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TO: The Secretary  
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I testified before David Obey's foreign operations subcommittee on Thursday on our efforts to moderate the global spread of HIV/AIDS. The hearings were convened at Nancy Pelosi's request to focus attention on the importance of AIDS prevention, including encouraging behavioral changes and providing critical services. As ever with a sharply diminishing foreign aid pie, all proposed expenditures are being closely scrutinized. Members of the subcommittee asked whether our program--small relative to the magnitude of the problem--could make a meaningful difference.

Congressman McDermott testified about concerns that our efforts are insufficiently focussed and have yet to produce specific and measurable returns. Witnesses from AID, UNDP, CDC and WHO agreed that U.S. commitment and leadership are essential. As you know, I have convened an interagency group to look at how we can coordinate our efforts to slow the spread of this dreaded disease while epidemiological research continues.

Population, Refugees and Migration

NSC staffer Eric Schwartz left on Wednesday for a three day visit to Haiti. An RP officer accompanied him. They will meet with embassy staff, the Refugee Processing Center and with NGO's. Site visits in Haiti will include the infamous dock (although no repatriations are planned) and Cite Soleil, the Port au Prince slum where Aristide followers have recently been targeted. En route home, the Coast Guard will transport them via helicopter to Guantanamo Bay--the site of our Haitian processing operation in 1992. Schwartz has been a proponent of a more open Haitian admissions policy within the administration.

Phyllis Oakley met with HFAC's Asia and Pacific Subcommittee on Tuesday. The hearing usefully aired concerns of some Hmong-Americans that Thailand sometimes forcibly repatriates Hmong to Laos and that Laos persecutes Hmong who are so returned. Phyllis' testimony acknowledged that our

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information and sources in Laos are limited, but affirmed our commitment to investigate all such allegations. Phyllis also spoke about developments affecting Burmese, Cambodians and Vietnamese. While Ackerman and Foglietta were supportive, Gilman, Vento and Roth challenged Phyllis' contention that returns to Laos are fundamentally safe and properly monitored by the UNHCR. Our position received strong support from UNHCR representatives and "Consortium," an American NGO which conducts reintegration programs in Laos. The major Hmong group present urged that repatriation be stopped until there is democracy in Laos.

Oceans, Environment and Science

I briefed key White House staff on developments at the New York prepcom for the Cairo population conference, and our plans for the run up to the final event in September. We agreed that while our position is sound, we must continue to reach out to other delegations and domestic constituencies to build as firm a consensus as possible on an action plan for population in the next decade.

The Vice President filmed a 45-minute WORLDNET presentation on April 22, engaging children from Quito, Dakar, Tokyo, Sidney and Stuttgart in a live "town meeting" on environmental issues, and announcing the GLOBE program to monitor the environment. With the program officially launched, we hope to have active programs in 300 - 500 schools abroad by the end of FY95.

Elinor Constable testified before the oceanography subcommittee of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee on April 26, on the Law of the Sea Treaty. As expected, elements of the U.S. deep seabed mining industry were opposed, and conservative elements on the Hill supported them. The majority was generally supportive.

Human Rights, Democracy and Labor

The patience and optimism of the South African people during this week's elections is heartening. At the same time, these events in South Africa demonstrate clearly the practical difficulties of election organization and the creation and management of democratic institutions. I plan to visit South Africa later this year; I am looking forward to the opportunity to discuss ways to protect both majority and minority rights with the new leadership.

HA prepared a strong statement condemning the latest incidents of terror and intimidation in Haiti, particularly the killing of between five and twenty civilians by the military in

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Gonaives late last week. HA and ARA are also considering how we might revive the U.N. military and police training, perhaps with the additional responsibilities of protecting humanitarian aid deliveries and, possibly, human rights monitors.

Narcotics, Terrorism and Crime

INM has been actively managing the Jin Yinn #1 issue with Guatemala, Taiwan and the PRC. The Guatemala government has agreed to assist in the repatriation of the Jin Yinn migrants to China. Taiwan will pay; the International Organization for Migration will arrange the return flight. The PRC has not yet agreed formally to accept the returning migrants but we expect foreign ministry approval by the time the vessel reaches Guatemala on May 2. Screening for possible asylum cases begins today; we expect to prosecute the crew in Los Angeles.

Next Week's Agenda

- o Next week I will go to Barbados for two days to attend the high level portion of the U.N. Conference on Sustainable Development in Small Island Developing States. This will be the largest international environmental meeting since the Rio earth summit. Most of the issues raised at Rio will be discussed at this meeting as they apply to small island developing countries. Unfortunately, the bottom line is that scientists and environmentally minded governments believe that global environmental trends bode ill for these nations, and the solutions remain expensive at best. However, we will unveil an initiative that will produce a better understanding of, and greater protection for, coral reefs--an element of our overarching objective of preserving biodiversity around the world.
- o On Monday, John Shattuck will travel to Ethiopia to meet with OAU officials and to Burundi, Uganda and Tanzania to stress the need for concerned governments to work urgently to stop the killing in Rwanda. Ambassador David Rawson will accompany John on this mission.

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