

Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

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001. email	From Gayle Smith to Nora Dempsey at 8:11am. Subject: On AIDS. (2 pages)	07/19/2000	P1/b(1)
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Exchange-Non-Record (Mar 97-Jan01) ([ExIm and AIDS])
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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 07/13/2000 3:20:04 PM
FROM Bernard, Kenneth W. (HEALTH)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: exim hiv/aids announcement [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Samans, Richard (INTECON)

CARBON_COPY

TEXT_BODY Laura has been talking with ExIm, but we have seen NO paper. There are some theoretical savings for developing countries esp if they need to borrow to buy drugs. But the big question is whether loan guarantees would be needed except for capital investments like hospitals and clinics. Anyway, still awaiting paper from ExIm.

By the way, comments on the Mbeki rumor in prev email?? --Ken

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Message-----

From: Samans, Richard (INTECON)

Sent: Thursday,

July 13, 2000 3:17 PM

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

Subject: exim hiv/aids announcement [UNCLASSIFIED]

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SUBJECT RE: exim hiv/aids announcement [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Samans, Richard (INTECON)
Bernard, Kenneth W. (HEALTH)

CARBON_COPY**TEXT_BODY**

Potentially, yes.

Here's what I know: Exim said they are planning to announce the availability of \$1B (or more) in 5 year loan guarantees for HIV/AIDS goods and services (including drugs) for sub-Saharan Africa. Exim's current policy is to offer only very short term (6 month) loan guarantees for pharmaceuticals, which is unworkable for these countries. The change in policy will help make AIDS drugs more affordable to those African countries who already meet Exim's criteria. It will complement the HIPC initiative, which will free up resources for health programs for countries not eligible for Exim loan guarantees. There might also be a small grant component of the announcement, on the order of \$3 million/year to poor countries.

I talked to Exim two days ago and asked for something in writing (even an e-mail) with some details, and some information on when they plan to do their announcement (maybe the 19th.) I have since called them twice to get this information. I'm a little worried that their inability to provide paper could mean that the announcement is only half-baked. Do you have something more concrete?

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TO Samans, Richard (INTECON)

CARBON_COPY Yuan, Sharon (NEC)
Bernard, Kenneth W. (HEALTH)

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Cc: Yuan, Sharon (NEC)
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SUBJECT FW: exim and hiv/aids [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

CARBON_COPY Battenfield, Pat A. (AF)
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TO Efros, Laura L. (OSTP)

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just to clarify, he didn't completely rule it out this week. but he said odds were pretty low. you should be able to get a clearer sense after talking to gloria cabe. thanks.

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I think this needs vetting just to make sure it does not collide with other policy imperatives. Suggest you run this past Rick Samans. Still think we have option of working this through and then holding for Nigeria, but would also point out that it needs an ONAP read and and a Treasury read, as well as State - I love ExIm's initiative but it implies borrowing \$\$ for drugs, which might be explosive in current scheme of things. What we need is some paper that sets forth what exactly this is...

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From: Efros,
Laura L. (OSTP)
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2000 10:51 AM
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Gayle E. (AF)
Cc: @AFRICA - African Affairs
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SUBJECT comments sent to exim [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Smith, Gayle E. (AF)
Bernard, Kenneth W. (HEALTH)
Efros, Laura L. (OSTP)

CARBON_COPY Yuan, Sharon (NEC)

TEXT_BODY

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT EXIM ANOUNCEMENT.doc
Comments:

1) For the first three paragraphs, substitute the following:

EX-IM BANK PILOT 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. The Administration recently issued an executive order to help reduce trade barriers and potentially make HIV/AIDS-related drugs and medical technologies more affordable. It has also proposed a Millenium Vaccine Initiative 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. 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 an innovative 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:

2) For the bullets:

a) First bullet: insert "and services" after capital goods.

b) Second bullet: strike all and insert: "exploring ways of lowering the cost and increasing the availability of HIV/AIDS medications to sub-Saharan Africa (in coordination with other export credit agencies in the Berne Union and other international forums), including by increasing the tenor of and introducing an element of concessionality in financing packages;"

c) Fourth bullet: strike all.

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[UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

CARBON_COPY**TEXT_BODY**

another wire report on exim, AIDS

-----Newswire

Text-----

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^Report:

United States to offer \$1 billion to battle AIDS

NEW YORK (AP)

The United States plans to offer sub-Saharan
African nations \$1

billion in annual loans to pay for American AIDS
drugs and medical

services, The New York Times reported Wednesday.

The loans will

help poor nations battle a disaster: Seventy

percent of the world's

34 million people infected with HIV, the virus

that causes AIDS,

live in sub-Saharan Africa. More than 2 million people
died in

the region last year and nearly all the 11 million AIDS orphans
live

there.

Five multinational drug companies agreed in May to cut
the

prices they charge African nations for drugs to combat AIDS.

But even a discounted ``cocktail" of AIDS-suppressing drugs
might

cost \$2,000 per year for an African patient, more than four times

the average per capita income in many countries.

``This is

at least a first step in showing the world that Africa is important to the United States and that we can make a dent in this terrible problem," said James Harmon, president of the Export-Import Bank, an independent government agency financed by Congress. The loan program is the first time the bank has offered financing for drug purchases by any nation, Harmon said. The bank plans to make money available to 24 eligible sub-Saharan nations for five-year terms, with most loans expected to carry an interest rate of about 7 percent.

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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 07/19/2000 1:38:59 PM

FROM Bernard, Kenneth W. (HEALTH)

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SUBJECT AIDS [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Stockwell, David B. (PRESS)

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Efros, Laura L. (OSTP)
Keenan, Josefine (Chris) (HEALTH)
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)
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)

TEXT_BODY

I cleaned up and fixed some typos in the doc.

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. 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 the major leadership role for the USG.

* The Presidential Envoy for AIDS proposal was considered earlier this year.

Since then, 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.

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 developing countries themselves on this issue.

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FROM Anderson, Brooke D. (NSCCOMM)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: Points for AIDS and EXIM [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Stockwell, David B. (PRESS)

CARBON_COPY

TEXT_BODY sounds good.

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B. (PRESS)
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2000 10:46 AM
To: Bernard,
Kenneth W. (HEALTH)
Cc: @PRESS - Public Affairs; @NSCComm
Subject: RE:
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TO Gray, Wendy E. (NSA)
Hurwitz, Marc I. (ADMIN)
Rudman, Mara E. (NSA)

CARBON_COPY Bernard, Kenneth W. (HEALTH)
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Hay, Julie (INTECON)
Lin, Christina Y. (INTECON/INTERN)
Mitsler, Elaine M. (INTECON)
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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.

* 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.

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 07/20/2000 1:25:28 PM
FROM Smith, Gayle E. (AF)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: ExIm Response [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Babbitt, James F. (VP)
Bernard, Kenneth W. (HEALTH)
Dempsey, Nora B. (AF)
Efros, Laura L. (OSTP)

CARBON_COPY Gray, Wendy E. (NSA)
Hurwitz, Marc I. (ADMIN)
Rudman, Mara E. (NSA)
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 Agree with Ken on specified lower pricing. One option might be, given ExIm's very good relations in/with Ghana, to really test it there.

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

From: Babbitt, James F. (VP)

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2000 11:46 AM

To: Bernard, Kenneth W.

(HEALTH); Smith, Gayle E. (AF); Dempsey, Nora B. (AF); Efros, Laura L. (OSTP)

Cc: @RUDMAN; @AFRICA - African Affairs

Subject: RE:

ExIm Response [UNCLASSIFIED]

The SA Embassy here was less than enthusiastic. I spent some time talking with Hennie and Sheldon putting a spin on how we will continue to work on this pilot vehicle to enhance access to AIDS pharmaceuticals, medical services, and capital goods. Correctly, they were put off that Ex-Im's vetting of their proposal was limited in reach. -- Jim

-----Original

Message-----

From: Bernard, Kenneth W. (HEALTH)
Sent: Thursday,
July 20, 2000 11:02 AM
To: Smith, Gayle E. (AF); Dempsey, Nora
B. (AF); Efros, Laura L. (OSTP); Babbitt, James F. (VP)
Cc: @RUDMAN;
@AFRICA - African Affairs
Subject: RE: ExIm Response [UNCLASSIFIED]

Unless
there is a significant concessionary component, it could increase
debt in many of the same countries we are trying to forgive it, because
they can't both service their debt and take care of their people.
It is an interesting idea that got the ball rolling, but right now
it really needs major pharma buy in with specified lower pricing
structures, and a good and quick pilot project somewhere for proof
of principle..... --Ken

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

From: Smith,
Gayle E. (AF)
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2000 10:18 AM
To: Bernard,
Kenneth W. (HEALTH); Dempsey, Nora B. (AF); Efros, Laura L. (OSTP);
Babbitt, James F. (VP)
Cc: @RUDMAN; @AFRICA - African Affairs
Subject: ExIm
Response [UNCLASSIFIED]

The response from Africa to ExIm's announcement
seems positive. Ghana on the record at announcement welcoming it,
and just say press clip quoting South African Minister of Health
as welcoming it though noting that infrastructure to deliver meds
remains major problem (that South Africa, given its strong stance
on pharma industry, welcomed rather than dissing this is significant).
Expect Uganda (minister to the president now in US) will take similar
stance. Please let me know if you hear of other African responses.
(Noted in Post this morning that MSF much more critical, not surprising).

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 08/15/2000 11:17:24 PM
FROM Dempsey, Nora B. (AF)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: Thursday Afternoon ExIm HIV/AIDS Mtg [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

CARBON_COPY**TEXT_BODY**

I couldn't agree more - already said as much to Laura Efros. They do not need us here.

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

From: Smith,
Gayle E. (AF)
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2000 11:15 PM
To: Dempsey,
Nora B. (AF); Cooper, Colby J. (MULTILAT)
Subject: FW: Thursday
Afternoon ExIm HIV/AIDS Mtg [UNCLASSIFIED]

We cannot both do this.

And I am not sure we need to do this, frankly. Think there is an outstanding issue between ExIm and NEC. Our piece, quite frankly, is to make sure that whatever is done is relevant to and wanted by the Nigerians. But I think we ought to hve this off to Rick. Nora, your thoughts?

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

From: Cooper, Colby
J. (MULTILAT)
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2000 11:09 PM
To: Mitsler,
Elaine M. (INTECON)
Cc: @AFRICA - African Affairs
Subject: RE:
Thursday Afternoon ExIm HIV/AIDS Mtg [UNCLASSIFIED]

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any time before 1:00 - let me know thanks!

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From: Mitsler,
Elaine M. (INTECON)

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2000 7:37 AM
To: Cooper,
Colby J. (MULTILAT)
Subject: FW: Thursday Afternoon ExIm HIV/AIDS
Mtg [UNCLASSIFIED]

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From: Samans,
Richard (INTECON)
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2000 5:51 PM
To: Mitsler,
Elaine M. (INTECON)
Subject: RE: You received a phone call from
ROB WESCOTT. [UNCLASSIFIED]

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Gayle Smith or
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Gloria Cabe, Eximbank
Ted Truman or designee, Treasury
Rodney
Bent or Mike Casella, OMB
Tony Wayne or designee, State
State AF

Thanks.

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

From: Mitsler, Elaine M. (INTECON)
Sent: Monday,
August 14, 2000 5:01 PM
To: Samans, Richard (INTECON)
Subject: You
received a phone call from ROB WESCOTT. [UNCLASSIFIED]

Which day
can you do the ExIm-HIV meeting? Thanks.

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 08/15/2000 11:20:26 PM
FROM Smith, Gayle E. (AF)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT FW: Thursday Afternoon ExIm HIV/AIDS Mtg [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Cooper, Colby J. (MULTILAT)

CARBON_COPY Dempsey, Nora B. (AF)

TEXT_BODY

Colby - please let Rick/NEC know that we are totally flat out on finalizing events and preparing book and dealing with Nigerians and several other things and need to defer to Rick on this. From an Africa perspective, we want whatever is relevant to the Nigerians. Rick can call me before the meeting but we really cannot do this meeting and think NEC can handle.

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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 08/16/2000 7:23:55 AM
FROM Mitsler, Elaine M. (INTECON)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT FW: Thursday Afternoon ExIm HIV/AIDS Mtg [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Cooper, Colby J. (MULTILAT)

CARBON_COPY**TEXT_BODY**

I've got an e-mail into Rick Samans asking if he prefers to have the meeting Thursday (as he initially suggested) or prefers I schedule it sometime next week (as Treasury is requesting). Will be in touch with you shortly. Thanks.

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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 08/18/2000 10:14:27 AM
FROM Mitsler, Elaine M. (INTECON)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Exim HIV/Aids Meeting [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Samans, Richard (INTECON)

CARBON_COPY

TEXT_BODY Robin Epstein telephoned asking about the likelihood of the Exim HIV/Aids meeting being scheduled next week Tuesday or Wednesday.
Please let me know if/when you'd like me to schedule the meeting and if you have any changes to this list of invitees:

Thanks,
Rick.

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT

PARTICIPANTS EXIM HIV AIDS MTG.doc

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ExIm HIV/AIDS INITIATIVE MEETING
DATE, TIME AND LOCATION TBD

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 08/18/2000 10:16:39 AM
FROM Samans, Richard (INTECON)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: Exim HIV/Aids Meeting [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Mitsler, Elaine M. (INTECON)

CARBON_COPY

TEXT_BODY Lael is actually going to chair this meeting, and therefore I've asked Elliott to set it up. Probably will be on Tues. afternoon. thanks.

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

From: Mitsler, Elaine M.
(INTECON)

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2000 10:14 AM

To: Samans,
Richard (INTECON)

Subject: Exim HIV/Aids Meeting [UNCLASSIFIED]

Robin

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<< File: PARTICIPANTS
EXIM HIV AIDS MTG.doc >>

Thanks, Rick.

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 08/23/2000 11:38:10 AM
FROM Samans, Richard (INTECON)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT FW: August 22 Guidance [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Efros, Laura L. (OSTP)

CARBON_COPY**TEXT_BODY**

per our conversation.

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

From: Samans,
Richard (INTECON)
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2000 9:28 AM
To: Efros,
Laura L. (OSTP); Bernard, Kenneth W. (HEALTH)
Cc: @AFRICA - African
Affairs; @PRESS - Public Affairs; @RUDMAN
Subject: FW: August 22
Guidance [UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

Would you have a chance
to work up guidance this morning, building on Gayle's suggestion
perhaps along the lines of the following?

Exim initiative is a
PILOT program. Exim's intent is to experiment to see whether there
might be some way it could be of assistance to countries seeking
to deal with HIV/AIDS crisis by providing additional financing options
for medical equipment or pharmaceuticals. Thus far, country x and
y have indicated interest, according to Exim. The pilot program
is not designed to be a comprehensive response to the problem of
drug affordability and access. The Admin. has taken a number of
other steps in this regard . . . However, there is more that must
be done. . . (tax credit proposal, appropriations, implementation
of bill signed this weekend, etc.).

Gloria Cabe's number at Exim
is 565-3525. I think they're working with Ghana. Thanks.

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

From: Smith, Gayle E. (AF)
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2000 8:13 AM
To: Samans, Richard (INTECON); Bernard, Kenneth W. (HEALTH); Efros, Laura L. (OSTP); Dempsey, Nora B. (AF)
Cc: @PRESS
- Public Affairs; @RUDMAN
Subject: FW: August 22 Guidance [UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

Well

we all knew this question would come. My recommendation would be:

The

ExIm initiative is not intended to fully resolve the problem of drug affordability in Africa, but to provide another vehicle for African governments to secure medicines and medical equipment that is urgently needed, now, to address the HIV/AIDS crisis. As a pilot initiative, it is available to African governments. If, however, they determine that drug costs remain too high, they will not use the funding that has been made available.

QUESTION - ExIm claims that some governments are interested. Can we check?

I defer to all of you to finalize this and get it back to Press.

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

From: Stockwell,
David B. (PRESS)
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2000 7:52 AM
To: @HEALTH
- International Health Affairs; @AFRICA - African Affairs; @MULTILAT
- Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs; @DEFENSE - Defense Policy;
@SEE - Southeast European Affairs; @RUSSIA - Russia/Ukraine; @ASIA
- Asian Affairs; @NESASIA - NE/South Asia
Cc: @TRANSNATIONAL - Transnational
Threats; @PRESS - Public Affairs; @NSCComm
Subject: August 22 Guidance
[UNCLASSIFIED]

PJ and Jake Siewert are briefing the press today
-- need guidance ASAP:

@HEALTH/@AFRICA: Africa countries are rejecting the US offer of \$1B in loans to finance the purchase of anti-AIDS drugs, instead calling for affordable drugs, not loans that would burden their struggling economies. How do you respond?

@MULTI/@ASIA/@DEFENSE:

Do we still have US troops supporting the peacekeeping effort in East Timor? If so, provide details. If not, when did we stop? And how concerned are we over the reports of militias infiltrating back into East Timor? Also, what steps have we taken to restore mil-to-mil contact with Indonesia?

@DEFENSE: Remind us what the pay raise is for FY 2001 (and how much it costs) and describe what the \$112B over-five-years-plus-up includes.

@SEE/@DEFENSE: What are we prepared to do to defend Montenegro?

@NESA: Reminders on red lines for Iraq?

@RUSSIA/@DEFENSE (info @TRANS): Has President Clinton made a statement regarding the tragedy involving the Russian submarine Kursk? If so, through what means and what did it say? Also, will the US assist in what appears to be an international nuclear clean-up/recovery of the Kursk? Also, do we have concerns over how the Russians handled the Kursk incident given the initial secrecy and reluctance to ask for foreign assistance? If they would have asked for help earlier, would lives have been saved?

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 09/01/2000 4:40:04 PM

FROM Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT RE: POTUS Question for Response [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Siberell, Justin H. (NSA)
Battenfield, Pat A. (AF)
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Tavlarides, Mark J. (LEGIS)
Walldorff, Rebecca L. (LEGIS)
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Smith, Peter D. R. (MULTI)
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Wilcox, Richard M. (MULTI)
Bash, Brooks L. (EXSEC)
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Gray, Wendy E. (NSA)
Haas, Dean J. (ADMIN)
Joshi, M. Kay (EXSEC)
Kale, Dora A. (NSA)
Millison, Cathy L. (EXSEC)
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Wozniak, Natalie S. (PRESS)
Efros, Laura L. (OSTP)
Samans, Richard (INTECON)

TEXT_BODY

you have undermined our ability to say that we cannot answer because
we cannot find the article

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

From: Siberell,
Justin H. (NSA)
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2000 4:37 PM
To: Smith,
Gayle E. (AF); @AFRICA - African Affairs; @HEALTH - International
Health Affairs
Cc: @LEGISLAT - Legislative Affairs; @MULTILAT -
Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs; @NSA - Natl Security Advisor;
@PRESS - Public Affairs; Efros, Laura L. (OSTP); Samans, Richard
(INTECON)
Subject: RE: POTUS Question for Response [UNCLASSIFIED]

that
should read "August 27 or 28" (vice "August 7 or 28").

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

From: Smith, Gayle E. (AF)
Sent: Friday, September
01, 2000 4:34 PM
To: Siberell, Justin H. (NSA); @AFRICA - African
Affairs; @HEALTH - International Health Affairs
Cc: @LEGISLAT -
Legislative Affairs; @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs;
@NSA - Natl Security Advisor; @PRESS - Public Affairs; Efros, Laura
L. (OSTP); Samans, Richard (INTECON)

Subject: RE: POTUS Question
for Response [UNCLASSIFIED]

Will do. Ken/Rick/Laura and never-departing
Nora - think we need to give him some detail on the ExIm piece, we
can provide details of assistance we are providing -

-----Original

Message-----

From: Siberell, Justin H. (NSA)

Sent: Friday, September

01, 2000 4:31 PM

To: @AFRICA - African Affairs; @HEALTH - International
Health Affairs

Cc: @LEGISLAT - Legislative Affairs; @MULTILAT -
Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs; @NSA - Natl Security Advisor;
@PRESS - Public Affairs

Subject: POTUS Question for Response [UNCLASSIFIED]

@Africa/@Health:

On a New York Times article (August 7 or August 28, not clear) titled
"President Urges Nigeria to Fight Tyranny of AIDS", the President
circled the following paragraph:

"But while the President offered
American support for Nigerian efforts to confront AIDS, he offered
no new assistance. Africans reacted coolly to the United States'
offer last month of \$1 billion in annual loans to finance the purchase
of anti-AIDS drugs in sub-Saharan Africa, suggesting that the approach
would merely add to the already heavy debt burden of African nations."

and
wrote:

"Anything else we can do on this?"

Item coming your
way in hard copy.

Please prepare a one-page response to the President's
question.

Records please track.

Thanks, Justin

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 09/01/2000 4:53:51 PM

FROM Bernard, Kenneth W. (HEALTH)

CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT RE: POTUS Question for Response [UNCLASSIFIED]

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Samans, Richard (INTECON)

TEXT_BODY

This also tracks with another POTUS inquiry I'm responding to now about what more we can be done in the international public health realm. Agree he needs an outline of the ExIm piece (the Africans were basically correct), but we need to deal the real problem - access to affordable drugs in poor countries - going beyond the Executive Order and trade issues. If we can come up with a new initiative on this, it would be huge. -Ken

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

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Gayle E. (AF)
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2000 4:34 PM
To: Siberell,
Justin H. (NSA); @AFRICA - African Affairs; @HEALTH - International Health Affairs
Cc: @LEGISLAT - Legislative Affairs; @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs; @NSA - Natl Security Advisor; @PRESS - Public Affairs; Efros, Laura L. (OSTP); Samans, Richard (INTECON)
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Thanks, Justin

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CARBON_COPY Banbury, Anthony "Tony" N. (MULTI)
Feldman, Daniel F. (MULTI)
Mclean, Matthew K. (MULTI)
Naplan, Steven J. (MULTI)
Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
Peterson-Becker, Augustine "Gusti" (ADMIN)
Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)
Smith, Peter D. R. (MULTI)
Tierney, Mary "Theresa" T. (MULTI)
Wilcox, Richard M. (MULTI)
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Anderson, Brooke D. (NSCCOMM)
Brown, Katherine A. (PRESS/INTERN)
Crowley, Philip J. (PRESS)
Cruise, Daniel L. (PRESS)
Gobush, Matthew N. (VP)
Hammer, Michael A. (INTERAM)
Hoelzer, Jennifer I. (PRESS/INTERN)
Pisar, Leah F. (NSCCOMM)
Stockwell, David B. (PRESS)
Williams, Mary C. (ADMIN)
Wozniak, Natalie S. (PRESS)

TEXT_BODY Revised press guidance on the Exim/AIDS issue, from Aug 27 in

Nigeria.
-- I'm not sure if everyone has it.

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This also tracks with another POTUS inquiry
I'm responding to now about what more we can be done in the
international
public health realm. Agree he needs an outline of the ExIm piece
(the Africans were basically correct), but we need to deal the real
problem - access to affordable drugs in poor countries - going beyond
the Executive Order and trade issues. If we can come up with a new
intitiation on this, it would be huge. -Ken

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TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT

Revised AIDS-Exim pres guidance aug 27_.doc
INTERNATIONAL AIDS EPIDEMIC
August 27, 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. The President just signed the bill, "Global AIDS and Tuberculosis Relief Act of 2000," a bipartisan authorization for more money to fight international AIDS. Plans for further increases for prevention, and especially for treatment and care are under discussion.

A number of Nigerian doctors, pharmacists and spiritualists claim to have found cures for AIDS, including an assertion by a doctor to have cured 30 members of the Nigerian military. The Nigerian Academy of Sciences and the Nigerian representative to UNAIDS discounted these claims, which do not hold up to scientific scrutiny. The Nigerian government recently banned the use of unproven drugs and vaccines until proper scientific trials are conducted - a position the international AIDS and scientific community supports strongly.

We understand that the recent offering of \$1.0 billion by the ExIm Bank to finance the purchase of AIDS drugs has been rejected by African governments. They instead are calling for affordable drugs, not loans that would burden their struggling economies. How do you respond?

* The ExIm initiative is a pilot program, and will be considered on a country-by-country basis. ExIm's intention is to explore whether it could assist countries' efforts to fight the AIDS crisis by providing additional financing

options for medical infrastructure or pharmaceuticals. It is not intended to be a comprehensive approach to the problem of drug accessibility in Africa.

* President Clinton has taken a number of important steps to address drug accessibility, including his May 10 Executive Order to reduce trade barriers and make HIV/AIDS related drugs more affordable and accessible in Sub-Saharan African countries. The Administration also welcomes the new initiatives by pharmaceutical manufacturers to deeply discount prices of anti-retroviral drugs for developing countries.

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* The U.S. and all concerned countries should be doing more - much more. That's why last month the President went to the G-8 to mobilize billions for AIDS and other infectious disease programs, and last week, he signed the Global AIDS and Tuberculosis Relief Act of 2000.

* But bear in mind that two things are necessary to fight and win the war against AIDS. One is resources. But the other, and equally important weapon is leadership. Leaders throughout the world need to make the fight against AIDS a priority, now, and do all they can to alert and educate their people now. We will fight the fight to get more resources, but all the money in the world will not wipe out this epidemic unless we have the leadership we need.

A Nigerian doctor claims to have found the cure for AIDS, yet the Nigerian

government has banned the use of this treatment. Do you support this position?

* Yes, we applaud the Nigerian government for ensuring that any proposed drugs or vaccines for this terrible disease are subject to scientific scrutiny, in accordance with internationally recognized standards. We support Nigeria's efforts to find a scientific solution to AIDS, but recognize that the key to addressing the disease is prevention and education.

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TO Bernard, Kenneth W. (HEALTH)

CARBON_COPY**TEXT_BODY**

Thought of you throughout and could not believe when they got into ExIm! Thought "more profit in a white man's erection than a black man's life" was amazing. Whole thing was awesome, including the Mbeki part. We are still trying to figure out which country it was...

-----Original

Message-----

From: Crowley, Philip J. (PRESS)

Sent: Thursday,

October 26, 2000 9:28 AM

To: Bernard, Kenneth W. (HEALTH); @AFRICA

- African Affairs; @HEALTH - International Health Affairs; @NSCComm

Cc: @RUDMAN;

@PRESS - Public Affairs

Subject: RE: The "West Wing." [UNCLASSIFIED]

So,
who played Gayle? Helen Hunt?

PJ

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From: Bernard,

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Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2000 8:40 AM

To: @AFRICA

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Cc: @RUDMAN;

@PRESS - Public Affairs

Subject: The "West Wing." [UNCLASSIFIED]

In
case you missed it:

Last night on the televised version, the issue

was drugs for AIDS in Africa. An amazingly written script, that, with only minor flights of fantasy and artisitic license, accurately outlined virtually all the issues related to increasing accessibility to affordable drugs for poor countries. I couldn't believe it.

Actually had a hero-like African head of state sitting across from the pharmaceutical company CEOs in the Roosevelt room arguing over who was responsible for the death of his people from AIDS. Also really dumped on Mbeki (by name) for his unhelpful opinions (while giving him some credit for noting that poverty is an important component to the problem.)

Unfortunately, the final offered solution was for the African leader to agree to not parallel import counterfeit or cheap rip-off drugs from Pakistan (which violated international patent agreements) in exchange for the WH to get the pharmaceutical companies to sell the drugs to Africa a concessionary prices. So far, so good, but the kicker was the sales would be guaranteed by a billion dollars of EX-IM Bank loans!! My god, Jim Harmon is even writing for TV now.....

And in a sad bit of pseudo-realism, while he was here arguing for drugs, his government was overthrown in a coup...

---Ken