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To: Southern Africa Programme Team

Fr: Kim Bernard, Oxfam Halifax Staff collective

Re: Planned Follow up to visit to Zimbabwe in March 1995

As you are all aware, I will be in Zimbabwe from March 26 - 31, 1995 working with the Women Against AIDS Support Network (W.A.S.N.). As outlined in my letter of January 25, 1995, I am planning to network with organizations in Zimbabwe - AIDS organizations and NGO's doing similar work with the hopes of looking at future exchanges or grassroots work both internationally and locally. Some of the areas I see a potential of doing linkages are:

1. **Youth and Health Security** - Oxfam Deveric is looking at doing street theatre with puppets - bringing in a puppets partner from overseas for the G-7 summit in June. The youth from Newfoundland have agreed to do workshops on how to make puppets. Oxfam/Deveric supports youth groups interested in mobilizing debates on health security issues and have a strong interest in working particularly with young women

2. **Women and AIDS** - Newfoundland and Nova Scotia have very strong and unique women and AIDS projects. The N.F.L.D. women and AIDS project has been very active in making connections with overseas partners doing similar work. Through my involvement in the N.S. women and AIDS project and my visit to Zimbabwe, we can begin a process of learning about each others work and facilitating a process of making linkages with the goal of potential exchanges locally and internationally.

3. **AIDS and the African N.S. community** - Since the inception of the N.S. Black Outreach Project in 1991, there has been an interest to do grassroots work with other AIDS service organizations overseas. The Black Outreach project met with a woman named Georgina Sibanda from Bulawayo, Zimbabwe on her visit to N.S. in Aug 1994. At that time, the idea of the possibility of forming partners and networking was discussed. My visit to Zimbabwe can open doors to endless opportunities to do grassroots community work and developing linkages with N.G.O.'s doing similar work in Zimbabwe.

If you need clarification, please don't hesitate to contact me after April 1, 1995 upon my return from Zimbabwe. I am sure that I will be able to be more specific on the follow up initiatives address in this letter.

Yours in the Struggle,

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