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DATE-TIME 07/13/2000 7:12:54 PM
FROM Efros, Laura L. (OSTP)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Exim -- call from Lael [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

CARBON_COPY**TEXT_BODY**

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Naturally,
there's still no paper. I have a call in to Clyde Robinson, the Exim VP to try to get some information, which seems to be scarce. If something comes through tomorrow, I'll send it over to @africa.

Let me know what your thoughts are on this.
Laura

-----Original
Message-----
From: Smith, Gayle E. (AF)
Sent: Thursday, July
13, 2000 5:09 PM
To: Efros, Laura L. (OSTP)
Cc: @AFRICA - African
Affairs
Subject: RE: G-8 [UNCLASSIFIED]

Laura - proceed. Nora
is out; I am leaving tonight and will be back in the office Monday
morning. You are welcome to steal from other pieces. On ExIm, we
have nothing written. I do not think the announcement is ready to
go until there is paper and some sort of formal indication from ExIm.
I also think this is something that we should make sure others are
aware of before we announce it. Maybe it could be a deliverable
for Nigeria trip, and agree on your last point but no, have not heard
more. My sense is hold off on this, not good to take things out
of oven before cooked, usually they spill over the sides on to your

feet.

-----Original Message-----

From: Efros, Laura L. (OSTP)

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2000 4:37 PM

To: Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

Cc: @AFRICA

- African Affairs

Subject: G-8 [UNCLASSIFIED]

Gayle -- This is the draft input (incorporating comments from Ken) for the G-8 pre-summit meeting paper that I just sent to Rick. I stole liberally from your Mbeki and Obasanjo papers. The background is too long as is, but I'm leaving it to Rick to decide what he does and doesn't want to use. Do you want to take a look at this, or just wait until Rick sends around the complete package?

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Thanks, Laura

<< File: infectious diseases bkd G8+.doc >>

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FROM Efros, Laura L. (OSTP)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: Exim -- call from Lael [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

CARBON_COPY**TEXT_BODY**

Great -- I'll follow up with Nora and let you know about Exim.

-----Original

Message-----

From: Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

Sent: Monday, July 17,
2000 12:14 PM

To: Efros, Laura L. (OSTP)

Subject: RE: Exim -- call
from Lael [UNCLASSIFIED]

Check with legal on vetting.

Yes, we

can find out.

Yes, definitely AIDS event(s), would love if you could
work with Nora on this and bring any and all ideas you have!

-----Original

Message-----

From: Efros, Laura L. (OSTP)

Sent: Monday, July 17,
2000 11:18 AM

To: Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

Subject: RE: Exim -- call
from Lael [UNCLASSIFIED]

Yup. At this point, it looks like the
announcement is not ready for prime time. Personally, I think the
idea needs to be vetted better before Exim can go ahead, but I don't
know how much control we have over a quasi-governmental organization
like Exim.

Is there a way to find out whether Nigeria would
even be interested in Exim loan guarantees for AIDS drugs?

By

the way, I'd be glad to help out with the Nigeria trip. Are you envisioning a health event?

-----Original Message-----

From: Smith,
Gayle E. (AF)
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2000 11:11 AM
To: Efros,
Laura L. (OSTP)
Subject: RE: Exim -- call from Lael [UNCLASSIFIED]

If
it is not cooked would far prefer Nigeria. COuld you please mention
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FROM Bernard, Kenneth W. (HEALTH)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT FW: Ex-Im Statement [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Babbitt, James F. (VP)
Efros, Laura L. (OSTP)
Samans, Richard (INTECON)
Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

CARBON_COPY Yuan, Sharon (NEC)

TEXT_BODY Few typos in the last version. Use the one timed "6pm."

Made

Gayle's changes, all for the better. I think it does say that EXIM is trying to do its part - not the whole thing, but maybe it could be strengthened. The consultation part should come at the end, I think.... --Ken

-----Original Message-----

From: Smith, Gayle

E. (AF)

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2000 5:53 PM

To: Samans, Richard

(INTECON); Bernard, Kenneth W. (HEALTH); Efros, Laura L. (OSTP)

Cc: Smith,

Gayle E. (AF)

Subject: FW: Ex-Im Statement [UNCLASSIFIED]

Importance: High

Did

some tweaks on Ken's tweaks. We now need our resident economic wizard,

Rick, to help do the economic needful. I can add some to that if need be, Rick, and also on the African angle of this - think we will need sentence on our having consulted African governments on this pilot initiative, they believe it is worth trying, so we intend to enter into negotiations with interested African governments as soon as possible. Also might need something to say this represents an important step but is not the whole banana.

I am here late. Am
doing conference call at 6:30 and overseas call at 6 but let me know
what's needed from me, thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Bernard,
Kenneth W. (HEALTH)
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2000 5:43 PM
To: Samans,
Richard (INTECON)
Cc: Efros, Laura L. (OSTP); Smith, Gayle E.
(AF)
Subject: Ex-Im Statement [UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

I
redrafted the first 3 paras of the statement, leaving in most of
their phrases. Could still be improved. Use or abuse at will.
Left the bullets to treasury/state for first draft.

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT EXIM ANOUNCEMENT.doc
DRAFT EXIM ANOUNCEMENT July 18, 6pm

EX-IM BANK PROGRAM FOR HIV/AIDS MEDICAL EXPORTS TO SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

The world is hearing an urgent call to increase access to affordable
medications
and other medical services for treatment of persons with HIV/AIDS in
Sub-Saharan
Africa. President Clinton recently signed an executive order to help
reduce trade
barriers and potentially make HIV/AIDS-related drugs and medical
technologies
more affordable. He has also announced his Millennium Vaccine
Initiative, a
proposal to accelerate the development of AIDS, malaria and TB
vaccines. In May,
a group of five pharmaceutical companies announced that they
intended to deeply
discount anti-AIDS drugs for purchase by many African countries.

We all know, however, that much more is required. The
Ex-Im Bank believes in the potential of Sub-Saharan Africa, which is
why we have
expanded from only x countries in year x to y countries today. In

supporting
current and future U.S. exports, we want to do our part to help
overcome a
humanitarian crisis that will prevent African countries from
developing their
economies, eradicating poverty, and fully joining the world economic
community.

Ex-Im Bank is thus announcing today a pilot initiative to provide
financing to
support the sale to Sub-Saharan African countries of HIV/AIDS-
related medicines,
equipment and services. In the initial phase of this new initiative, Ex-
Im Bank
will add scope and flexibility to existing programs in order to help
reduce the
cost and maximize the tenor of financing, thus contributing to
reducing the cost,
and increasing the availability of desperately needed medicines,
equipment and
services. These would include:

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DATE-TIME 07/19/2000 8:15:26 AM
FROM Harris, Grant T. (AF)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT ExIm, AIDS [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

CARBON_COPY Battenfield, Pat A. (AF)
Byrne, Catherine E. (AF)
Dempsey, Nora B. (AF)
Harris, Grant T. (AF)
Smith, Gayle E. (AF)
Tabak, Lauren B. (AF/INTERN)

TEXT_BODY

U.S. to offer loans to fight AIDS in Africa

WASHINGTON, July
19 (UPI) -- In an effort to help nations in Africa fight
the AIDS
pandemic, the United States planned to announce \$1 billion
a year
in loans so affected countries could buy AIDS-fighting drugs
from
U.S. manufacturers.
The New York Times reported that the Export-Import
Bank would announce
the loan offer Wednesday, making 24 sub-Saharan
countries eligible for
the special financing.
Five drug companies
said last May that they would discount the cost of
drugs used against
AIDS and HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. But even
at discounts
of 80 to 90 percent, the drugs are expensive and the proposed
U.S.
loans would be used to cover that cost, the New York Times said.

Even with a 90-percent discount, AIDS treatments cost as much as
\$2,000
per patient in Africa.
Bank officials told the newspaper

the loans would not require Congressional approval and most would be offered at around a 7-percent interest rate. The loans, the first the Export-Import Bank has made available to finance drug purchases, would be offered in 5-year terms, the Times reported. The move by the Export-Import Bank could be seen as protectionist in nature, since by offering the loans contingent on their use for U.S.-manufactured drugs, generic versions of the pharmaceuticals made in Brazil and India would not find a ready a market in Africa. Some 50 million people in Africa are infected with the AIDS virus. The United Nations recently said that African nations will need some \$3 billion a year to fight the syndrome and AIDS-related illnesses.

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TO Camp, Donald A. (NESA)

CARBON_COPY Bernard, Kenneth W. (HEALTH)
Efros, Laura L. (OSTP)
Keenan, Josefine (Chris) (HEALTH)
Camp, Donald A. (NESA)
Cooper, Kathleen H. (NESA)
Jones, Felicia A. (NESA)
Malley, Robert (NESA)
Pollack, Kenneth M. (NESA)
Riedel, Bruce O. (NESA)

TEXT_BODY Absolutely limited to Africa according to Ex-Im. Worth talking to them about, but this is really a pilot study at the moment focused only on Sub-Saharan Africa for the moment. You know the IPR/Drug issues with India. Probably the most difficult country for us to do pharma/trade related stuff.--ken

-----Original Message-----

From: Camp,
Donald A. (NESA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2000 8:43 AM
To: Bernard,
Kenneth W. (HEALTH)
Cc: @HEALTH - International Health Affairs;
@NESASIA - NE/South Asia
Subject: EXIM and AIDS [UNCLASSIFIED]

Ken,
I see from today's Times that the EXIM program that Jim didn't understand is now in the public domain. Is there any potential here for India? If not, is there anything that can be ginned up by the time of the PM's visit in mid-Sept.??

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DATE-TIME 07/19/2000 11:17:27 AM
FROM Stockwell, David B. (PRESS)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: AIDS points [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Bernard, Kenneth W. (HEALTH)

CARBON_COPY**TEXT_BODY**

she cleared off on the guidance you provided me yesterday, and what you did today was the same

-----Original Message-----

From: Bernard,
Kenneth W. (HEALTH)
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2000 11:08 AM
To: Stockwell,
David B. (PRESS)
Subject: FW: AIDS points [UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

SEE
GAYLE'S NOTE. She has made me nervous.....

-----Original Message-----

From: Smith,
Gayle E. (AF)
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2000 10:24 AM
To: Bernard,
Kenneth W. (HEALTH); @AFRICA - African Affairs; @HEALTH -
International
Health Affairs
Subject: RE: AIDS points [UNCLASSIFIED]

Not a
problem though we might want (have wanted) to run it past either
Jim or Mara given that they have been handling this issue.

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International Health Affairs
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Sorry
to send it after the fact, but WH press needed something RIGHT NOW!!!
I didn't even get to the exim part yet, so I'll complete and send
to you, Gayle for comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: Bernard,
Kenneth W. (HEALTH)
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2000 10:04 AM
To: @PRESS
- Public Affairs
Subject: AIDS points [UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

SEND
TO JOE ASAP!!

INTERNATIONAL AIDS EPIDEMTIC
July 19, 2000

The
Washington Post reports that turf battles within the administration
have delayed the appointment of a Presidential Envoy for AIDS Cooperation.
Given the seriousness of the international epidemic, and the USG
call for leadership why was this allowed to happen?

* First, we
remain the international leader in both leadership initiatives on
AIDS and financing the battle. This is why we put AIDS on the agenda
of the UN Security Council in January, why it was a key topic during
the U.S.-EU Summit, and why AIDS as a priority issue for the G-8
meeting in Okinawa. You might also note that the President has
spoken frequently about AIDS in virtually every international forum
he attends, from Davos to the Indian Parliament, to the EU Summit,
and I can assure you, he will raise it in Okinawa. The President
himself has taken on a major leadership role for the USG.

* Second,
the interagency process recommended the Presidential Envoy for AIDS
idea earlier this year did not flesh out the details. It is, at
this time, still a proposal. State, Sandy Thurman's office and
the NSC have been in ongoing discussions about a number of administrative
and personnel details of the proposal. We hope to settle the issue
soon - but if done, we want to do it correctly, with the right structure
and the best person.

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 07/19/2000 12:56:55 PM
FROM Wilcox, Richard M. (MULTI)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: Draft Millennium Summit Final Statement [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

CARBON_COPY Banbury, Anthony N. (MULTI)
Feldman, Daniel F. (MULTI)
Mclean, Matthew K. (MULTI)
Naplan, Steven J. (MULTI)
Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
Smith, Peter D. R. (MULTI)
Tierney, Mary "Theresa" T. (MULTI)
Wilcox, Richard M. (MULTI)
Battenfield, Pat A. (AF)
Byrne, Catherine E. (AF)
Dempsey, Nora B. (AF)
Harris, Grant T. (AF)
Smith, Gayle E. (AF)
Tabak, Lauren B. (AF/INTERN)
Malinowski, Tomasz P. (SPCHW)

TEXT_BODY

No way, unless it's an original effort-- a first step -- we'll never get consensus. @multi does not concur!

-----Original Message-----

From: Smith,
Gayle E. (AF)
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2000 12:54 PM
To: Wilcox,
Richard M. (MULTI)
Cc: @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian
Affairs; @AFRICA - African Affairs; Malinowski, Tomasz P. (SPCHW)
Subject: RE:
Draft Millennium Summit Final Statement [UNCLASSIFIED]

Think we
have to change it to second step since ExIm took first step this morning.

-----Original Message-----

From: Wilcox, Richard M.
(MULTI)
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2000 12:49 PM
To: Smith, Gayle
E. (AF)
Cc: @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs;
@AFRICA - African Affairs
Subject: RE: Draft Millennium Summit Final
Statement [UNCLASSIFIED]

Ok. We could include language such as:

"We,
the peoples of the UN, resolve that the critical needs of Africa
deserve a good first step."

@multi can't guarantee a global
consensus in support of this statement, but we'll give it our best
shot.

-----Original Message-----

From: Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2000 12:43 PM
To: Wilcox, Richard M.
(MULTI)
Cc: @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs;
@AFRICA - African Affairs
Subject: RE: Draft Millennium Summit Final
Statement [UNCLASSIFIED]

Got it. Think we need a good first step.

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Message-----

From: Wilcox, Richard M. (MULTI)
Sent: Wednesday,
July 19, 2000 12:37 PM
To: Smith, Gayle E. (AF)
Cc: @MULTILAT
- Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs; @AFRICA - African Affairs
Subject: RE:
Draft Millennium Summit Final Statement [UNCLASSIFIED]

Section

VII. "Meeting the Special Needs of Africa"; the AIDS and poverty
stuff I would think. It's all pretty bland, but want to make sure
that there's nothing in here you would object to

-----Original

Message-----

From: Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

Sent: Wednesday, July

19, 2000 12:32 PM

To: Wilcox, Richard M. (MULTI); @AFRICA - African Affairs; @ASIA - Asian Affairs; @DEFENSE - Defense Policy; @ENVIRON - Environmental; @EUROPE - European Affairs; @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary; @INTECON - Economic Affairs; @INTERAM - Inter-American; @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs; @NESASIA - NE/South Asia; @NONPRO - Export Controls; @NSCComm; @OSTP - Office Science Tech; @PRESS - Public Affairs; @RUSSIA - Russia/Ukraine; @SEE - Southeast

European Affairs

Cc: @LEGISLAT - Legislative Affairs; @SPEECH -

NSC Speechwriters

Subject: RE: Draft Millennium Summit Final Statement
[UNCLASSIFIED]

Any hints on what we are looking for in this?

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Message-----

From: Wilcox, Richard M. (MULTI)

Sent: Wednesday,

July 19, 2000 12:19 PM

To: @AFRICA - African Affairs; @ASIA - Asian Affairs; @DEFENSE - Defense Policy; @ENVIRON - Environmental; @EUROPE - European Affairs; @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary; @INTECON - Economic Affairs; @INTERAM - Inter-American; @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs; @NESASIA - NE/South Asia; @NONPRO - Export Controls; @NSCComm; @OSTP - Office Science Tech; @PRESS - Public Affairs; @RUSSIA - Russia/Ukraine; @SEE - Southeast European Affairs
Cc: @LEGISLAT

- Legislative Affairs; @SPEECH - NSC Speechwriters

Subject: Draft

Millennium Summit Final Statement [UNCLASSIFIED]

This afternoon,

we'll be faxing a copy of the latest version of the draft Millennium Summit Statement. This text was meant to incorporate our non-paper of last week, but in fact on key issues (nuclear conference and assessments) this new version (drafted by Namibia) is worse than the previous one. State will prepare a response to this new text which we will circulate tomorrow noon.

We need your clearance/comment on State's text by OOB Friday. The next session of the UN drafting committee is Friday am.

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 07/19/2000 3:21:23 PM

FROM Rudman, Mara E. (NSA)

CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT FW: TPs, AIDS [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Anderson, Brooke D. (NSCCOMM)
Brown, Katherine A. (PRESS/INTERN)
Crowley, Philip J. (PRESS)
Gobush, Matthew N. (VP)
Hammer, Michael A. (PRESS)
Hoelzer, Jennifer I. (PRESS/INTERN)
Pisar, Leah F. (NSCCOMM)
Stockwell, David B. (PRESS)
Williams, Mary C. (ADMIN)
Wozniak, Natalie S. (PRESS)
Crocker, Bathsheba N. (NSA)

CARBON_COPY Bruns, Judson L. (Jay) (INTECON)
Duncan, John D. (INTECON/DOS)
Goldberg, David B. (RECORDS/INTECON)
Hay, Julie (INTECON)
Lin, Christina Y. (INTECON/INTERN)
Mitsler, Elaine M. (INTECON)
Osterhaus, Sean C. (INTECON/INTERN)
Samans, Richard (INTECON)
Shapiro, Hal S. (NEC)
Yuan, Sharon (NEC)
Anderson, Brooke D. (NSCCOMM)
Crowley, Philip J. (PRESS)
Malinowski, Tomasz P. (SPCHW)
Matthews, Sonyia (SPCHW)
Pisar, Leah F. (NSCCOMM)
Sleder, Nicholas A. (NSCCOMM/INTERN)
Bernard, Kenneth W. (HEALTH)
Efros, Laura L. (OSTP)
Keenan, Josefina (Chris) (HEALTH)
Battenfield, Pat A. (AF)
Byrne, Catherine E. (AF)
Dempsey, Nora B. (AF)
Harris, Grant T. (AF)
Smith, Gayle E. (AF)
Tabak, Lauren B. (AF/INTERN)

TEXT_BODY

Some minor changes and one more major one on the PEAC question -
-
need to find the best Thurman quote in response from the Post article
and use that, with one of your lines as the follow up. See my edits.

Jim,
if he is available, should see the revised version of these points.
Find out from Sheba his availability to review.

-----Original

Message-----

From: Stockwell, David B. (PRESS)

Sent: Wednesday,

July 19, 2000 2:00 PM

To: @RUDMAN

Cc: @PRESS - Public Affairs;

@INTECON - Economic Affairs; @NSCComm; @HEALTH -
International Health

Affairs; @AFRICA - African Affairs

Subject: FW: TPs, AIDS [UNCLASSIFIED]

Importance: High

Please
have Mara chop on this ASAP.

-----Original Message-----

From: Samans,

Richard (INTECON)

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2000 1:29 PM

To: @PRESS

- Public Affairs

Cc: Smith, Gayle E. (AF); Bernard, Kenneth W.

(HEALTH); Efros, Laura L. (OSTP); @INTECON - Economic
Affairs

Subject: FW:

TPs, AIDS [UNCLASSIFIED]

Importance: High

A few suggested changes
to the last answer.

-----Original Message-----

From: Smith, Gayle

E. (AF)

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2000 11:19 AM

To: Bernard,

Kenneth W. (HEALTH); @PRESS - Public Affairs; @NSCComm;
Samans,

Richard (INTECON)

Cc: @AFRICA - African Affairs; Efros, Laura L.
(OSTP)

Subject: FW: TPs, AIDS [UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

Thanks

Ken, some tracked changes, mostly editing. Think Rick Samans also needs to clear off on economic aspects. Ken, you handled the tough issues well, I think.

@Press - this needs clearance from Mara and/or Jim. Assume you will handle?

Rick - please respond directly to @press

-----Original Message-----

From: Bernard, Kenneth W.
(HEALTH)

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2000 11:03 AM

To: @NSCComm;

@AFRICA - African Affairs; @PRESS - Public Affairs

Subject: TPs,
AIDS [UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

The attached are not really complete, esp the EXIM part, but we needed something quick. Gayle and Brooke should take a crack at them and then off to Jim/Mara. Feel free to edit..... The less controversial one on the PEACS I sent off to press for early damage control but could be modified at this point. --Ken

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT AIDS Qs, PEACS, EXIM.doc
INTERNATIONAL AIDS EPIDEMTIC
July 19, 2000

Background: The human toll of AIDS is staggering: 50 million people worldwide have been infected, and AIDS is now the leading cause of death in Africa. HIV/AIDS has begun to reverse recent advances in life expectancy and economic growth, while perpetuating the cycle of sickness and poverty in the hardest hit regions. We have been pushing for increased international resources to fight this epidemic for over a decade - with USAID alone spending over \$1.4 billion in the last 15 years in foreign assistance for AIDS. The U.S. continues to

provide
 more bilateral assistance for AIDS than all other donors combined. In
 the
 last two years, the President has more than doubled our investment in
 international prevention and care programs. This year he is asking
 Congress for
 \$325 million for international AIDS programs. Plans for further
 increases for
 prevention and especially for treatment and care are under discussion.

The Washington Post reports that turf battles within the administration
 have
 delayed the appointment of a Presidential Envoy for AIDS
 Cooperation. Given the
 seriousness of the international epidemic, and the USG call for
 leadership why
 was this allowed to happen?

* First, we remain the international leader in generating global
 attention to
 this crisis and financing the battle against AIDS. This is why we put
 AIDS on
 the agenda of the UN Security Council in January, why it was a key
 topic during
 the U.S.-EU Summit, and why AIDS is a priority issue for the G-8
 meeting in
 Okinawa. The President has spoken frequently about AIDS in
 virtually every
 international forum he attends, from Davos to the Indian Parliament,
 to the EU
 Summit, and I can assure you, he will raise it in Okinawa. The
 President
 himself has taken on the major leadership role for the USG.

* As Sandy Thurman noted [quote her from the article] We hope to
 settle the issue
 soon - but we want to do it correctly, with the right structure and the
 best
 person.

The Wall Street Journal and the New York Times both report that the
 Ex-Im Bank
 will offer \$1.0 billion in loans and guarantees to Sub-Saharan African
 countries
 to purchase HIV/AIDS drugs and services. Will this help?

* President Clinton takes the issue of accessibility to drugs for
 HIV/AIDS
 affected populations in Africa very seriously. On May 10, he signed
 an

Executive Order to reduce trade barriers and make HIV/AIDS related drugs more affordable and accessible in Sub-Saharan African countries. The Administration welcomes the new initiatives by pharmaceutical manufacturers to deeply discount prices of anti-retroviral drugs for developing countries. And the US-sponsored Cologne Debt Initiative specifically makes resources freed from debt obligations in HIPC countries available for health, especially AIDS prevention and treatment.

* The Ex-Im announcement, expected today, is another positive step in increasing access and availability of HIV/AIDS medicines and services in Africa. ExIm's initiative represents the kind of innovative proposals that are needed to make a real difference - especially when taken together with the President's call for increased bilateral assistance for AIDS, and increased World Bank, foundation, and private sector resources devoted to care and treatment.

We understand that the Administration was skeptical of the proposal and tried to block the announcement. Is this true?

* No. This is a new proposal from Ex-Im, and we, along with State, Treasury and others, support efforts to make needed drugs more accessible to Africa. However, the issues involved in creating innovative financing packages to make drugs and services more accessible and affordable in developing countries are complex and require careful consideration. We support the Ex-Im Bank's efforts within the context of its pilot program to explore new approaches that might be effective in this regard. We will closely monitor the progress of the initial pilot program and continue to work with developing countries in expanding the range of our cooperation on, „ AIDS prevention and treatment efforts, guided by eligible developing countries themselves on this issue.

