock Adams (D-WA)

Minority Members:

Arlen Specter (R-PA)
Mark O. Hatfield (R-OR)
Ted Stevens (R-AK)
Warren B. Rudman (R-NH)
Thad Cochran (R-MS)
Phil Gramm (R-TX)
Slade Gorton (R-WA)

The House of Representatives:

Majority Members:

William H. Natcher (D-2nd KY) *Chair*
Neal Smith (D-4th IA)
David R. Obey (D-7th WI)
Edward R. Roybal (D-25th CA)
Louis Stokes (D-21st OH)
Joseph D. Early (D-3rd MA)
Steny H. Hoyer (D-5th MD)
Robert J. Mrazek (D-3rd NY)

Minority Members:

Carl D. Pursell (R-2nd MI)
John Edward Porter (R-10th IL)
C.W. Bill Young (R-8th FL)
Vin Weber (R-2nd MN)

OTHER KEY SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES:

The Senate:

George Mitchell (D-ME)
Majority Leader
Wendell H. Ford (D-KY)
Majority Whip
Robert C. Byrd (D-WV)
President Pro Tempore

The House:

Thomas S. Foley (D-5th WA)
Speaker of the House
Richard A. Gephardt (D-3rd MO)
House Majority Leader
David E. Bonior (D-12th MI)
House Majority Whip

KEY DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVES

Nancy Pelosi (D-5th CA)
Peter J. Visclosky (D-1st IN)
David E. Skaggs (D-2nd CO)
Chester G. Atkins (D-5th MA)
Bernard J. Dwyer (D-6th NJ)

Les AuCoin (D-1st OR)
Bill Green (D-15th NY)
Jerry Lewis (D-35th CA)
Dean A. Gallo (D-11th NJ)

WHEN WRITING, these addresses and salutations are suggested:

The Honorable John Doe
The United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

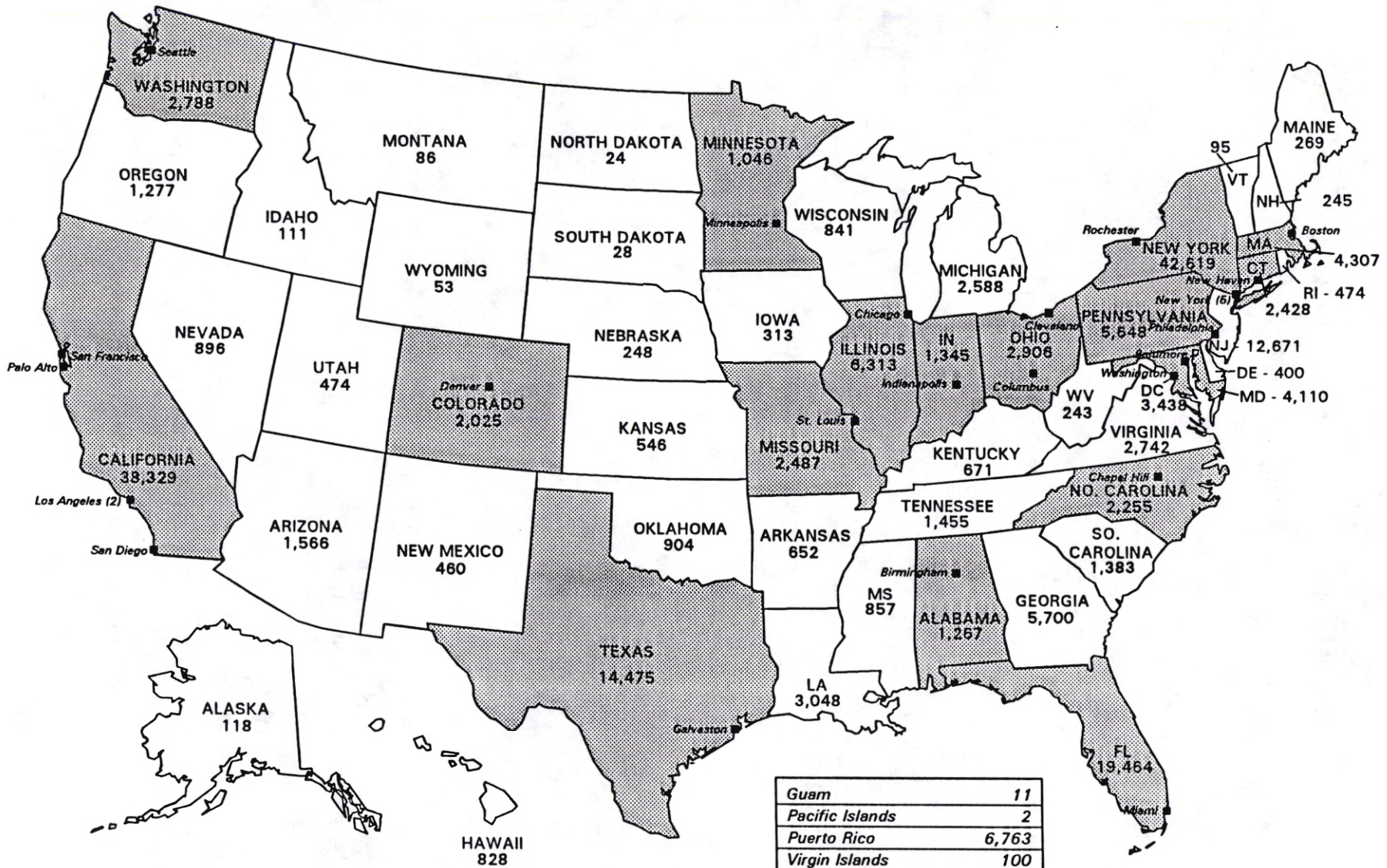
Dear Senator Doe:

The Honorable Jane Doe
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Doe:

ACTG Sites as Compared to Cumulative AIDS Cases as of December 1991

*Number of AIDS Cases Expected to Double in April 1992
when CDC's New Definition of AIDS becomes Effective*



WEIGHT LOSS IN AIDS

CAN IT BE REVERSED?

Stanford researchers to study benefits of hormone treatment.

Many patients with AIDS suffer severe weight loss and weakness as a result of HIV and opportunistic infections. As in other "wasting" syndromes, much of the weight loss in AIDS patients is due to loss of protein in muscles and other parts of the body. Because the body is breaking down protein faster than it is making new protein, shrinking of muscles, weakness, and weight loss occur.

Recent studies have examined the possibility that naturally occurring hormones might prevent this from happening. Insulin-like growth factor-I (IGF-I) is one such hormone. Studies in experimental animals suggest that IGF-I may help reverse the protein and muscle loss seen in severe illnesses. Other studies have suggested that IGF-I might improve the function of the immune system in addition to its effects on nutritional state.

Stanford University and the Palo Alto Veterans' Affairs Hospital are seeking patients for a study of IGF-I treatment in AIDS patients with weight loss. The goals of this study are to measure the level of IGF-I in patients with AIDS who are losing weight, and to determine whether treatment with IGF-I will reverse the loss of protein and improve the status of the immune system.

You are eligible to participate if you meet all of the following criteria:

- you have AIDS,
- you have lost of 5-30% of your normal body weight,
- you are currently taking AZT, DDI, or DDC,
- you have no untreated infections, AND
- you do not have any type of cancer.

Participation in this study requires six visits. All of the visits are daytime appointments, except the fifth, which involves staying in the Study Unit at the Palo Alto V.A. for 14 days. You will be placed on a special diet (which we will provide for you) before and during your stay at the Study Unit. Participants who complete the study will receive \$500.

If you are interested, please contact Dr. Steven Lieberman at (415) 493-5000, ext. 4148.