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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Mr. Curtis Wadlington
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Dear Mr. Wadlington:

The Army Surgeon General's Minority HIV Advisory Group is coordinating a conference for military HIV educators. The theme is "AIDS/HIV IN THE SECOND DECADE: PREVENTION STRATEGIES FOR THE MILITARY COMMUNITY." You are invited to participate as a speaker. The conference is planned for 18-22 November 1991 and will be held at the HOLIDAY INN CAPITOL, 550 C Street, S.W., Washington, DC. The goal is to provide skills and training to enhance the delivery of effective and culturally sensitive HIV prevention services to the military community. The prevalence and incidence of HIV infection in minority soldiers are significantly disproportionate to their numbers in the force. This conference is an effort to more effectively address prevention in this population and to create awareness concerning increasing risk for women and adolescents.

We are interested in having you present **African-American Cultural Perspectives**. You will be part of a panel presentation which will be scheduled on 18 November 1991 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., with 30 minutes for discussion/questions. Each speaker on the panel will have 15 minutes for his/her presentation. The participants will be comprised of approximately 50-80 people, primarily women, with a mixture of government employees and active duty personnel. The majority will be professional nurses who have had experience in conducting HIV education in the military community.

Speakers are requested to address their topics and deliver their presentations in a manner that will readily promote the adoption of skills needed to enhance HIV prevention in the military community. Please forward an outline of your presentation, copies of any handouts to be reproduced, and a copy of your curriculum vitae to Ms. Laura Kurie, Social & Scientific Systems, Inc., 7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 610, Bethesda, MD 20814-4805 by 1 October 1991. Invitational travel orders will be forwarded under separate cover which will address administrative and logistical arrangements. A conference agenda will also be provided at that time.

We are very excited about this conference and are confident that it will serve the Army well. Please feel free to contact me at (202) 576-2480/3553 if you have any questions concerning the conference content. Please call Ms. Kurie at (301) 986-4870 if you need information or assistance concerning conference logistics.

Sincerely,

Karen L. Ray
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Chairperson, Minority HIV Advisory Group