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Dr. Sheldon Segal
Director, Division of Population Sciences
The Rockefeller Foundation
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Dear Dr. Segal:

Enclosed for your consideration is a draft of a proposal in which we request support from the Rockefeller Foundation for the continuation of the Center for Population and Family Health's initiatives on AIDS research and prevention in Africa. This proposal includes a description of our current activities as well as a plan for work for three more years.

The enclosed proposal envisions a series of collaborative relations between the Center and local institutions and individuals in Africa. We have already established ties with institutions in Uganda and Senegal, where the Center is now involved in AIDS projects. These projects will continue, and we hope in the coming years that they will serve as models for other collaborative projects on AIDS in Africa. In addition to the Uganda and Senegal projects, the enclosed project also includes a description of a proposed project in the Gambia. We are requesting funds to cover the costs of Columbia University's participation in these projects. These costs are described in the first budget sheet attached to the end of the proposal. To illustrate the actual project costs, we have also included estimated budgets for AIDS projects in Uganda, Senegal, and the Gambia. Our understanding is that, if this project is approved, separate awards will be made to Columbia and to each of the collaborating local institutions.

Dr. S. Segal

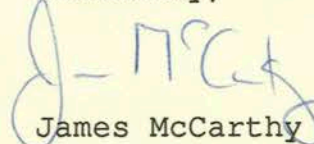
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The staff at the Center for Population and Family Health are enthusiastic about the possibility of continuing to work on these AIDS projects, and I share that enthusiasm. AIDS represents a potential health disaster in Africa, and I believe that our Center, by virtue of its extensive experience in health and family planning in Africa, and its links to other units at Columbia with broader expertise in AIDS research and prevention, is uniquely situated to undertake the proposed projects. We are confident that the projects themselves will have an effect on the health of people in the covered areas, and that our strengthening of local institutions and investigators will have an effect that extends beyond the lives of the individual projects.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions about the enclosed proposal.

Sincerely,


James McCarthy
Director


Approved by Olga Carr,
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