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August 5, 1983

Dear Dr. Krim:

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Secretary Margaret Heckler and Dr. Edward Brandt, our Assistant Secretary for Health, have given research into the cause and treatment of AIDS the highest priority, and the doctors and health professionals at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are devoting great attention to this public health threat. As soon as these dedicated professionals identified and named this new and deadly disease in 1981, they and their colleagues went to work; their research and commitment have been consistent and intensive. CDC, NIH, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) spent \$5.5 million for AIDS-related work including research in FY 1982. We estimate that expenditures will total \$14.5 million in 1983 and \$17.7 million in 1984, including projected expenditures by the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration.

Dr. Brandt and Secretary Heckler are determined to apply these resources and to unravel the mystery of AIDS. If you or your colleagues believe that there is any appropriate avenue which we are not exploring, we welcome your comments and your contribution.

Study and research are quiet professions. Unfortunately, there is no dramatic public way to demonstrate the intensity and scope of the study and research effort which is being devoted to AIDS. But I wish that the young man who wrote me had identified himself so that he could be apprised of the constructive work that is in progress on this front.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Dr. Mathilde Krim
Chairman
Board of Trustees
AIDS Medical Foundation
Suite LD
10 East 13th Street
New York, New York 10003

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Enclosure: Facts about AIDS

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Sincerely

Prepared by Roger Woodworth/245 3400

Encl: Facts about AIDS

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 7-29-83
To: Bob Carlson

Can you please
review this
draft from HHS -

O.K.

A

Bob Carlson

ANNE HIGGINS
Special Assistant to the
President and Director
of Correspondence
Room 94, x7610

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 8-8-83

To: DICK DARMAN

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+ approved by
Bob Carlson -

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→ Anne

ANNE HIGGINS
Special Assistant to the
President and Director
of Correspondence
Room 94, x7610

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July 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE CRAIG L. FULLER

In response to your request of July 11, enclosed is a Presidential draft reply to Dr. Mathilde Krim of the AIDS Medical Foundation.

Michael Sturman, Acting
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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JUL 15 1983

WASHINGTON D.C. 20541



Mathilde Krim, Ph.D.
Chairman
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AIDS Medical Foundation
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New York, New York 10003

Draft

Dear Dr. Krim:

Thank you for ~~putting the~~ ^(sharing with me the) letter from the young American patriot who ~~is dying of AIDS~~ ^{wrote to you anonymously and stated that he is dying of AIDS. I appreciate the concern that prompted you to forward it to my attention.} ~~into my hands~~ ^{[Since he is, rightly, so proud of his service to our country and the heritage of freedom we all share, let me frame my reply to the} ~~concern he shares with you and your colleagues in the AIDS Medical Foundation in the language of the military.]~~ ^{Delate P.}

Secretary Margaret Heckler and Dr. Edward Brandt, ~~who is~~ ^{have given research into the cause and treatment of AIDS} our Assistant Secretary for Health, ~~aptly describe the work of~~ ^{the highest priority, and} the doctors and health professionals at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), ~~as sentries who patrol our country's health frontiers~~ ^{are devoting great attention to this public health threat.} As soon as these dedicated professionals identified ~~(and named)~~ ^{(and} this new and deadly disease ~~in 1981,~~ ^{in 1981,} they and their colleagues went to work ~~on the dual mission of finding the cause of and cure for AIDS.~~ ^{and} Their research and commitment have been consistent and intensive.

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 () If you or your colleagues believe that there is any appropriate avenue which we are not exploring, ~~if you have counsel or criticism to offer which will help all of us turn the key of discovery and cure in the AIDS lock more quickly, we welcome your comments and your contribution to the war on which we have embarked.~~

Study and research are ~~the~~ quiet professions. Unfortunately, there is no dramatic public way to demonstrate the intensity and scope of the study and research effort which is being devoted to AIDS. But I wish that the young man who wrote me had identified himself so that ~~we could let him see with his own eyes~~ *he could be apprised of* the constructive work that is in ~~quiet~~ progress on this ~~menacing~~ front.

Secretary Heckler and Dr. Brandt have ~~been speaking for this~~ *emphasized* Administration when they have ~~again and again -- reiterated~~ *that* AIDS is the ~~Number 1~~ *a top* public health priority of the Health and Human Services Department. ~~I share~~ *their* ~~commitment to the eradication of this and other diseases which affects the people of our nation, and I can assure you we'll~~ *All of us, in government, are allies of the young man who wrote so eloquently and in so much despair, We will do our best to win for him and all the other victims of AIDS -- a prompt and complete victory.*
find the answer.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

rec'd 1:45 pm 7/11/83

CABINET AFFAIRS STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 11, 1983 NUMBER: 073473CA

Due By: July 14
cc: Lowe, Nyson, Sigler
 3 pm, Thursday

SUBJECT: Letter to the President from AIDS Medical Foundation

SPECIAL

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Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deaver	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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REMARKS:

Please prepare a draft reply for the President's signature to the attached letter from the AIDS Medical Foundation.

Thanks.

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RETURN TO:

Craig L. Fuller
 Assistant to the President
 for Cabinet Affairs
 456-2823

Becky Norton Dunlop
 Director, Office of
 Cabinet Affairs
 456-2800

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 7/11/83

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CABINET AFFAIRS STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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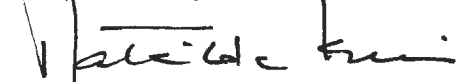
July 5, 1983

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

As I was asked to do, I send you the enclosed letter. I would not have paid attention to an anonymous letter if it did not concern a subject as serious as this one. It rings too true to be ignored. I know of other AIDS patients who died, in despair, by their own hand. Perhaps this one has decided to send his last letter to you. He hopes to help others who suffer from the same disease.

Respectfully yours,



Mathilde Krim, Ph.D.
Chairman
Board of Trustees

Head, Interferon Laboratory
Sloan-Kettering Institute
for Cancer Research

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Enclosure

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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ROBERT C. HILL
Deputy Director
Presidential Correspondence
Office
Room 94, x7610

Craig Fuller

This is extremely
sensitive —

I sent copy to

Secret Service on
advice of Counsel's
Office (Pete Rosthoven).

— (358 477)

Dear Mrs. Krim I saw your name
in the New York Times and felt
that if I sent this letter to
you and you sent it to the
president it might actually
get through the red tape.
I hope I have not put too
much of a burden on you. You
have done so much already
to help us thank you.

May God be with you

—
Mr. PRESIDENT.

I am a young american male, 23 yrs. old to be exact. Although I am only 23 I feel I have accomplished a few things. One of them was being in the army. In 2 yrs and 6 months I made SGT. I max'd all of my P.T tests basic training etc... I was a pretty good troop. I worked in an Intensive Care Unit for almost 2 yrs in the service taking care of very sick people all of them americans. I recieved the army commendation

medal for my work in the I.C.U.

I have many other achievements as well.

I have also traveled extensively around this country and have become friends with many different people.

Always have I revered my country in word and feeling. Always have I said how truly great it is to be American. 1

Aren't we all americans. The laws have stated that all men are to be treated equal.

Then why is it that when dying young americans reach out for a cure. The answer is maybe we will begin research in 6 months we have to study the facts. You have to do a study to determine whether it is feasible to do all you can for dying young americans.

Most of the men that are dying are very young. 780 Rescued men the President are men who might be needed to fight and

die for this country, which they would do if they were called upon. So don't they deserve a chance a small chance. Too many have died already.

I have no chance. By the time the study is done I would be dead, but I will die before then cause its unbearable waiting. I get up every morning and get the newspaper, ravage through it hoping there will be mention of a cure. But there isn't.

I felt I ought to let you know that people that get this disease are all different kinds of people. All individuals with skills, pride and respect. All of them americans with the desire to live.

I hope you will open up your heart and overlook the prejudices in life and give these men a chance to live. I die tonight.

sincerely
AN AIDS VICTIM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

5 - APR 1982

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Dear Dr. Shoenberger:

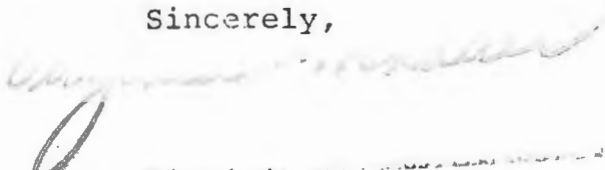
On behalf of the President, thank you for expressing your views regarding warning labels affixed to cigarette packages. Let me, however, clarify the Administration's position on this issue.

As HHS Assistant Secretary Edward M. Brandt has testified, the Administration is deeply concerned by the compelling evidence linking cigarette smoking to a wide range of illnesses. The Administration believes that warning labels alerting the public to these hazards are entirely appropriate, and that the present warning could be strengthened without overstating the hazards posed by cigarette smoking.

Little is known, however, about the relative efficacy of the many alternative labeling schemes being proposed. For this reason, the Administration takes no position on the various approaches now being considered in the Congress.

Thank you again for expressing your views and for this opportunity to express the Administration's.

Sincerely,


Virginia H. Knauer
Special Assistant to the President

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James A. Schoenberger, M.D.
Chairman
Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's
Medical Center
Department of Preventive Medicine
10th Floor Schweppe-Sprague
1743 W. Harrison Street
Chicago, Illinois 60612

H.Seltzer/gj

DATE: March 25, 1982

LUKE'S MEDICAL CENTER

22 MAR 1982

TO: Virginia Knauer

Please handle for Edwin Meese III
and send a cc of your reply to this
office.



Thank you for your time and trouble.

FROM:

Ellen Strichartz *See*
Special Response
Edwin Meese Correspondence
Room ~~403~~, Ext ~~740~~
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rotational cigarette warning
sive Smoking Prevention Education
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by this news, particularly since
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... provision in testimony on H.R. 5653 before the House Sub-
committee on Health and the Environment on March 5, 1982.

Much of my professional career has been devoted to medical practice
in cardiology and to teaching and research in the fields of pre-
ventive medicine and epidemiology. I am convinced that there is
no single act that would do more to reduce illness, premature deaths
and the immense costs of health care and lost productivity in our
nation than would preventing the smoking of cigarettes.

As was emphasized in the 1982 Report of the Surgeon General on "The
Health Consequences of Smoking", cigarette smoking is a deadly and
costly behavior for Americans: more than 300,000 premature deaths,
another 10 million afflicted with debilitating illness, more than
\$41 billion dollars in health care, lost productivity and Medicare/
Medicaid costs!

Since the publication of the first Surgeon General's Report in 1964
by Dr. Luther Terry thousands of my colleagues and millions of other
Americans have succeeded in their efforts to stop smoking. I believe
the clear statements of the mounting scientific evidence on the
health effects of smoking played a large part in this decision.
However, 54 million Americans still have not been able to stop smoking,
and children and young persons continue to start smoking in alarming
numbers.

RUSH-PRESBYTERIAN-ST. LUKE'S MEDICAL CENTER

22 MAR 1982

DEPARTMENT OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

JAMES A. SCHOENBERGER, M.D., CHAIRMAN



March 19, 1982

The Honorable Edwin Meese, III
Counselor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Meese:

I have just learned about the recent reversal of support by the Administration for the stronger, rotational cigarette warning labels proposed in the Comprehensive Smoking Prevention Education Act (S. 1929) now before the Senate.

I am quite concerned and puzzled by this news, particularly since Assistant Secretary Brandt and Surgeon General Koop supported this same provision in testimony on H.R. 5653 before the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment on March 5, 1982.

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According to the Federal Trade Commission's Staff Report on Cigarette Advertising, the current cigarette warning label has become so familiar to consumers that it is no longer effective as a health warning. Although recent studies indicate that most people may be generally aware that smoking is a health hazard, others clearly indicate that most consumers are not aware of the specific health consequences -- such as cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases -- nor do they know the extent to which smoking endangers their health.

The FTC strongly recommended the use of a number of warning labels, each of which states a specific health consequence, and that the labels be used in rotation on cigarette packages and in advertisements.

Not only do consumers not have this important information, but they also do not have adequate safeguards under federal consumer protection measures. Tobacco and tobacco products are not classified as a food, a drug, a toxic substance or even a consumer product. Our consumer protection laws carefully and deliberately exempt tobacco and the dangerous toxins it produces when smoked.

I believe that American consumers -- most particularly children and young persons -- have a right to know exactly what health dangers they face if they start to smoke or fail to stop. They also have a right to know how serious these dangers really are.

I believe that the federal government has an important obligation to provide this information by means of clear and unambiguous warnings on cigarette packages and in advertisements. This is especially necessary in view of the unusual exemption tobacco and tobacco products enjoy from consumer protection laws. There is no other agency in our society to meet this obligation.

The system of rotational labels proposed in the health legislation now before Congress (H.R. 5653 and S. 1929) would be responsive to this obligation and would serve immensely to advance this important educational effort..

These measures will not prohibit Americans from their free exercise of choice in deciding whether to smoke or not, but they would help to ensure that it was an informed choice.

The cost to industry to rotate the warning labels would be minimal, especially in view of the rapid and frequent changes in advertising messages and in cigarette package designs.

Any effort by any person or group of persons -- regardless of their position or power -- to deny Americans the right to know the health hazards of cigarette smoking is simply not in our nation's public health interest and must be resisted.

The Honorable Edwin Meese, III
March 19, 1982

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I therefore urge you to hold firm against the forces of opposition on this issue and to reinstate your support for stronger rotational warnings on cigarette packages and in advertising.

We look to your leadership in protecting the health, the well-being and the very lives of all Americans, especially our children and youth.

Sincerely,


James A. Schoenberger, M.D.

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cc: The Honorable Richard S. Schweiker
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 9, 1983

MEMORANDUM

TO: BILL SADLEIR
FROM: ANN WROBLESKI
RE: CANDY THOMAS

Bill, attached is Mike Batten's memo regarding the "Thomas Baby," as well as a copy of an RR letter to the family.

The Visitor's Office tells me that the Thomas family (as yet unclear as to number of bodies) will be taking the 8:45 a.m. tour on Thursday, February 10. They would be finishing the tour at approximately 9:30 a.m.--but that is flexible.

I leave it to your discretion as to press coverage and staging--let me know what you decide please.

(P.S. -- my original contact is Mr. Robinson who is a White House electrician at X-3296)

Love Transplant Baby

See also C Trace 124784

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 8, 1983

TO: Becky Norton Dunlop
FROM: Michael Batten *MB*
RE: Candice Thomas: Liver Transplant Baby

Candi Thomas is a 10 month old baby who suffers from Biliary Artresia--a disease that destroys the liver. The child will die unless liver transplant surgery can occur within the next few months. The operation will take place at Children's Hospital the University of Pittsburgh.

This office, Agency Liaison, was informed about Candi through another couple, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Goode, who also have a child with the same problem. We respond to such cases in the following way. First, we contact the Health Care Financing Administration of HHS which handles Medicaid. The HCFA people then contact appropriate state officials to arrange for funding the transplants. These operations are expensive--going as high as \$250,000 in some cases. The next thing we do is to send a Presidential letter to the families of these children which expresses concern for the child and commends the community for the fund-raising activity that spontaneously arises to help the kids and their families (see attached copy).

The community fund for Candi is as follows:

The Candice Thomas Fund
Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department
% Mr. S.H. Conley
1714 Lee Road
Fort Washington, MD
20744
(301) 283-2730

The address of the Thomas family is:

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Thomas
16604 Old Marshall Hall Rd.
Accokeek, MD
20607
(301) 283-2289

I've talked to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas several times and will be glad to provide you with any other information you may need.

January 28, 1983

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Thomas:

Nancy and I were sorry to hear about Candi's illness. We're sure these are trying times for the both of you. We were pleased, however, to learn about the many neighbors, friends and citizens of Accokeek, Fort Washington and the surrounding communities who have rallied around to help Candi.

These generous actions on the part of the community illustrate the strength and character of the American spirit. It seems that whenever a problem or challenge arises, we rise to meet it. Our nation's well-being is enhanced whenever people help each other, in this case Candi, in a time of need. You and all those who care for and help Candi have my great admiration. Keep up your fine efforts.

May God bless you both, Candi and all your children.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur X Thomas
16604 Old Marshall Hall Road
Accokeek, Maryland 20744

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THE WHITE HOUSE

May 18, 1982

Dear Miss Shugol:

How delighted I was to learn that you were chosen as one of the athletes on the USA Cerebral Palsy sports team. I can only imagine how hard you have to train to prepare for the competition in Denmark. And what a thrill it will be to represent your country!

The President joins me in sending you our warmest good wishes for success as you face this wonderful challenge..

Sincerely,

NANCY REAGAN A

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Miss Wendy Shugol
Apartment 204
9475 Arlington Boulevard
Fairfax, Virginia 22031



Help send the USA team of disabled athletes to the 1982 International Cerebral Palsy Games in Denmark

Help Support Your Local Athlete

An athlete from your community has qualified to represent the United States at the Fifth International Cerebral Palsy Games to be held July 17-21 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The cost of sending this athlete is \$1,200. A contribution of any denomination will help. For example, \$15 will pay for an athlete's meals for a day, \$25 will cover lodging for a night, \$50 will pay for uniforms and \$100 will defray travel expenses.

We need your support. Our athletes with disabilities like any other amateur athlete in this country need the contributions of private donors and local businesses to help underwrite this trip.

Your local athlete qualified for the USA team through arduous training and superior competitive performances. He/she represents the finest American ideals.

Tax deductible contributions on behalf of your local athlete can be sent to:

The National Association of Sports
for Cerebral Palsy
United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc.
66 East 34th Street
New York, New York 10016

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Dear Mrs. Reagan,

I don't know if you remember me. I am the teacher from Fairhill Center in Fairfax, Virginia who is disabled and who visited with you last March with my physically handicapped students. I talked to you at that time about horses and therapeutic riding programs.

On December 5, 1981, I was chosen as one of 59 athletes to be on the USA Cerebral Palsy Sports Team. We will be competing in the Fifth International Cerebral Palsy Games, July 17-21, 1982 near Copenhagen, Denmark.

I am thrilled to be on the USA team! In August, 1981, I competed in the Third National Cerebral Palsy Games along with nearly 500 other athletes. There I won gold medals in 25 meter freestyle, and 25 meter breaststroke in swimming, and gold medals in advanced dressage and advanced equitation, a bronze medal in the advanced relay race, and 5th place in the advanced obstacle course in the equestrian events. I broke the national records in 25 meter freestyle and 25 meter breaststroke for my classification.

Soon I will be representing not only my city and state but also my country in international sports competition. I have been training very hard both in riding and swimming since January in an effort to achieve the capacity to come home with world records in these sports.

This is my second time on the USA team. In 1980, I was selected as team captain of the 1st U.S. Cerebral Palsy Equestrian Team which competed victoriously against the Canadians in Toronto, Ontario. I am looking very forward to the thrill of the challenge that is quickly approaching.

Past USA teams have made a fine showing in international competition. This year's USA team looks to be the strongest yet. I am proud to be a member of this delegation.

Very Cordially,

Wendy Shugol
Wendy Shugol



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