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March 7, 1994

PRIVATE MEETING WITH THE FRENCH MINISTER OF HEALTH

DATE: Tuesday, March 8
TIME: 11:00 am
LOCATION: Map Room
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I. PURPOSE

To discuss international health issues with the French Minister of Health, Dr. Philippe Douste-Blazy (Doost Blah-zee).

II. BACKGROUND

See attached materials from the State Department.

III. PARTICIPANTS

HRC

Ira Magaziner

Melanne Verveer

Dr. Philippe Douste-Blazy, MD, Minister of Health

Mrs. Maryvonne Douste-Blazy, MD, spouse.

Mr. Christophe LeCourtier, Advisor, International Affairs

Mr. Pascal Chevit, MD, Counselor for Social Action, Embassy of France

Dr. John Boright, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science, Technology and Health,
State Department

Dr. Sharon Hemond, note taker, State Department

Carol Wolter, interpreter, State Department

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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FRANCE

Philippe Douste-Blazy

Minister of Health

Philippe Douste-Blazy was appointed Minister Delegate of Health in the cabinet of Prime Minister Edouard Balladur on March 30, 1993.

A member of the centrist UDF party, he was elected to the National Assembly from the Hautes Pyrénées "département" in March 1993. He was previously spokesman on health issues for the Union of the Opposition.

Dr. Douste-Blazy has been mayor of Lourdes since March 1989 and a regional councilor since 1993.

A physician by profession, Dr. Douste-Blazy is a former professor of epidemiology and the economics of health care and prevention. He was national director of ARCOL (an association for research into cholesterol levels and arteriosclerosis) from 1989 to 1992. He also served as head of a cardiology clinic in Toulouse (1982 to 1986).

Philippe Douste-Blazy was born in Lourdes (southwestern France) in January 1953 and studied medicine at the University of Toulouse. In addition to his work in cardiology and arteriosclerosis, he was the architect of a study, "The Epidemiological Approach to Health Problems," and the author of a report presented at the government-sponsored symposium, "Methodology and Promotion of Health." He also organized the first-ever summer university on health at Gavarnie in June 1992.

Dr. Douste-Blazy is the recipient of several awards in medicine and a member of numerous professional societies, including the New York Academy of Sciences.

He is married to a cardiologist.

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TALKING POINTS FOR MARCH 8 CLINTON/DOUSTE-BLAZY MEETING

Health care reform

- o I share your concern about the importance of health care reform and its relationship to the health of our domestic economies.
- o What are your views regarding the progress of health care reform measures in France?

AIDS

- o We appreciate the efforts by the Government of France in heightening the awareness of the AIDS issue by proposing a meeting of senior governmental officials. We agree that improved donor country coordination will enhance international efforts to stem the spread of HIV/AIDS,
- o The USG official with the key responsibility for coordinating the USG position on the French proposals is the National AIDS Policy Coordinator, Kristine Gebbie.
- o USG officials believe that a June Ministerial is more feasible than a June summit. We note, however, that the timeframe is still short to prepare for a Ministerial level meeting in June.
- o We would like to know more about the goals and objectives of the Ministerial meeting. What is the expected outcome? We would like to review this information before taking a firm position on the proposal. We look forward to receiving the agenda, draft documents, and the official invitation to the Ministerial meeting.
- o If undertaken, the June Ministerial meeting should support the objectives of other HIV/AIDS efforts already underway, particularly the U.N.'s cosponsored program on HIV/AIDS and the Tenth International AIDS Conference in Yokohama.
- o At the same time, the Ministerial should seek to improve donor coordination and to bring high level attention to the international AIDS issues.
- o We see the U.N.'s global strategy and the U.N.'s co-sponsored program as the most appropriate structures for coordinating the international response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. We believe that a conference, if it does occur, could address broader issues, such as human rights, empowerment of women, and poverty, as a means of strengthening the existing international mechanisms and global strategy.

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- o The U.S. opposes the establishment of a new organization to coordinate and implement the international efforts on HIV/AIDS. We believe the important task ahead is to ensure the coordination of the work of the existing international organizations.
- o Without a fuller understanding of the goals of a possible November AIDS summit, the U.S. government does not now have a position on that proposal. Much of our thinking would be determined by the outcome of the June meeting, if it occurs.

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