DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Memorandum

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From Medical Epidemiologist
AIDS Branch, DVD, CID

Subject AIDS Hotline

To All Personnel, AIDS Branch

CDC has assumed responsibility for the AIDS "hotline". Physical transfer of telephone and tape equipment is now complete. CPS has lead responsibility for operating the lines. Technical and logistic support comes from CID, OPA, and the Office of Public Inquiries. There are four main telephone numbers as follows:

	Atlanta Area Calls	48 States and DC
Tape recorded message (available 24 hours)	329-1290 or 1	800/342-AIDS (342-2437)
To ask questions of physician's assistants (available 11 AM to 5 PM)	329-1295	800/447-AIDS (447-2437)

When I learn of services for Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and other territories, I will let you know.

At present, the tape line receives about 350 calls per day and the two physician's assistants (both locally hired women, one of whom worked in midtown in a practice with many gay men) respond to roughly 60 calls daily. Consideration is being given to hiring 2 more part-timers and to extend the hours of live question responses to 9 AM to 7 PM.

Feel free to dial extension 1290 or 1295 to hear the tape or talk to one of the physician's assistants.

Sincerely yours,

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